

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3189–3202; 1 private bill, H.R. 3203; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 257 and H. Res. 275–276, were introduced. **Pages H7591, H7592**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2269, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, amended (H. Rept. 107–262, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2275, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to ensure the usability, accuracy, integrity, and security of United States voting products and systems through the development of voluntary consensus standards, the provision of technical assistance, and laboratory accreditation, amended (H. Rept. 107–263); and

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of H.R. 3150, to improve aviation security (H. Rept. 107–264). **Page H7591**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7531**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by Rev. Kathlene Card, Trinity United Methodist Church of McLean, Virginia. **Page H7531**

**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Oct. 30 by a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 39 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 412. **Pages H7531, H7557**

**Treasury, Postal Appropriations Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2590, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H7536–45, H7557–58**

The conference report was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Oct. 30.

**Transportation Appropriations—Go to Conference:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representa-

tives Rogers, Wolf, DeLay, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Granger, Emerson, Sweeney, Obey, Sabo, Olver, Pastor, Kilpatrick, Serrano, and Clyburn. **Pages H7545–49**

Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to insist on inclusion of the highest possible level of transportation security funding. **Pages H7545–49**

**Agriculture Appropriations—Go to Conference:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Bonilla, Walsh, Kingston, Nethercutt, Latham, Emerson, Goode, LaHood, Obey, Kaptur, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, and Boyd. **Pages H7549–53**

Agreed to the Kaptur motion to instruct conferees to insist on the highest possible levels of funding permitted for international food activities. **Pages H7549–53**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report—Rule Waiving Points of Order:** The House agreed to H. Res. 273, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, by a recorded vote of 423 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 414. **Pages H7553–57, H7558–59**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m. **Page H7553**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H7553.

**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H7592.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H7557, H7557–58, and H7558–59.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:29.

## *Committee Meetings*

### HIGHER EDUCATION—TRACKING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education and the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a joint hearing on Tracking International Students in

Higher Education—Policy Options and Implications for Students. Testimony was heard from Mary Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; Michael Becraft, Acting Commissioner, INS, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**MEDICARE REGULATORY, APPEALS, CONTRACTING, AND EDUCATION REFORM ACT; PRICE-ANDERSON REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3046, Medicare Regulatory, Appeals, Contracting, and Education Reform Act of 2001; and H.R. 2983, Price-Anderson Reauthorization Act of 2001.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2871, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 556, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

The Committee defeated, by a vote of 26–26, H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asia Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

**AFGHAN PEOPLE VS. THE TALIBAN**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Afghan People vs. the Taliban: the Struggle for Freedom Intensifies. Testimony was heard from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3150, Secure Transportation for America Act of 2001. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House

or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES AMENDMENTS; CUSTOMS BORDER SECURITY ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2873, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001; and H.R. 3129 Customs Border Security Act of 2001.

*Joint Meetings*

**APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER**

*Conferees,* on Tuesday, October 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

**APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

*Conferees,* on Tuesday, October 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

**EDUCATION REFORM**

*Conferees,* on Tuesday, October 30, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

**AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL DEFENSE**

*Conferees* met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**ROMANIA OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission concluded hearings on the Romanian leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the work of the OSCE in strengthening security, preventing conflict and management crises in the OSCE region, as well as promoting respect for human rights and democratic values in the OSCE

participating states under Romania's Chairmanship, after receiving testimony from Romanian Foreign Minister Mircea Dan Geoana, Chair-in-Office, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bucharest.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2001

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold oversight hearings to examine Federal deposit insurance coverage for retirement accounts, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S. 1530, to provide improved safety and security measures for rail transportation, and provide for improved passenger rail service, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and the nomination of Arden Bement, Jr., of Indiana, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, focusing on the bill's impact on the environment, economy, energy supply, achievement of regulatory and statutory goals, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, relevant costs and benefits, and any improvements or amendments that should be made to the legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine infrastructure security, chemical site security, and economic recovery, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jo Anne Barnhart, of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Social Security, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 721, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage; S. 1094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research, information, and education with respect to blood cancer; and proposed legislation entitled the Nurse Reinvestment Act, 11 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings on Alaska Native subsistence hunting and fishing rights, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Retirement Security for the American Worker: Opportunities and Challenges, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the Role of Consensus Standard Setting Organizations With OSHA, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Federal Bioterrorism Preparedness Programs: Building an Early Warning Public Health Surveillance System," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Issues concerning the Use of MTBE in Reformulated Gasoline: An Update," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 2417, Dot Kids Name Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Giving Consumers Credit: How is the Credit Industry Treating its Customers?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled "The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Is It Working as Congress Intended?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on Moving Forward with Services Acquisition Reform: A Legislative Approach to Utilizing Commercial Best Practices, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on America's Assistance to the Afghan People, 11 a.m., and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2998, Radio Free Afghanistan Act of 2001; H.R. 3167, Freedom Consolidation Act of 2001; the Export Extension Act of 2001; H.R. 2121, Russian Democracy Act of 2001; H.R. 3169, International Disability and Victims of Landmines, Civil Strife and Warfare Assistance Act of 2001; H. Con. Res. 102, Hunger to Harvest Resolution: A Decade of Concern for Africa; H. Con. Res. 211, commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the Government of Burma; and H. Con. Res. 242, recognizing Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's success in promoting democracy and its continuing contribution to United States national interests, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 3030, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2001; and private relief bills, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1606, to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations; and H.R. 2388, National Heritage Areas Policy Act of 2001, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.