

Florida; John Parachini, RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Michael V. Drake, University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology; and Ronald M. Atlas, University of Louisville Center for Deterrence of Biowarfare and Bioterrorism, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the American Society for Microbiology Task Force on Biological Weapons.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas L. Sansonetti, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Thomas and Enzi, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3229–3239; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; H. Con. Res. 262–263 were introduced. **Pages H7851–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3016, to amend the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 with respect to the responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding biological agents and toxins, and to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to such agents and toxins, to clarify the application of cable television system privacy requirements to new cable services, to strengthen security at certain nuclear facilities (H. Rept. 107–231, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 277, providing for consideration of H.R. 3167, to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996 (H. Rept. 107–271); and

Conference report on H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, (H. Rept. 107–272). **Page H7851**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7725**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7727**

Private Calendar: Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar. **Page H7728**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Patent and Trademark Office Authorization Act: H.R. 2047, amended, to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal year 2002; **Pages H7728–30**

Need-Based Educational Aid: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 768, to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 426)—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H7730–32, H7780**

Financial Services Antifraud Network: H.R. 1408, amended, to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 427). **Pages H7732–45, H7780–81**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Nov. 7:

Radio Free Afghanistan: H.R. 2998, amended, to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan; **Pages H7745–48**

Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Youngstown, Ohio: H.R. 852, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and **Pages H7748–50**

Preservation of Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Laws: H. Con. Res. 262, expressing the sense of Congress that the President, at the WTO round of negotiations to be held at Doha,

Qatar, from November 9–13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations, should preserve the ability of the United States to enforce rigorously its trade laws and should ensure that United States exports are not subject to the abusive use of trade laws by other countries; **Pages H7750–54**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. **Page H7754**

Airport Security Federalization Act: The House passed S. 1447, to improve aviation security, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 3150, as passed the House. H.R. 3150, was then laid on the table. Subsequently, the House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Young of Alaska, Petri, Duncan, Mica, Ehlers, Oberstar, Lipinski, and DeFazio.

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By a a recorded vote of 397 ayes with none voting “no,” Roll No. 428, agreed to the Oberstar motion to instruct conferees to make every effort to resolve all differences between the two Houses as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, Nov. 9, 2001.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7780, H7780–81, H7781–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 11: PROTECTING AGAINST FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Charitable Contributions for September 11: Protecting against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.” Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on the implementation of the Presidential Records Act of 1978. Testimony was heard from John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; M. Edward Whelan III, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal

Counsel, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

GERALD B. H. SOLOMON FREEDOM CONSOLIDATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 3167, Gerald B.H. Solomon Freedom Consolidation Act of 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record, if offered by Representative Lantos or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 2841, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York the “James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building;” H.R. 2972, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the “James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 3093, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the “William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” the GSA Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; remaining committee resolutions and several 11(b) resolutions.

REPORT—VA CLAIMS PROCESSING TASK FORCE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing to receive the report of the VA Claims Processing Task Force (Cooper Report). Testimony was heard from Vice Adm Daniel L. Cooper, USN (Ret.) Chairman, VA Claims Processing Task Force.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/ HUD/ INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed