

AIRPORT SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia to examine aviation security measure improvements that have been implemented since terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and improvements that still need to be made, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Bruce E. Carter, Quad City International Airport, Moline, Illinois; Jacqueline Mathes, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Association of Flight Attendants, AFL-CIO; Marianne McInerney, National Business Travel Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Duane E. Woerth, Northwest Airlines, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Air Line Pilots Association, International.

NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services held hearings on S. 673, to establish within the executive branch of the Government an interagency committee to review and coordinate United States nonproliferation efforts in the independent states of the former Soviet Union, and to examine certain other United States non-proliferation programs designed to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and reduce the threat to national security, receiving testimony from Senator Hagel; Gary L. Jones, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; and Laura S. H. Holgate, Nuclear Threat Initiative, and Leonard

S. Spector, Monterey Institute of International Studies Center for Nonproliferation Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES: BIOMETRICS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the availability of security related equipment and the status of the development of future technologies to prevent terrorism, focusing on applied biometrics (the statistical study of biological phenomena), including an integrated automated fingerprint identification system, and facial and iris recognition technology, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Kirkpatrick, Assistant Director-in-Charge, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Monte R. Belger, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Joseph J. Atick, Visionics Corporation, Jersey City, New Jersey; Joanna Lau, Lau Technologies/VIISAGE Technology, Littleton, Massachusetts; Valerie J. Lyons, Identix Incorporated, Los Gatos, California; William Willis, Iridian Technologies, Inc., Moorestown, New Jersey; Martin Huddart, Recognition Systems, Inc., Campbell, California; and Richard Haddock, Drexler Technology Corporation/LaserCard Systems Corporation, Mountain View, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3288–3295, were introduced. **Page H8181**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 981, to provide a biennial budget for the United States Government, amended (H. Rept. 107–200 Part 2);

H. Res. 288, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 107–289); and

H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 107–290). **Page H8180**

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m. **Page H8144**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read a letter from Chairman Young of Alaska wherein he transmitted resolutions approved by the Committee on Nov. 7, 2001—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Pages H8138–42**

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 438. **Pages H8144–59**

Earlier, H. Res. 286, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H8142–44**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Tuesday, Nov. 13. **Page H8159**

Continued Support for Nobel Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma: H. Con. Res. 211, amended, commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 439); and **Pages H8159–60**

Commending the Men and Women of the United States Postal Service: H. Con. Res. 257, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the men and women of the United States Postal Service have done an outstanding job of delivering the mail during this time of national emergency (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 440); and agreed to amend the title. **Pages H8160–61**

Senate messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H8135.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 82 was held as the desk and S. Con. Res. 83 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Pages H8135, H8180**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8159, H8159–60, H8160–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUENA VISTA WATERSHED PROPOSAL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held a hearing to review the Buena Vista Watershed Pro-

posal. Testimony was heard from Roger L. Bensey, Director, Watersheds and Wetlands Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Steve Douty, member, City Council, Buena Vista, Virginia..

AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: approved an amendment to the Defense appropriations bill.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND ASSISTANCE TO WORKERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “Economic Recovery and Assistance to Workers-Minority Day.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BECK RIGHTS 2001

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on “‘Beck’ Rights 2001: Are Worker Rights Being Adequately Enforced?” Testimony was heard from Arthur F. Rosenfeld, General Counsel, NLRB; and public witnesses.

COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE FOR BIOTERRORISM EXPOSURE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Comprehensive Medical Care for Bioterrorism Exposure—Are We Making Evidence-Based Decisions? What are the Research Needs? Testimony was heard from Maj. Gen. John Parker, USA, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Carol Heilman, M.D., Director, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Andrea Meyerhoff, M.D., Director, Anti-Terrorism Programs, FDA; and Stephen Straus M.D., Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine; and public witnesses.

RETHINKING U.S. PUBLIC POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Message is America: Rethinking U.S. Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Edward S. Walker, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, Israel and the United Arab Emirates and former Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.