

**Basic Pilot Program for Employment Eligibility Verification:** H.R. 3030, amended, to extend the "Basic Pilot" employment verification system. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes;

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**Small Business Investment Company Amendments:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 1196, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958—clearing the measure for the President; and

Pages H9193–95

**Enhancement of Authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs:** H.R. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages H9217–25

**Suspensions—Further Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules upon which further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 12:

**Keeping the Social Security Promise Initiative:** H. Con. Res. 282, expressing the sense of Congress that the Social Security promise should be kept;

Pages H9173–78

**Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act:** H.R. 3209, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations; and

Pages H9189–92

**Public Health Service and Bioterrorism Response Act:** H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

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**Community Recognition Act of 2001—Corrections Calendar:** On the call of the corrections calendar, the House completed debate on H.R. 1022, to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and local officials. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Dec. 12. Earlier, the House agreed to the Committee on the Judiciary amendment to the bill.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:47 p.m. and reconvened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H9083.

**Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 91 was referred to the Committee on International Relations and S. Con. Res. 73 and S. Con. Res. 87 were held at the desk.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9237.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9166–67, H9167, and H9168. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001.

## Committee Meetings

### PAINKILLER OXYCONTIN

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on OxyContin. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### U.S. GOVERNMENT AND NEXTWAVE, INC. SETTLEMENT

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on the settlement between the U.S. Government and Nextwave, Inc., to resolve disputed spectrum licenses. Testimony was heard from Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC; Joseph H. Hunt, Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act of 2001, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Ney and Representatives Putnam, Goodlatte, Upton, Vitter, Hoyer, Davis of Illinois, Maloney of New York, Hastings of Florida, and Menendez.

## CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote a rule waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representative Nancy Pelosi.

## Joint Meetings

### EDUCATION REFORM

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on 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.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense implementation of the President's Military Order on the detention, treatment, and trial by military commissions of certain non-citizens in the war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, the nomination of Kathleen Burton Clarke, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the nomination of Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the nomination of Rebecca W. Watson, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, all of the Department of the Interior; and the nomination of Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, the nomination of Margaret S.Y. Chu, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and the nomination of Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, all of the Department of Energy, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to mark up H. R. 3005, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements; and to consider the nomination of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, the nomination of Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and the nomination of B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury; the nomination of Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and the nomination of Joan E. Ohl,

of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and the nomination of James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and the nomination of Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. 1779, to authorize the establishment of "Radio Free Afghanistan"; 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; S. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that women from all ethnic groups in Afghanistan should participate in the economic and political reconstruction of Afghanistan; H. Con. Res. 77, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea; and 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 the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma; and pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the future of the Microsoft settlement, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up H.R. 3343, to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 3406, Electric Supply and Transmission Act of 2001, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "The Enron Collapse: Impact on Investors and Financial Markets," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing on "The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Is It Working as Congress Intended?—Part II," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up the following measures: H.J. Res. 75, regarding the monitoring of weapons development in Iraq, as required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991); and H. Con. Res. 273, reaffirming the special relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Southeast Asia after 9/11: Regional Trends and U.S. Interests, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on