

Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act: H.R. 3209, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations. Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 489; and

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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. Agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 491.

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Community Recognition Act of 2001—Corrections Calendar: On the call of the corrections calendar, the House passed 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 by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 490. The bill was debated and amended on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

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Department of Defense Appropriations—Go to Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees for consideration of Division A of the House bill and Division A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed in conference: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Cunningham, Frelinghuysen, Tiahrt, Obey, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Visclosky, and Moran of Virginia. For consideration of all other matters of the House bill and all other matters of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Lewis of California and Obey.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the maximum levels within the scope of conference for defense, homeland security, and local recovery efforts from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by a yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 496.

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Agreed to close conference committee meetings when classified national security information is under consideration by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 495.

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Consideration of Joint Resolution Making Further Continuing Appropriations: Agreed that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House, H.J. Res 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002; that it be considered read and debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 p.m. and reconvened at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:01 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 and reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H9243 and H9319.

Referrals: S. 1519 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, S. 1729 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and S. 1789 and S. Con. Res. 55 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9242, H9263, H9307–08, H9308, H9309, H9309–10, H9310, H9310–11, H9318, and H9319. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:36 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3343, to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRANSMISSION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on H.R. 3406, Electric Supply and Transmission Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Francis Blake, Deputy Secretary; Patrick Wood, Chairman; Linda K. Breathitt, Nora Mead-Brownell, and William L. Massey, all Commissioners; and Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Chairman TVA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENRON COLLAPSE

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.” Testimony was heard from Robert K. Herdman, Chief Accountant, SEC; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Is It Working as Congress Intended?—Part II.” Testimony was heard from Thomas Balbier, Director, Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, Department of Justice: John Euler, Director, and Paul Harris, Sr., Deputy Director; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.J. Res. 75, regarding the monitoring of weapons development in Iraq, as required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991).

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 273, reaffirming the special relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

SOUTHEAST ASIA AFTER 9/11

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Southeast Asia after 9/11: Regional Trends and U.S. Interests. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT SECTION 104 REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on “The Digital Millennium Copyright Act Section 104 Report.” Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 1438, National Defense Authorization Act of 2002, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2001 and that the object of any motion to suspend the rules shall be announced from the floor at least one hour prior to its consideration. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2733, Enterprise Integration Act of 2001; and H.R. 2486, Tropical Cyclone Inland Forecasting Improvement and Warning System Development Act of 2001.

ESTABLISH REGIONAL PLANT GENOME AND GENE EXPRESSION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2051, to provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development center.

SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA BORDER— ADDRESSING SEWAGE TREATMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Addressing Sewage Treatment in

the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region: Implementation of Title VIII of Public Law 106-457. Testimony was heard from Representative Hunter; John R. Dawson, Director, Office of Mexican Affairs, Department of State; Carlos M. Ramirez, Commissioner, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN KYRGYZSTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine the state of human rights, democracy and security concerns in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on human rights and democracy in the Central Asian region, after receiving testimony from Lynn Pascoe, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Baktibek Obdrisaev, Kyrgyzstan Ambassador to the United States; Marth Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; and Nailia Kulova, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings to examine the security of U.S. nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons facilities, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SR-232A), 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine housing and community development needs in America, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Central Asia and South Caucasus, to hold hearings to examine contributions of central Asian nations to the campaign against terrorism, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine security of the passenger and transit rail infrastructure, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the protection of our homeland against terror, focusing on a new national guard for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to continue hearings on H.R. 3406, Electric Supply and Transmission Act of 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "The FBI's Handling of Confidential Informants in Boston: Will the Justice Department Comply with Congressional Subpoenas?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, to continue oversight hearings on "The Digital Millennium Copyright Act Section 104 Report," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System; H.R. 2748, National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act; H.R. 3421, Yosemite National Park Educational Facilities Improvement Act; and H.R. 3425, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the "Golden Chain Highway", as a National Heritage Corridor, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up H.R. 3347, General Aviation Industry Repairs Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing and markup of H.R. 3423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility of certain veterans and their dependents for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.