

ENRON CORPORATION COLLAPSE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues surrounding the collapse of Enron Corporation, focusing on relevant auditing and accounting issues, the influence of U.S. capital market system's internal controls and alleged conflicts of interest, Enron stock marketing practices, and the financial devastation caused by the collapse, after receiving testimony from C.E. Andrews, Arthur Andersen, Scott Cleland, Precursor Group, and Damon Silvers, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York; Bill Mann, Motley Fool, Alexandria, Virginia; Robert Vigil, Portland General Electric, Madras, Oregon; Donald Eri, Gresham, Oregon; Janice Farmer, Orlando, Florida; Mary Bain Pearson, Houston, Texas; and Charles Prestwood, Conroe, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 3005, to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and 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, Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Joan E. Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration.

GLOBAL OUTREACH OF AL-QAEDA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine the global outreach of Al-Qaeda International, focusing on ties to other terrorist organizations, the fatwah's of Al-Qaeda (rulings on Islamic law), and how U.S. military actions might affect Al-Qaeda, after receiving testimony from J. T. Caruso, Acting Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, and Thomas Wilshere, Deputy Section Chief, International Terrorism Operational Section, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Larry C. Johnson, BERG Associates, LLC, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Director, Office of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Michelle Flournoy, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3507–3521; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 290–291, were introduced. **Page H10355**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3343, to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, amended (H. Rept. 107–341).

Filed on Dec. 19, 2001, Legislative Day of Dec. 18, conference report on H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–342);

Filed on Dec. 19, 2001, Legislative Day of Dec. 18, H. Res. 318, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–343); and

Filed on Dec. 19, 2001, Legislative Day of Dec. 18, H. Res. 319, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of cer-

tain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–344);

Pages H10237, H10239–H10353, H10354

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18. **Page H10179**

Private Calendar: Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar of Dec. 18. **Page H10179**

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

Receipts from Mineral Leasing Activities on Naval Oil Shale Reserves: H.R. 2187, amended, to amend title 10, United States Code, to make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States with respect to the reserves; **Pages H10179–81**

Cold War Interpretive Study Act: H.R. 107, amended, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources and to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; **Page H10181**

Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California: H.R. 3334, to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California; **Pages H10181–83**

National Motivation and Inspiration Day: H. Res. 308, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the establishment of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: Resolution supporting the goals of a National Motivation and Inspiration Day; **Pages H10183–84**

Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building, Forest City, North Carolina: H.R. 3072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the “Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building;” **Pages H10184–85**

Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building, Deer Park, New York: H.R. 3379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the “Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building” (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 499); **Pages H10185–86, S10212–13**

Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development: H.R. 3178, to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding to support research, development, and demonstration projects for the security of water infrastructure. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding to support research and development projects for the security of water infrastructure; **Pages H10186–93**

True American Heroes Act: H.R. 3054, amended, to award congressional gold medals on behalf of the officers, emergency workers, and other employees of the Federal Government and any State or local government, including any interstate governmental entity, who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and perished in the tragic events of September 11, 2001 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 500). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to award congressional gold medals on behalf of government workers who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and perished and on behalf of people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash. **Pages H10193–97, S10213–14**

Energy Policy Act of 1992: H.R. 3343, amended, to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; **Pages H10197–H10200**

Best Pharmaceuticals for Children: S. 1789, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10200–12**

Homestake Mine Lead, South Dakota Property Conveyance: S. 1389, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the United States government—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H10214–19**

Special Relationship For More Than 100 Years Between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines: H. Con. Res. 273, reaffirming the relationship between the United States and the Philippines; **Pages H10219–25**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m. **Page H10212**

Late Report—Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Conference Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until 6 a.m., December 19, 2001, to file a conference report on H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. **Page H10214**

Order of Business—Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations: Agreed that it be in order at any time after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 to consider the conference report on H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived, and that it be considered as read. **Page H10214**

Order of Business—Suspensions: Pursuant to the notice requirements of H. Res. 314, Representative Royce announced that the following measures will be considered under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, December 19, 2001: H.J. Res. 75, monitoring of weapons development in Iraq; H.R. 2739, requiring a plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland; H.R. 3275, Terrorist Bombings Convention Implementation; S. 1714, Honoring Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building; Senate amendment to H.R. 2657, District of Columbia Family Court Act; Senate amendment to H.R. 2199, District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act; S. 1762, Higher Education Act Amendments; S. 1793, Higher Education Relief Opportunities; H. Con. Res. 279, Commending the crew of the USS Enterprise Battle

Group; H.R. 3507, Coast Guard Authorization Act for FY 2002; and H.R. 1432, Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building, Valdosta, Georgia. **Page H10225**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 a.m. on Dec. 19, 2001.

Pages H10235, H10239

Order of Business—Suspensions: Pursuant to the notice requirements of H. Res. 314, Representative Reynolds announced that S. 1202 will be considered under suspension of the rules on Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H10193.

Referrals: S. 1271 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10212–13 and H10213–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:26 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Committee Meetings

ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRANSMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality met to consider H.R. 3406, Electric Supply and Transmission Act of 2001.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION— CONFERENCE REPORT FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2001, providing for the consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION—BILL PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain

resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Wednesday, December 19, 2001, providing for the consideration or disposition of a bill to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR-HHS- EDUCATION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the nomination of Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Electronic Communications Networks in the Wake of September 11th," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee and Flint River Basin Compact, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Release Policies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Executive Office for Immigration Review, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.