

Recess: The House recessed at 3:57 and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H816**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Payments to Cuba: Message wherein he transmitted a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and **Page H816**

Agreement between the United States and Australia on Social Security: Message wherein he transmitted the agreement between the United States and Australia on Social Security signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–186). **Page H816**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on page H817. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on Substance Abuse Mental Health Services, and the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary, Aging, Administration on Aging.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Assistant Secretary (Force Manage-

ment Policy); Lt. Gen. Charles S. Mahan, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics), Department of the Army; Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Gary L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps and Rear Adm. Christopher W. Cole, USN, Director, Ashore Readiness Division, both with the Department of the Navy; Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, USAF, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Read Adm. Steve W. Mass, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Maj. Gen. Charles J. Wax, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Brig. Gen. Michael Downs, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; John Molino, Deputy Secretary, (Military Community and Family Policy); Brig. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown, USN, Assistant Commander, Navy Personnel Command, Department of the Navy; Arthur Meyers, Director, Air Force Services, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Michael Downs, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WELFARE AT WORK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on “Welfare at Work: Ties Between TANF and Workforce Development.” Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nilsen, Director, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Gary Gardner, Acting Director, Department of Workforce Services, State of Utah; and a public witness.

REGULATORY ACCOUNTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “Regulatory Accounting: Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations.” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on “Combating Terrorism: Protecting the United States—Part 1.” Testimony was heard from Frank Keating, Governor, State of Oklahoma; Henry L. Hinton, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMBATING ILLEGAL GAMBLING REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3215, Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Forest Service Program Budget. Testimony was heard from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

TWO STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2146, Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered open to amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute rec-

ommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Frank, Nadler, Lofgren and Waters.

WELFARE REFORM—PLAN TO BUILD ON SUCCESSES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Plan to Build on the Successes of Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 11, 2002, p. D206)

H.R. 2998, to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan. Signed on March 11, 2002. (Public Law 107-148)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.