

**AVIATION SECURITY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (P.L. 107-71), after receiving testimony from Norman Mineta, Secretary, and John Magaw, Under Secretary of the Transportation Security Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

**U.S./CUBA TRADE POLICY**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine U.S./Cuban trade policy, focusing on the President's Initiative for a New Cuba, current U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, Cuba as a future business partner, and humanitarian assistance, after receiving testimony from Otto J. Reich, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Shaun E. Donnelly, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State; Dennis K. Hays, Cuban American National Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Stephen Weber, Maryland Farm Bureau, Baltimore, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Lissa Weinmann, Americans for Humanitarian Trade With Cuba, New York, New York.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Paula A. DeSutter, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Michael Alan Guhin, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator, and Stephen

Geoffrey Rademaker, of Delaware, to be Assistant Secretary for Arms Control, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. DeSutter was introduced by Senator Kyl, and Mr. Rademaker was introduced by Representatives Hyde and Gilman.

**IMPROVING NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine strategies for improving nutrition and physical activity, in an effort to stave off the obesity epidemic in America, after receiving testimony from William H. Dietz, Director, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Denise Austin, Washington, D.C., on behalf of P.E.4Life; Sally M. Davis, University of New Mexico Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Albuquerque; Kelley D. Brownell, Yale University Center for Eating & Weight Disorders, New Haven, Connecticut; Lisa Katic, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Washington, D.C.; and Richard A. Dickey, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the Endocrine Society.

**DOJ CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, after receiving testimony from Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Measures Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4779-4788; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 407, and H. Res. 424-425, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies (H. Rept. 107-481).

H. Res. 426, providing for consideration of H.R. 3129, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years

2002 and 2003 for the United States Customs Service for antiterrorism, drug interdiction, and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission (H. Rept. 107-482);

H. Res. 427, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3448, to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies (H. Rept. 107-483); and

H. Res. 428, providing for consideration of H.R. 4775, making supplemental appropriations for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 107-484).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2663

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, pastor Ken Wilde, Capital Christian Center of Meridian, Idaho. Pages H2665–66

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. Page H2665

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following measures: H. Res. 103, referring H.R. 1258, for the relief of Sarabeth M. Davis, Robert S. Borders, Victor Maron, Irving Berke, and Adele E. Conrad”, to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon; H.R. 486, for the relief of Barbara Makuch; and H.R. 487, for the relief of Eugene Makuch. The House passed over without prejudice H.R. 392, for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

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

**Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act:** H.R. 3833, amended, to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 174);

Pages H2669–76, H2745–46

**Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act:** H.R. 1877, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 175); Pages H2676–80, H2746

**Embassy Employee Compensation Act:** H.R. 3375, to provide compensation for the United States citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001 (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 176);

Pages H2680–85, H2746–47

**Encouraging Work and Supporting Marriage Act:** H.R. 4626, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the marriage

penalty relief in the standard deduction and to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 177);

Pages H2685–91, H2747–48

**Independence of East Timor:** H. Con. Res. 405, amended, commemorating the independence of East Timor and expressing the sense of Congress that the President should establish diplomatic relations with East Timor (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 178). Agreed to amend the title to read “Concurrent resolution commemorating the independence of East Timor and commending the President for promptly establishing diplomatic relations with East Timor.”; Pages H2739–45, H2748

**Veterans’ Major Medical Facilities Construction:** Debated on May 20, H.R. 4514, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 183); Pages H2778–79

**Jobs for Veterans Act:** Debated on May 20, H.R. 4015, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 184); and Page H2779

**Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment:** Debated on May 20, H.R. 4085, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting nays, Roll No. 185). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living increase in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disability and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of such veterans, to expand certain benefits for veterans and their survivors, and for other purposes.”; Pages H2779–80

**Bob Hope Veterans Chapel, Los Angeles National Cemetery:** H.R. 4592, to name the chapel located in the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the “Bob Hope Veterans Chapel”; Pages H2780–84

**Small Business Advocacy Improvement:** H.R. 4231, amended, to improve small business advocacy; and Pages H2784–87

*Extension of Export-Import Bank:* H.R. 4782, to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until June 14, 2002. **Page H2787**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 22. **Page H2787**

*Federal Deposit Insurance Reform:* H.R. 3717, amended, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system; and **Pages H2787–H2803**

*Tribute to Ground Zero Rescue, Recovery, and Clean-up Workers:* H. Res. 424, paying tribute to the workers in New York City for their rescue, recovery, and clean-up efforts at the site of the World Trade Center. **Pages H2803–06**

**Afghanistan Freedom Support Act:** The House passed H.R. 3994, to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries by a recorded vote of 390 ayes to 22 noes, Roll No. 182. **Pages H2748–80**

Agreed to the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–420) and made in order by the rule.

Agreed To:

Hyde Amendment that makes technical changes, authorizes and encourages the applications of subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act to bilateral and multilateral assistance to major opium producing regions to promote counter narcotics efforts; and encourages the use of research conducted by U.S. land grant colleges and universities particularly in the areas of agriculture and rural development; **Pages H2761–62**

Lantos amendment that promotes the secure delivery of humanitarian and other assistance in Afghanistan and requires the submission of the strategy for meeting its security needs within 45 days of enactment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 179); **Pages H2762–69, H2775–76**

Jackson-Lee en bloc amendments No. 3 and 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 20 that emphasize healthcare and education for Afghan orphans and all children; **Page H2770**

Jackson-Lee en bloc amendments No. 5 and 6 printed in the Congressional Record of May 20, as modified to delete amendment No. 6, that prohibits the use of children as soldiers or combatants (agreed to by a recorded vote of 413 ayes with none voting “no,” Roll No. 180); **Pages H2770–73, H2776**

Waters amendment, as modified, that prohibits U.S. participation in poppy cultivation or illicit narcotics growth, production, or trafficking and requires reports concerning the Government of Afghanistan’s

progress in the eradication of poppy cultivation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 412 ayes with none voting “no,” Roll No. 181). **Pages H2773–77**

Withdrawn:

Hoeffel amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to mandate a coordinator for United States interests, program, and policy in Afghanistan. **Page H2769**

The Clerk was authorized to make corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2778**

The House agreed to H. Res. 419, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on May 15, 2002.

**Recess:** the House recessed at 11:57 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22. **Page H2834**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2735–37.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2745–46, H2746, H2746–47, H2747–48, H2748, H2775–76, H2776, H2776–77, H2777–78, H2778–79, H2779, and H2779–80. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:32 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

## Committee Meetings

### GROUNDWATER—MTBE CONTAMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “MTBE Contamination in Groundwater: Identifying and Addressing the Problem.” Testimony was heard from Ben Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Timothy Miller, Chief, National Water Quality Assessment Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; John B. Stephenson, Director, EPA; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES—CAFETERIA BENEFIT PLANS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service, Census and Agency Organization held a hearing on “More Value for Federal Employees: Cafeteria Benefit Plans.” Testimony was heard from Dennis G. Jacobs, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; and public witnesses.

### HEALTHCARE—RACIAL DISPARITIES

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Racial