

transit safety and security and passenger transportation security initiatives, after receiving testimony from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and Peter Guerrero, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office.

#### TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness and sustainability of U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy, and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace, after receiving testimony from Carl Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Robert K. Dixon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Power Technologies, George L. Person, Jr., International Relations Specialist, Office of American and African Affairs, William A. Trapmann, Economist (Lead), Natural Gas Division, and Jeffrey Logan, Senior Research Scientist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Sylvia V. Baca, British Petroleum America, Inc., Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and Daniel N. Schochet, Ormat Technologies, Inc., Sparks, Nevada.

#### FIVE NATIONS CITIZENS LAND REFORM ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the enrollees and lineal descendants of enrollees whose names appear on the final Indian rolls of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee,

Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations (historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes), after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Lindsay G. Robertson, Office of the Governor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Chadwick Smith, Cherokee Nation, and Dallas Proctor, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians In Oklahoma, both of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; R. Perry Beaver, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Gregory Pyle, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; and Dee Ketchum, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael W. McConnell, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Kent A. Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, Alia M. Ludlum, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, William J. Martini, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Thomas W. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and Jeffrey S. White, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. McConnell was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Mr. Jordan was introduced by Senators Biden and Carper, Ms. Ludlum was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchison, Mr. Martini was introduced by Senator Corzine, and Mr. Phillips was introduced by Senators Frist and Thompson.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5395–5405; 3 private bills, H.R. 5406–5408; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 471 and H. Res. 533–537, were introduced. **Pages H6372–74**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Eric Anthony Joseph, Chaplain and Dean of Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma.

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**Suspensions:** The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, Sept. 19:

*Contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities:* H. Res. 523, recognizing the contributions of historically Black colleges and universities; and **Pages H6307–15**

*Achievements and Contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues:* H. Con. Res. 337, recognizing the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues for their achievements, dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to baseball and the Nation.

**Pages H6315–18**

**Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act:** The House passed H.R. 1701, to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 201 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 395. **Pages H6320–41**

Rejected the Waters motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions that the committee report it back forthwith with an amendment that strikes provisions that preempt State laws that regulate a rental-purchase agreement as a form of consumer credit or requires the disclosure of a percentage rate calculation by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 394. **Pages H6339–41**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, as amended by the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–590, Part II). **Page H6339**

Rejected:

LaFalce Amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107–661 that sought to incorporate the standard for limiting the total purchase price of rental-purchase merchandise from New York, Ohio, and Nebraska state law, and establish a process for determining standards in regulation for determining the cash price of rental-purchase merchandise (rejected by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 392); and **Pages H6332–35, H6337–38**

Waters Amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107–661 that sought to prohibit the shifting of liability for loss, damage, or destruction of the property subject to rental-purchase agreement to the consumer with the liability remaining with the merchant (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 393). **Pages H6335–37, H6338–39**

Agreed to H. Res. 528, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 391. **Pages H6318–20**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act:** The House completed debate on the Waters motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act, to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Thursday, Sept. 19. **Pages H6342–48**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6305.

**Referral:** S. 210 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce. S. 1344 and S. 2017 were held at the desk. **Page H6371**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6320, H6338, H6338–39, H6340–41, and H6341. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on implementation of the Federal crop insurance programs. Testimony was heard from Ross J. Davidson, Jr., Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA.

### U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policy towards Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; and Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### INFORMED UNION MEMBER ENFORCEMENT ACT; INFORMED UNION MEMBER ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H. R. 5373, Informed Union Member Enforcement Act; and H.R. 5374, Informed Union Member Act.

### HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW COST, TIMELY HEALTH CARE (HEALTH) ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2002.

### OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on “Continuing Oversight hearings on the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.” Testimony was heard from Paul Clinton Harris, Sr., Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; William Hobson, Director, Office of Special Programs, Health Services Research Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.