

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.

E-GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2458, E-Government Act of 2001; and S. 803, E-Government Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; the following officials of the OMB: Mark Forman, E-Government Administrator; and Mark W. Everson, Deputy Director, Management; and public witnesses.

NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the New Partnership for Africa's Development: An African Initiative. Testimony was heard from Aziz Pahad, Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of South Africa; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SYRIA; SYRIA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Syria and H.R. 4483, Syria Accountability Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representatives Armev and Engel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INS'S FOREIGN STUDENT TRACKING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on the INS's Implementation of the Foreign Student Tracking Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Janis Sposato, Assistant Deputy Executive Associate Commissioner, Immigration Services Division, INS; and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; PATIENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5385, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2002; and H.R. 4889, Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2002.

Joint Meetings**9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community in

connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Staff Director, Joint Inquiry Staff; Stephen Push, Great Falls, Virginia, on behalf of Families of September 11, Inc.; and Kristen Brietweiser, Middletown, New Jersey, on behalf of September 11th Advocates.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—STATE DEPARTMENT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the House and Senate passed versions of H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine disease management and coordinating care, focusing on the quality of life for Medicare patients, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold open and closed hearings to examine U.S. policy on Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial privacy and consumer protection, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2623, to designate the Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System; S. 2640 and H.R. 321, bills to provide for adequate school facilities in Yosemite National Park; S. 2776, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico; S. 2788, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; S. 2880, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark; H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona; and H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine progress on environmental streamlining under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, Small Business and Foreign Economic Recovery Act of 2002, 4 p.m., SD-215.