

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Victims of Terrorist Attacks Memorial in Washington, D.C.: H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as “Area I” or “Area II” to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 408). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad.”; and **Page H6565**

Historical Significance of 100 Years of Korean Immigration: H. Con. Res. 297, recognizing the historical significance of 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 409). **Pages H6565–66**

Abortion Non-Discrimination Act: The House passed H.R. 4691, to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 189 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 412. **Pages H6574–86**

Rejected the Brown of Ohio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back with amendments that prohibit institutions from withholding medically appropriate information or services from a patient by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 411. **Pages H6584–86**

Agreed to H. Res. 546, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 410. **Pages H6566–74**

Foreign Relations Authorization Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 by voice vote. **Pages H6652–59**

Agreed to H. Res. 545, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report by voice vote. **Pages H6649–52**

Foreign Relations Authorization Enrollment Correction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1646. **Pages H6659–60**

Consideration of Sense of the House Resolutions: The House agreed to H. Res. 547, the rule that is providing for consideration of H. Res. 540 (expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that

Congress should complete action on H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act of 2002); H. Res. 544 (expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on permanency of pension reform provisions); and H. Res. 543 (expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on H.R. 4019, making marriage tax relief permanent) by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 413. **Pages H6660–69**

Urging Action on the Pension Security Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 540, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should complete action on H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act of 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 414. The resolution was considered pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547. **Pages H6669–77, H6681**

Permanency of Pension Reform Provisions: The House agreed to H. Res. 544, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on permanency of pension reform provisions by a yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 415. The resolution was considered pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547. **Pages H6678–81, H6681–82**

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act: The House completed debate on the Eddie Bernice Johnson 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. **Pages H6682–85**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6564–65, H6565, H6565–66, H6574, H6585–86, H6586, H6668–69, H6681, and H6681–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA—CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM—FARMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on Civil Rights Program of the USDA for Farmer Program Participants. Testimony was heard from Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Lou Gallegos, Assistant Secretary, Departmental Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 2037, amended, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; H.R. 4701, amended, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act; H. Res. 398, Recognizing the devastating impact of fragile X, urging increased funding for research on fragile X, and commending the goals of National Fragile X Research Day; and a measure to be introduced Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act.

REGARDING THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TV

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on a measure Regarding the Transition to Digital Television. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHECK CLEARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 5414, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert M. Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 468, amended, Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution of 2002; H. Con. Res. 116, Recommending the integration of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and H. Res. 253, Recommending the integration of the Republic of Slovakia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

SATELLITE RADIO FREEDOM ACT; SATELLITE SERVICES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4869, Satellite Radio Freedom Act; and H.R. 5429, Satellite Services Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Tom Davis; and public witnesses.

JUSTICE FOR UNITED STATES PRISONERS OF WAR ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 1198, Justice for United States Prisoners of War Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Representative Rohrabacher; William H. Taft, IV, Legal

Advisor, Department of State; Rob McCallum, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Lester I. Tenney, former Prisoner of War.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 992, to provide grants to local governments to assist such local governments in participating in certain decisions related to certain Indian groups and Indian tribes; H.R. 2345, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2001; and H.R. 5155, Native American Sacred Lands Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Simmons, Moran of Virginia, and Mrs. Davis of Virginia; from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs; and Michael Smith, Director, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

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

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 9 to 2, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2002, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Nadler, Scott, Markey, Brown of Ohio, Eshoo, Berkley and Hoeffel.

CONFERENCE REPORT—21ST CENTURY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2215, 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION— RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution 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 resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, September 26, 2002, providing for consideration or disposition of a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

INCREASED STEEL TARIFFS—AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS—UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings entitled “Lost Jobs, More Imports: Unintended Consequences of Higher Steel Tariffs (Part II).” Testimony was heard from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following: bills: H.R. 5083, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;” H.R. 5335, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” and H.R. 5428, amended, Water Resources Development Act of 2002.

The Committee also approved several U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

Joint Meetings

SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE ENERGY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4, to en-

hance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of September 19, 2002, p. D961)

H.R. 3287, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the “Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center”. Signed on September 24, 2002. (Public Law 107–225)

H.R. 3917, to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation’s Capital. Signed on September 24, 2002. (Public Law 107–226)

H.R. 5207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the “Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on September 24, 2002. (Public Law 107–227)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine long-term care in the health industry, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to continue hearings to examine Iraq, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the benefits and challenges of web-based education, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on intra-tribal leadership disputes and tribal governance, 10 a.m., SR–485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; the nomination of Stanley R. Chesler, to be