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HOMELAND SECURITY: BORDER TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security, Immigration and Citizenship and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security concluded joint hearings to examine the role of border technology in advancing Homeland Security, focusing on the Entry-Exit System, the National Security Entry Exit Registration System, and Biometric Verification Systems, including implementation of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act (Public Law 107-173), and related provisions of S. 539, to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director of Applied Research

and Methods, General Accounting Office; and Stephen E. Flynn, Independent Task Force on Homeland Security Imperatives, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of James V. Selna and Cormac J. Carney, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who were introduced by Senator Feinstein, Philip P. Simon and Theresa Lazar Springmann, both to a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, who were introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Representative Hinojosa, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 1219-1255; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 37-38; H. Con. Res. 91, and H. Res. 140-141 were introduced. Pages H1810-12

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1812-13

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H. Res. 139, providing for consideration of H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system (H. Rept. 108-34). Page H1810

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain the Rev. Mr. Eugene Counihan, Fernald Developmentally Handicapped Center of Waltham, Massachusetts. Page H1749

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 11 by yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 45 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 53. Pages H1749-50

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Stark, Maloney, Watt, and Hill to the Joint Economic Committee. Page H1755

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

Recognizing the Bicentennial of Ohio's Admission to the Union: H. Res. 122, recognizing the bicentennial of the admission of Ohio into the Union and the contributions of Ohio residents to the economic, social, and cultural development of the United States (debated on Tuesday, March 11 and agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 54). Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the resolution; Pages H1750-51

Urging Improved Fire Safety in Nonresidential Buildings in the Aftermath of the Nightclub Fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island: H. Con. Res. 85, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential

buildings in the aftermath of the tragic fire on February 20, 2003, at a nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island (debated on Tuesday, March 11 and agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 55); **Page H1751**

Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act: H.R. 659, amended, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 56); **Pages H1755-56, H1774-75**

Automatic Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act: H.R. 389, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 57); **Pages H1756-58, H1775-76**

Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act: H.R. 342, to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 58); **Pages H1758-59, H1776**

Organ Donation Improvement Act: H.R. 399, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 425 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 59); and

Pages H1763-66, H1776-77

Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act: H.R. 663, amended, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety donation (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 60). **Pages H1766-64, H1777-78**

Official Photograph of the House in Session: The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 67, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on March 12, 2003. **Page H1775**

Committee on Ways and Means Recommendations: Read a letter from Chairman Thomas of the Committee on Ways and Means wherein he forwarded the Committee's recommendations for certain positions for the 108th Congress. **Page H1778**

Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members from the Committee on Ways and Means as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations during the

First Session of the 108th Congress: Representatives Thomas, Crane, Shaw, Rangel, and Levin. **Page H1778**

Recess: the House recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m. **Page H1775**

Recess: the House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1776**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1749-50, H1750-51, H1751, H1774-75, H1775-76, H1776, H1777, and H1777-78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Garry McKee, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Elsa Murano, Under Secretary, Food Safety Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from William Hawks, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2004 Army Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Thomas E. White, Secretary; and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. Testimony was heard from James Steven Griles, Deputy Secretary, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Education-Panel: "No Child Left Behind Act" program.