

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-40 Part 1) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed To:

Toomey amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108-42 that revises Title IX, Financial Contract Provisions to include banks and credit unions;

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Gutierrez amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108-42 that specifies that Section 1234, Involuntary Cases, shall apply with respect to cases commenced under Title 11 of the United States Code before, on, and after enactment;

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Cannon amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108-42 that increases the monetary cap on wage and employee benefit claims entitled to priority under the bankruptcy code, strengthens provisions dealing with fraud, and requires the reinstatement of retiree benefits that are modified within 180 days period preceding the filing unless equity balances justify the modification.

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Rejected:

Sherman amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108-42 that sought to require corporations to file a bankruptcy case in the district where their principal place of business is located (rejected by recorded vote of 155 ayes to 269 noes with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 71); and

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Nadler amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108-42 that among other provisions, sought to modify the means test and require the court, in considering a motion to dismiss or convert a Chapter 7 case, to consider the debtor's actual reasonable and necessary expenses and income (rejected by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 296 noes with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 72).

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Agreed to the unanimous consent request made by Representative Gutierrez that he be permitted to offer amendment numbered 2 printed in House Report 107-42 out of numerical sequence.

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

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The House agreed to H. Res. 147, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re National Union for the Total Independence of Angola: Message wherein he transmitted a 6 month report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the

Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive order 12865 of September 26, 1993—referred to the Committee on International Relations;

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Federal Ocean and Coastal Activities Report: Message wherein he transmitted the first biennial Federal Ocean and Coastal Activities Report—referred to the Committees on Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure; and

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United States Participation in the United Nations: Message wherein he transmitted a report on the participation of the United States in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during calendar year 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:37 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1957.

Referral: S. 628 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Science.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1989, H1989-90, H1990, H2095-96, H2096-97, H2098-99, and H2099-H2100. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 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 Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Tom Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2004 National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from John Dempsey, Deputy Director, CIA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2004 Air Force Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: James G. Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy: National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Linton Brooks, Under Secretary, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior, National Park Service: Fran Mainella, Director; Don Murphy, Deputy Director; and Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Department of Education Panel: "Vocational, Adult and Postsecondary Education" programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Carol D'Amico, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education; and Sally Stroup, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Director, Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Mitchell Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB.

VA AND HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SPACE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on space programs in the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary, Air Force, Department of Defense.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on Department of Defense efforts to address the chemical and biological threat. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dale Klein, Assistant to the Secretary (Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense); Anthony J. Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency; Stephen M. Younger, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Brig. Gen. Stephen Reeves, USA, Joint Program Executive Officer, Chemical and Biological Defense Program, Brig. Gen. Stephen Goldfein, USAF, Director, Joint Requirements Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense, J-8, The Joint Staff.

MILITARY PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Committee on Armed Forces: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on domestic violence, Joint Officer Management and education reform, employer support of the Guard and Reserve, Reserve pay and benefits, and Department of Defense Active and Reserve Components Force Mix Study. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, USMC, Co-Chair, Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence; and Charles Abell, Principle Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Derek B. Stewart, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Deborah D. Tucker, Executive Director, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Co-Chair, Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence; and public witnesses.

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Does the U.S. Olympic Committee's Organizational Structure Impede its Mission?" Testimony was heard from Senator Campbell, Representative Ryun of Kansas; officials of the U.S. Olympic Committee; and a public witness.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action the Energy Policy Act.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology began markup of H.R. 1280, Defense Production Act Reauthorization of 2003.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1280. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Kenneth I. Juster, Under Secretary, and Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy Under Secretary, both with Industry and Security; Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Suzanne D. Patrick, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Policy; and Ronald M. Segal, Director, Defense Research and Engineering.

MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on the Middle East Partnership Initiative: Promoting Democratization in a Troubled Region. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: William Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Wendy Chamberlin, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, AID.

OVERSIGHT—ENHANCING AMERICA'S ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Enhancing America's Energy Security. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Carl Michael Smith, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Hunt Downer, Representative, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NOAA AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Steven A. Williams, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, providing three hours of general debate with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of

the Committee on the Budget and one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute specified in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report, except that the adoption of a further amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate not to exceed 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Toomey, Spratt, Hooley, Moore, Scott of Virginia, Skelton, Stenholm, Owens, Allen, Bishop of New York, Marshall and Michaud.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE 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 March 20, 2003, providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

NANOTECHNOLOGY R&D ACTIVITIES

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on federal nanotechnology research and development activities,

with emphasis on H.R. 766, Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Senators Allen and Wyden; Richard M. Russell, Associate Director, Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; James Roberto, Associate Laboratory Director, Physical Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: Fiscal Year GSA lease resolutions; two GSA amending resolutions; H.R. 281, 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;" H. Con. Res. 53, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and H. Con. Res. 96, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Meeting the Nation's Wastewater Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Larry S. Coffman, Associate Director, Department of Environmental Resources, Prince Georges County, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES— AVAILABILITY AND ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the availability and eligibility for pharmaceutical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Evans, Lynch, Mica and Wicker; and Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

CIA PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine issues related to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed rule on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation amending the Clean Air Act regarding fuel additives and renewable fuels, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine how to make embassies safer in areas of conflict, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine possible terrorist threats on cargo containers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine Medicare, focusing on prescription drugs, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 10 a.m., and on DEA and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2004 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.