

committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people; that it shall be considered as read for amendment; debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion. **Page H4956**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H4879.

Referral: S. 313 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H4975**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4979.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4919, H4920, H4920–21, H4921, H4948, H4949–50, and H4950–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL—CONSERVATION TITLE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review conservation technical assistance and the implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Jim Moseley, Deputy Secretary, USDA; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council; and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT; READY TO TEACH ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003; and H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003.

STRENGTHENING PENSION SECURITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on “Strengthening Pension Security: Examining the Health and Future of Defined Benefit Pension Plans.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WIRELESS E-911 IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Wireless E-911 Implementation: Progress and Remaining Hurdles.” Testimony was heard from John B. Muleta, Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications, FCC; and public witnesses.

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Fair Credit Reporting Act: How it Functions for Consumers and the Economy.” Testimony was heard from Howard Beales, Director, Bureau of Consumer Affairs, FTC; Dolores Smith, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; William H. Sorell, Attorney General, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY AFTER IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Nonproliferation Policy After Iraq. Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; Alan Zelikoff, Senior Scientist, Center for National Security and Arms Control, Sandia National Laboratories; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; H. Con. Res. 134, acknowledging the deepening relationship between the United States and the Republic of Djibouti and recognizing Djibouti’s role in combating terrorism; H. Con. Res. 154, concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi; H. Res. 177, amended, commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition; H. Res. 237, honoring the life and work of

Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death; and H. Res. 194, amended, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan.

PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW HOUSE AND SENATE RULES, AND OTHER MATTERS ASSURING CONTINUING REPRESENTATION AND CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Con. Res. 190, to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee on Technology and the House held a hearing on the concurrent resolution. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier and Frost.

ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT; AND GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing that S. 222, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act shall be debatable in the House for 40 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of S. 222. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, for S. 222. The rule further provides that S. 273, Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act, shall be debatable in the House for 40 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of S. 273. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, for S. 273.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act.

STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE FIREFIGHTERS ACT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on H.R. 1118, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1772, Small Business Advocacy Improvement Act of 2003.

VISA APPROVAL BACKLOG

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Visa Approval Backlog and its impact on American Small Business. Testimony was heard from Janice L. Jacobs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Department of State; Robert J. Garrity, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on The Administration's Proposal to Reauthorize the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce and a public witness.

WATER: IS IT THE "OIL" OF THE 21ST CENTURY?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment concluded oversight hearings on Water: Is it the "Oil" of the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIA TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Technical Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SERBIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine democracy, human rights, and justice in Serbia today, after receiving testimony from Ivan Vujacic, Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro to the United States, Nina Bang-Jensen, Coalition for International Justice, and Elizabeth Anderson, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.