

PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine patient safety issues, focusing on hospitals and other health care organizations' efforts to build and sustain a culture of continuous quality and patient safety improvement, after receiving testimony from James P. Bagian, Director, National Center for Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Dianne Mandernach, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul; David R. Page, Fairview Health Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dennis S. O'Leary, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Robert E. Krawisz, National Patient Safety Foundation, Chicago, Illinois; Suzanne Delbanco, Leapfrog Group, Washington, D.C.; and Roxanne J. Goeltz, Burnsville, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Patient Safety Foundation, Partnership for Patient Safety, and Consumers Advancing Patient Safety.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 648, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1225, entitled the "Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act"; and The nomination of

Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inhofe, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, after receiving testimony from Tex G. Hall, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, and Frederick Baker, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Elders Organization, both of New Town, North Dakota.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions and Representative Bonner, and Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2416–2440, and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59 and H. Con. Res. 215, were introduced. **Pages H5265–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5267–68**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 1115, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and

simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions (H. Rept. 108–148); and

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification (H. Rept. 108–149). **Page H5265**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Erickson, Interim Pastor, The National Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC.

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

Significant Accomplishment of Sequencing the Human Genome and Celebrating Human Genome Month and DNA Day: Debated on June 10, H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to nays, Roll No. 259);

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Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act: H.R. 1320, amended, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 260); and

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Reauthorization: H.R. 2350, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal year 2003 (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 261).

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Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration by yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 264.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–143), modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report (H. Rept. 108–146), was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Manzullo Part B amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report on all waivers granted under the FAA “Buy-American Preferences” provisions (agreed to by recorded vote of 426 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 262);

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Mica Part B amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that makes various technical and clarifying changes including the use of 76 seat jets to qualify for the commuter aircraft slots at Reagan National; revises Airport Improvement Program requirements; clarifies that anti-hijacking training for flight attendants is voluntary and will be provided by Transportation Security Administration; and di-

rects a GAO study on the compensation to airlines after 9/11;

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Norton Part B amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that repeals the provision requiring the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to appear before Congress before approval of airport development project grants;

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Peterson of Pennsylvania Part B amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that removes co-payments from Essential Air Service communities that are located less than 75 miles from a small hub or less than 170 miles from a medium or large hub; and

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Pitts Part B amendment no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–146 that provides for consultation between a state Governor and the Secretary of Transportation on commonly used highway routes and further requires the Secretary to define a consistent standard for calculating the most commonly used route when determining Essential Air Service eligibility (agreed to by recorded vote of 422 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 263).

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H. Res. 265, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 370 yeas to 43 noes, Roll No. 258. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 257.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5177.

Amendment: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H5268.

Quorum Calls Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5196, H5196–97, H5197–98, H5198, H5199, H5237–38, H5238, and H5239. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.