

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 yea-and-nay 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 yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 260); and

Pages H5179–85, H5198

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 yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 261).

Pages H5185–90, H5198–99

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 yea-and-nay 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 yea-and-nay 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 yea-and-nay 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 mark-up of H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

FTC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "The Reauthorization of the Federal Trade Commission: Positioning the Commission for the Twenty-First Century." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FTC: Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, all Commissioners.

NATION'S FIRST RESPONDERS—SPECTRUM NEEDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on entitled "The Spectrum Needs of Our Nation's First Responders." Testimony was heard from Representatives Harman and Weldon of Pennsylvania; Edmond J. Thomas, Chief Engineer, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; Norman J. Jacknis, Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, Westchester County, State of New York; First Lt. Gene Adamczyk, State Police, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

MATCHING CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Matching Capital and Accountability—The Millennium Challenge Account." Testimony was heard from John Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and the following officials of the Department of State: Alan Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agriculture Affairs; and Andrew Natsios, Administrator, AID.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE PRIVACY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census approved for full Committee the following: The Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and The Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AT CROSSROADS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Middle East Peace Process at a Crossroads. Testimony was heard from William Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

COMMENDING SIGNING OF U.S.-ADRIATIC CHARTER; RENEWING THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP: A VIEW FROM THE U.S.

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Renewing the Transatlantic Partnership: A View From the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERVIEW OF RADIO AND TV MARTI

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Overview of Radio and Television Marti. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman; and Pedro V. Roig, Director, Office of Cuba Broadcasting.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico; H.R. 74, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; H.R. 272, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 901, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; H.R. 1113, amended, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument; H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia; H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; and H.R. 1945, amended, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act.

CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on

H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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 the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Scott of Virginia, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt and Sandlin.

TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICATION, AND EQUITY ACT—RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing that upon adoption of the resolution the bill, H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003, with the Senate amendments thereto, be hereby taken from the Speaker's table. The rule provides that upon adoption of the resolution the Senate amendment to the title is hereby agreed to. The rule further provides that upon adoption of the resolution the Senate amendment to the text is hereby agreed to with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order for the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1308, or that the House disagree to any further Senate amendment, and request or agree to a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Representatives Castle, Rangel, Levin, Tanner, Pelosi and Hoyer.

U.S.-RUSSIAN SPACE COOPERATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperation in Space. Testimony was heard from John

Schumacher, Assistant Administrator, External Relations, NASA; and public witnesses.

REVITALIZING AMERICA'S MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Revitalizing America's Manufacturers: SBA Business and Enterprise Development Programs." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Daryl Hairston, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development; and Kaaren Street, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Enterprise Development; and public witnesses.

EPA GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on EPA Grants Management: Persistent Problems and Proposed Solutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General; and Morris X. Winn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Environmental Issues, GAO.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 886, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date; H.R. 1167, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit remarried surviving spouses of veterans to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery; H.R. 1500, Veterans' Appraiser Choice Act; H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude the proceeds of life insurance from consideration as income for purposes of determining veterans' pension benefits. Testimony was heard from Representatives Simpson, Holden, Bradley of New Hampshire, Gerlach, Larsen of Washington on behalf of Representative Smith of Washington, and Wilson of New Mexico; John M. Molino, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military, Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; Frederico Juarbe, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; and Robert Epley, Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1720, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act; H.R. 116, Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003; H.R. 2307, to provide for the establishment of new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for veterans in the area of Columbus, Ohio, and in south Texas; and H.R. 2349, to authorize certain major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ADMINISTRATION'S FOSTER CARE FLEXIBLE FUNDING PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Administration's Foster Care Flexible Funding Proposal. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Barbara Riley, Deputy Director, Office of Children and Families, Department of Job and Family Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

IRAQ ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the policies and procedures to encourage long-term economic growth and prosperity in reforming Iraq's economy, focusing on establishing a stable financial system that consists of new leadership, better security, free trade, regional banking, establishing new currency, and property rights, after receiving testimony from Hernando de Soto, Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Lima, Peru; Basil al-Rahim, MerchantBridge, London, England, on behalf of the Iraq Foundation; Rachel Bronson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and David Ellerman, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and related crop insurance issues, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine expanding homeownership opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine global overfishing, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to cloning, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, S. 435, to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, S. 490, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts, S. 1111, to provide suitable grazing arrangements on National Forest System land to persons that hold a grazing permit adversely affected by the standards and guidelines contained in the Record of Decision of the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan amendment and pertaining to the Willow Flycatcher and the Yosemite Toad, and H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a Medicare prescription drug benefit, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine repercussions of Iraq stabilization and reconstruction policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine certain issues relative to TWA/American Airline workforce integration, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, S. Res. 141, recognizing "Inventing Flight: The centennial Celebration", a celebration in Dayton, Ohio of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight, H.R. 1954, to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and the nominations of David G. Campbell, to be