

Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Olsen, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Kind of Wisconsin or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

WHITE-COLLAR JOBS GLOBALIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Globalization of White-Collar Jobs: Can America Lose These Jobs and Still Prosper? Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; Bruce P. Mehlman, Assistant Secretary, Technology Policy, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 141, SouthEast Crescent Authority Act of 2003; H.R. 1071, Southwest Regional Border Authority Act; H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow Federal Building;" and H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the "Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse."

The Subcommittee also approved for full Committee action the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization.

NATIONWIDE RESEARCH PROGRAMS—VA'S HUMAN SUBJECT PROTECTIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to assess the Department of Veterans Affairs management of the human subject protections maintained in its nationwide research programs. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Robert H. Boswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

IRAQ WMD

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

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COUNTERPROLIFERATION AND COUNTERNARCOTICS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Counterproliferation and Counternarcotics. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

TERRORIST FINANCING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Terrorist Financing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D593)

H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts. Signed on June 17, 2003. (Public Law 108-31)

S. 273, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park. Signed on June 17, 2003. (Public Law 108-32)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the growing problem of identity theft and its relationship to the Fair Credit Report Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 865, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1234, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, S. 1244, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, S. 247, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, S. 861, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development, S. 1152, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, S. 1046, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations, and the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO) policy on investment decisions and stock value, focusing on allegations of self-dealing and breaches of fiduciary duty involving certain board members profiting from sales of company stock, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine teacher union scandals, focusing on closing the gaps in union member protections, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the 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. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, and the nominations of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Diane M. Stuart, of Utah, to be Director of the Violence Against

Women Office, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on "International Programs in Higher Education and Questions of Bias," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 2743, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer credit, hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord—In Search of a Unified U.S. Position," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Rural Housing in America," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: a Report—A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office," H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building"; H.R. 2249, Postmasters Equity Act of 2003; H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building"; H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 208, Supporting the National Men's Health Week; and H. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; followed by a hearing on "The Next Step in the Investigation of the Use of Informants by the Department of Justice," 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.