

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, an open rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The rule provides that general debate shall be confined to the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and Obey.

READY TO TEACH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce 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 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered 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 a 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 Boehner and Representatives Gingrey and Kildee.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a modified closed rule on H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and

Retention Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce 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 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Wilson of South Carolina, Tierney, DeLauro, and Becerra.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D763)

H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-44)

S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-45)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to receive testimony on ongoing operations in the United States Central Command region; followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. Res.173, to amend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to new or general legislation and unauthorized appropriations in general appropriations bills and amendments thereto, and new or general legislation, unauthorized appropriations, new matter, or nongermane matter in conference reports on appropriations Acts, and unauthorized appropriations in amendments between the Houses relating to such Acts, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on A Closer Look, The Inspectors General Address Waste, Fraud, Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005; H. Con. Res. 215, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economics; and H. Res. 296, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and

many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, joint hearing entitled "Legislative Efforts to Combat Spam, following full Committee mark up, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Making Health Care More Affordable: Extending Premium Conversion to Federal Retirees," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Disrupting the Market: Strategy, Implementation, and Results in Narcotics Source Nations," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "International Child Abduction: The Rights of American Citizens Being Held in Saudi Arabia," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on H.R. 2205, National Museum of African American History and Culture Act, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on A Survey and Analysis of Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record 2002-2003, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H. Res. 287, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States; a measure implementing the U.S. Chile Free Trade Agreement; a measure implementing the U.S. Singapore Free Trade Agreement; H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 2330, Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003; H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.R. 1616, Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act; H.R. 1651, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; H.R. 1658, Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003; H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; H.R. 2059, Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act; S. 233, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and

S. 278, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act, 10 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on “Can a process be developed to settle matters relating to the Indian Trust Fund lawsuit?” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on H.R. 2183, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Saving Our Defense Industrial Base, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on GSA’s

2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review the pre- and post-deployment health assessment processing of troops recently deployed to the Persian Gulf, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine technology and innovation in relation to health care costs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.