

Health and Human Services; Grover J. Whitehurst, Director of Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education; Marnie S. Shaul, Director of Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Amy Wilkins, Trust for Early Education, Washington, D.C.; and Janis Santos, Holyoke-Chicopee-Springfield Head Start, Inc., Springfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Head Start Association.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, and Representative Leach; P. Kevin Castel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Sandra J. Feuerstein, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard J. Holwell, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Stephen C. Robinson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, all introduced by Senator Schumer; H. Brent McKnight, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Myrick; and R. David Proctor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WORLDCOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine bankruptcy and competition issues in relation to the WorldCom Case, focusing on MCI's Chapter 11 filing, after receiving testimony from Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, LLP, William P. Barr, Verizon Communications, former U.S. Attorney General, and Morton Bahr, Communications Workers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach, MCI Telecommunications, Ashburn, Virginia, former U.S. Attorney General; Mark A. Neporent, Cerberus Capital Management, LP, and Marcia L. Goldstein, Weil, Gotshal and Manges, LLP, both of New York, New York; and Douglas G. Baird, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the consequences of direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs, focusing on the value to patients, the impact on the physician-patient relationship, health care costs and utili-

zation, and consumer and physician surveys, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Majorie E. Powell, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and Nancy H. Nielsen, American Medical Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Meredith B. Rosenthal, Harvard School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, and Arnold S. Relman, Harvard Medical School, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

Committee Meetings

WTO'S AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Geographical Indications and the World Trade Organization's agricultural negotiations. Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Deputy Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Deputy Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on "Consolidation Loans: What's Best for Past Borrowers, Future Students and U.S. Taxpayers?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and DeLauro; and public witnesses.

FASB DERIVATIVE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "FASB Derivative Accounting Standards." Testimony was heard from Leslie F. Seidman, member, Financial Accounting Standards Board; and public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "'Bump Up' Policy Under Title I of the Clean Air Act." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Holmstead,

Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; R.B. Marquez, Commissioner, Natural Resource Conservation Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

FHA MULTIFAMILY LOAN LIMIT ADJUSTMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action H.R. 1985, FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from John Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

PAPERWORK AND REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on H.R. 2432, Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy; SBA; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on The United States and the European Union: Understanding the Partnership. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles R. Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Carl F. Lankowski, Deputy Director, Area Studies, Coordinator for European Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute.

TERRORIST THREAT INTEGRATION CENTER—RELATIONSHIP WITH JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: and the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled "The Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) and Its Relationship with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from John O. Brennan, Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center; Larry Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, FBI, Department of Justice; Bill Parish, Acting Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis, Directorate of Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

DEFENSE OF PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on the Constitution held a joint hearing on H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act, and Privacy in the Hands of the Government. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2391, amended, Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2003; H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1768, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2003.

JOHN RISHEL GEOTHERMAL STEAM ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the John Rishel Geothermal Steam Act Amendments of 2003. Testimony was heard from Patricia Morrison, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 546, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003; H.R. 2457, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; and H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park. Testimony was heard from Representatives Case and Mica; Jon Jarvis, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

U.S. SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT AND U.S. CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2738, United States-Chile Free Trade Implementation Act, under a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate in the House with one hour and forty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2738. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2)

of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 2738 to final passage without intervening motion.

The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 2739, U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides 2 hours of debate in the House on H.R. 2739 with one hour and forty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2739. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 2739 to final passage without intervening motion. The rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 2738 or H.R. 2739, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2734, Federal Aviation Administration Research and Development Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1085, NASA Flexibility Act of 2003; H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2801, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2003; H.R. 2608, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003.

“FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY: IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FAILING CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL SECTORS?”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs held a hearing on “Federal Procurement Policy: Is the Federal Government Failing Certain Industrial Sectors?” Testimony was heard from Diedre Lee, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; Jody Falvey, Director, Office of Small Business Development, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MANDATORY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in mandatory transportation programs as required by the fiscal year 2004 budget resolution reconciliation

instructions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Railroad Retirement Board: Martin J. Dickman, Inspector General; and Michael S. Schwartz, Chairman.

PORT SECURITY—INTERIM FINAL REGULATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Interim Final Regulations on Port Security. Testimony was heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

“CYBERSECURITY—GETTING IT RIGHT”

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research and Development held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity—Getting It Right.” Testimony was heard from Daniel G. Wolf, Information Assurance Director, NSA, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the role of the private sector in public transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague September 28, 1955 (The Hague Protocol) (Treaty Doc. 107-14), Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population done at Washington on October 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-10), Agreement Amending the Treaty