

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

The House passed H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11191–S11261

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1593–1602, S. Res. 219–221, and S. Con. Res. 66. **Page S11245**

Measures Passed

Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse: Senate passed 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”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11261**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11192–S11240**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 1542, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11192–S11240**

Akaka Amendment No. 1544 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Excellence in Economic Education Act of 2001. **Page S11192**

Mikulski Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for programs under the Nurse Reinvestment Act and other nursing workforce development programs. **Page S11192**

Kohl Amendment No. 1558 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the om-

budsman program for the protection of vulnerable older Americans. **Page S11192**

Dodd Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for grants to States under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S11193, S11228**

DeWine Amendment No. 1561 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support graduate medical education programs in children’s hospitals. **Page S11193**

DeWine Amendment No. 1560 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support poison control centers. **Page S11193**

DeWine Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Education and Cultural Program. **Page S11193**

Harkin Amendment No. 1580 (to Amendment No. 1542), to protect the rights of employees to receive overtime compensation. **Pages S11193–S11209**

Schumer Amendment No. 1598 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for programs under the Ryan White Care Act. **Pages S11228–29**

Reed Amendment No. 1595 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for home energy assistance needs under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Pages S11229–31**

Reed Amendment No. 1592 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for immunization services. **Pages S11231–32**

Reed Amendment No. 1596 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for certain literacy, library, and museum programs. **Pages S11232–34**

Corzine Amendment No. 1602 (to Amendment No. 1542), to restore cuts in student aid.

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Reid Amendment No. 1603 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for certain education and related programs.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following actions:

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 330), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Byrd Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for education for the disadvantaged. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

Pages S11192, S11209–15, S11223–25

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 331), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Kennedy Amendment No. 1566 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase student financial aid by an amount that matches the increase in low- and middle-income family college costs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

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By 43 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 332), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Durbin Amendment No. 1591 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on global HIV/AIDS. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

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By 47 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 333), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Dodd Amendment No. 1597 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funds for Head Start. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed

discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, Senate will begin a series of votes on certain pending amendments.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2003.

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—333)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11260–61.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY OPERATIONS ABROAD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. military commitments and ongoing military operations abroad, focusing on the war on terrorism, Afghanistan, Iraq, weapons of mass destruction, and Korea, after receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Public Law 107–204), focusing on the dramatic change across the corporate landscape to re-establish investor confidence in the integrity of corporate disclosures and financial reporting, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded a hearing on the operations of the Federal Home Loan Bank system, focusing on the responsibility that Congress has placed with the Federal Home Loan Banks to enhance the liquidity of financial institutions, particularly as the Federal Home Loan Bank members meet such community needs as promoting home ownership, after receiving testimony from Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions; John T. Korsmo, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board; Norman B. Rice, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; Terry C. Smith, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Texas; Shelia C. Bair, Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; David W. Hemingway, Zions First National Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle; and Michael Middleton, Community Bank of Tri-County, Waldorf, Maryland, on behalf of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the state of transportation security, focusing on the effects on commerce, "beyond the border" initiatives, advance information and technology, and federal action needed to enhance security efforts, after receiving testimony from Jeffery N. Shane, Under Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy; Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Admiral James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Peter Guerrero, Director, Physical Infrastructure, General Accounting Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Suedeen G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senator Bingaman; and Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Sessions, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to

examine S. 808, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, and H.R. 620, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park, after receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Representative Radanovich; P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Richard G. Ring, Associate Director for Administration, Business Practices, and Workforce Development, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jim Maddy, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Robert Funkhouser, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Norwood, Colorado; and Ken Olson, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine.

DOCUMENT FRAUD

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the homeland security and terrorism threat from document fraud, identity theft and social security number misuse, focusing on security breaches, and firearm purchases, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, U.S. General Accounting Office; James Lockhart, Deputy Commissioner, and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, both of the Social Security Administration; John S. Pistole, Acting Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigations, and Richard Convertino, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, both of the Department of Justice; Linda R. Lewis, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Arlington, Virginia; Robert Douglas, American Privacy Consultants, Oak Creek, Colorado; and Youssef Hmimssa, Rabat, Morocco.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in North Korea from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

CONTINUITY OF CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the appointment of Representatives following a national crisis, focusing on the Constitution, Presidential succession acts, House rules, and other procedures relating to continuity, after receiving testimony from Representatives Dreier and Baird; R.

Doug Lewis, The Election Center, Houston, Texas; Samuel F. Wright, National Defense Committee, Arlington, Virginia; and Thad Hall, The Century Foundation, and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine problems and solutions on peer-to-peer networks regarding pornography, technology, and process, focusing on the risk of inadvertent exposure of juvenile users of peer-to-peer networks to pornography, including child pornography, and the extent of federal law enforcement resources available for combating child pornography on peer-to-peer networks, after receiving testimony from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, General Accounting Office; John Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Thomas J. Spota, Suffolk County District Attorney, Hauppauge, New York; Robbie Callaway,

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; Stephen Hess, Office of Information Technology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Douglas W. Jacobson, Palisade Systems, Ames, Iowa; and Alan Morris, Sharman Networks Limited, William Barr, Verizon Communications, and Cary Sherman, Recording Industry Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing on protecting seniors from representative payee fraud in relation to social security programs, focusing on the current program's deficiencies and the way legislation can improve safeguards in the Representative Payee Program, after receiving testimony from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, and Fritz Streckewald, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Program Policy, both of the Social Security Administration; Shirley J. Shears, Legal Aid of West Virginia, Martinsburg; and Jason E. Wills, Community Action Partnership, Lewiston, Idaho.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3035–3053; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 274–275, and H. Res. 359, 361–364, were introduced. **Pages H8081–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8082–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information (H. Rept. 108–263, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 360, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information (H. Rept. 108–267). **Page H8081**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cole to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8019**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8022**

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 489. The bill was also considered on September 4. **Pages H8023–60**

Agreed to:

Honda amendment that increases the amount of funding for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Project in San Jose, California; **Page H8027**

Peterson amendment that restores funding to the essential air service program; **Pages H8047–48**

Flake amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 483); **Pages H8027–36, H8054–55**

Delahunt amendment, No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that prohibits the use of funds for enforcing restrictions on remittances made to Cuban nationals or Cuban households (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 484); **Pages H8037–39, H8055–56**

Sanders amendment that prohibits the use of funds to assist in overturning the federal court's ruling in the action entitled *Kathi Cooper, Beth Harrington, and Matthew Hillesheim, Individually and on Behalf of All Those Similarly Situated vs. IBM Personal Pension Plan and IBM Corporation* (agreed to by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 485);

Pages H8039–43, H8056

Van Hollen amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revisions to OMB Circular A–76 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 487); and

Pages H8043–48, H8057–58

Davis of Florida amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce regulations that would eliminate educational exchanges with Cuba (agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 488).

Pages H8050–52, H8058

Rejected:

Hefley amendment, No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to cut the total amount of discretionary funding by 1% (rejected by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 481);

Pages H8024, H8053

Sessions amendment, No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to prohibit funding for Amtrak routes that do not recoup 50 cents in revenue per one dollar spent on operating the route (rejected by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 482); and

Pages H8025–27, H8054

Hastings amendment, No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that prohibits the OMB from using funds in the bill to require that agencies establish an inventory of inherently governmental activities performed by federal employees, establish or implement any streamlined competition procedures, require any follow-up competition for public-private competitions won by federal employees, or implement the trade-off source selection process for any activities other than information technology activities (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 486).

Pages H8048–50, H8056–57

Withdrawn:

Manzullo amendment, No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that sought to specify that in the acquisition of goods and services in compliance with the Buy American Act, such goods will qualify as being "U.S.-made" only if at least sixty-five percent of the product is produced in the United States.

Pages H8024–25

Point of order sustained against:

Maloney amendment, No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that sought to

prohibit funds for the IRS to use in collecting taxes on certain disaster assistance grants given in New York City after the September 11 terrorist attack; and

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Mica amendment that sought to prohibit funding to Amtrak unless the company submits all quarterly and annual reports required under Public Law 107–204, the Sarbanes-Oxley corporate accountability law.

Pages H8052–53

H. Res 351, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on September 4.

A unanimous consent agreement, reached on September 4, limited the number of amendments offered on the bill.

Recess: The House recessed at 6:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 491. The bill was also considered on September 5.

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On the demand for a separate vote on the Tom Davis of Virginia amendment to authorize a school voucher program that was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on September 5, the House agreed to the amendment by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 490.

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The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 25, 2003.

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Edwards announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Michaud announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Davis of Tennessee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8019.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 64 and S. Con. Res. 65 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8084–88 .

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT—GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled “Beyond Baccalaureate: Graduate Programs in the Higher Education Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIRNESS TO CONTACT LENS CONSUMERS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2221, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Robert L. Hubbard, Director, Litigation, Antitrust Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

EPA ELEVATION TO DEPARTMENT LEVEL

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Elevation of the EPA to Department Level Status: Federal and State Views,” and on H.R. 37 and H.R. 2138, Department of Environmental Protection. Testimony was heard from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Marianne L. Horinko, Acting Administrator, EPA; Warren Chisum, member, House of Representatives, State of Texas; Howard Roitman, Director, Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, Department of Health and Environment, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Preparing and Funding First Responders. Testimony was heard from former Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire; Adrian H. Thompson, Chief, Fire and EMS Department, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADVANCEMENTS IN SMART CARD AND BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental

Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Advancements in Smart Card and Biometric Technology.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Joel Willemssen, Managing Director of IT Management; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist; Sandy Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Services, GSA; Ken Schefflen, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center (East), Department of Defense; Benjamin Wu, Under Secretary, Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933; and H. Res. 355, Commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria.

FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. 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 Financial Services 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 to the committee amendment that are printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Shadegg, Ose Frank of Massachusetts, Hooley of Oregon and Inslee.

CHARITABLE GIVING ACT; BUDGET, WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE LETTER

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the Budget, Waste, Fraud and Abuse letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget.

“PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSE REFORM: FORMER HOUSE LEADERS”

Select Committee on Homeland Security; Subcommittee on Rules held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on House Reform: Former House Leaders.” Testimony was heard from the following former Speakers of the House: Newt Gingrich, Georgia; and Tom Foley, Washington; and former Representatives Bob Walker of Pennsylvania; and Lee Hamilton of Indiana.

Joint Meetings

OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. policy toward the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider a substitute to H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and S. 622, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the cause of the August 2003 Northeast blackouts, and what the federal government can do to ensure that blackouts of this magnitude do not occur again, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine terrorism two years after 9/11, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider a Letter to the Committee on the Budget as required by the Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following measures: the Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003; H.R. 3034, National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1260, Animal Drug User Fee Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the Department of the Treasury's views on the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled “Developing Sound Business Practices at the Department of Homeland Security,” 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “The SV-40 Virus: Has Tainted Polio Vaccine Caused an Increase in Cancer?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “Worm and Virus Defense: How Can We Protect the Nation's Computers From These Threats?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2134, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2003; a measure to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; and H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NASA's Response to the Columbia Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the WTO's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules and the Effect on America's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Perspectives on 9-11: Building Effectively on Hard Lessons,” 2:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue 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, with a series of votes to occur on certain pending amendments beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and

consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes (open rule, one hour of general debate).

Continue consideration of Ruppertsberger motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act.

Consideration of Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2595, to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002;

2. H.R. 2433, Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003;

3. H. Res. 315, congratulating Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers for hitting 500 major league home runs and thanking him for being a role model for the Cuban American community, as well as for all Americans;

4. H. Res. 266, commending the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship;

5. H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments; and

6. H.R. ____ honoring the Dali Lama.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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