

CONFERENCE REPORT—HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard by Representative Rogers of Kentucky.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2577, Water Resources Development Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 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 Young of Alaska and Representatives Rohrabacher, King of Iowa, Miller of Florida and Oberstar.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2004 supplemental request for Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Al-

legations at the United States Air Force Academy, 9:45 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the findings of the GAO concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a five year plan for the current situation in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings regarding democratic institutions in Iraq and the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine discrimination against employees and retirees relating to social security government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights, to hold hearings to examine elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review crop insurance for program crops, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Task Force, hearing on the final report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; the International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; and the United States Olympic Committee Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Future of Universal Service," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Hamas Asset Freeze and Other Government Efforts to Stop Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled “Improving USAID Financial Management;” followed by markup of H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “A Medicare Prescription Drug Safety Net: Creating a Target Benefit for Low-Income Seniors,” 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2264, Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003; and H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 2359, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003; H.R. 2620, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2685, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Matching Grant Program for School Security, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 313, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102-562; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H.R. 1092, Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the

award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 1442, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act; H.R. 1521, Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; H.R. 1899, Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; H.R. 2696, Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 2766, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2003; and H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, joint hearing on Federal Prison Industry’s Effects on the U.S. Economy and the Small Business Environment, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General’s September 4th Report on the Safety of the FAA’s Contract Tower Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Emergency Preparedness Issues; followed by a markup of the following: a measure Reauthorizing the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the Stafford Act Amendments of 2003; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider Committee business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Global HUMINT Strategies, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, joint hearing on Joint Inquiry Recommendations, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled “Disease Surveillance Systems: How Can They Help the Nation Prepare for Bioterrorism?” 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.