

Joint Meetings

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1051)

H.R. 3161, to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry. Signed on September 29, 2003. (Public Law 108-82).

H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108-83).

H.J. Res. 69, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Law 108-84).

S. 520, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108-85).

S. 678, to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108-86).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1643, to exempt certain coastal barrier property from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Act of 1968, S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps, S. 994, to protect human health and the environment from the release of hazardous substances by acts of terrorism, proposed legislation providing for the reauthorization of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, and the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an amendment in the nature of a substitute to S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert B. Charles, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), and H. Douglas Barclay, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the need for federal real property reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dora L. Irizarry to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review mandatory country of origin labeling, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following: a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation of the financial collapse of HealthSouth and related matters; H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003; H.R. 3140, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; and H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003, 11:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Remittances: Reducing Costs, Increasing Competition, and Broadening Access to the Market," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "China's Exchange Rate Regime and its Effects on the U.S. Economy," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing entitled "Human Capital Succession Planning: How the Federal Government Can Get a Workforce to Achieve Results," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Strengthening the Long Arm of the Law: How Are Fugitives Avoiding Extradition, and How Can We Bring Them to Justice?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Dying for Help: Are Patients Needlessly Suffering Due to the High Cost of Medical Liability Insurance?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, executive,

oversight hearing entitled “Security of Industrial Control Systems in Our Nation’s Critical Infrastructure,” 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Turkey’s Future Direction and U.S.-Turkey Relations, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Human Rights, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Human Rights in Burma: Fifteen Years Post Military Coup, Part I, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on “The Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement: States’ Efforts to Facilitate Sales Tax Collection from Remote Vendors,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2671, Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 313, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act for the 21st Century; 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. 1899, Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 2766, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2003; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 151, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and H.R. 2440, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2003, 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, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 587, to amend title 40, United States Code, to add Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, to the Appalachian region; H.R. 1274, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county; H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building;” H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; H.R. 3181, Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003; and a measure reauthorizing the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Cleaning Up the Waste at EPA: Phase II, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Identification Documents Fraud and the Implications for Homeland Security,” 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.