

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 587, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to add Ash-tabula, 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 court-house 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 H.R. 3198, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the following: a Building Project Survey Resolution; and U.S. Army Corps Survey Resolutions.

OVERSIGHT—CLEANING UP THE WASTE AT EPA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Cleaning Up the Waste at EPA: Phase II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Melissa M. Heist, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Morris X. Winn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management; and Don S. Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region 3: Mid-Atlantic Region; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Environmental Issues, GAO.

AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FRAUD—IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Identification Documents Fraud and the Implications for Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Policy Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John Pistole, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism, FBI; Paul J. McNulty, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia; and Roscoe C. Howard, Jr., U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia; Ronald D. Malfi, Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Joseph R. Carico, Chief Deputy Attorney General, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1068)

H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108–87).

H.R. 3087, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108–88).

H.R. 3146, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs. Signed on October 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–89).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Public Law 107–204) and restoring investor confidence, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine media ownership, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, S. 1313, to establish the Congaree Swamp National Park in the State of South Carolina, S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a grant for the construction of a statue of Harry S. Truman at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, and S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy, S. Res. 230, calling on the People’s Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer, S. Res. 231, commending the Government and people of Kenya, and the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador, W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Director