

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 236. **Pages H3973–80**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, June 16:

Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 4545, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce the proliferation of boutique fuels. **Pages H4133–39**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Government of Bahrain—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–193). **Page H4139**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4171–73.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3979, H3979–80, H3980, H3980–81, H4131–32, H4132, and H4133. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION TITLE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review Implementation of the Conservation Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Vern Clerk, USN, Chief, Naval Operations; H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; and GEN William Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the strategic implications of U.S. troop withdrawals from Korea. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act. Testimony was heard from Katherine Oliver, Assistant State Superintendent, Career, Technology and Adult Learning, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2023, amended, Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; H.R. 4555, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; and S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003.

JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held hearing on the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.

UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES: CONTRACTING AND THE REBUILDING OF IRAQ

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Unprecedented Challenges: Contracting and the Rebuilding of Iraq.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lawrence Lanzilotta, Principle Deputy and Acting Under Secretary (Comptroller); Deirde Lee, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; Tina Basllard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Policy and Procurement); William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; GEN Paul Kern, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command; and BG Robert Crear, USA, Commander, Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

IRAQ: WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Iraq: Winning Hearts and Minds. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of State: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Asia/Iraq; and Gordon West, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rend al-Rahim Francke, Iraqi Representative to the United States; and public witnesses.

UZBEKISTAN: THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN CENTRAL ASIA?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Uzbekistan: The Key to Success in Central Asia?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael Kozak, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and B. Lynn Pascoe, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Mira Ricardel, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 218, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Albert C. Eisenberg, Delegate, House of Delegates, State of Virginia; 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. 1630, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2129, Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act; H.R. 3954, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; H.R. 4481, To amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park; and S. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Renzi, Frank of Massachusetts, Hunter, Blunt and Capito; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and John Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina; Dicks and Norton.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers, Manzullo, Obey, Sabo, DeLauro and Turner of Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3890, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 4516, Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER WORKFORCE STATUS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Status of the Air Traffic Controller Workforce. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Marion Blakey, Administrator, FAA; and Alexis Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

TAX SIMPLIFICATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Simplification. Testimony was heard from the following former Commissioners of IRS, Department of the Treasury;

Mortimer M. Caplin; Sheldon S. Cohen; Don C. Alexander; and Fred T. Goldberg; and public witnesses.

ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Enhancing Social Security Number Privacy. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Acting Inspector General, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Lawrence E. Maxwell, Assistant Chief Inspector, Investigations and Security, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Homeland: Building a Layered and Coordinated Approach to Border Security." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Victor Cerda, Special Advisor to Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Chief David Aguilar, Tuscan Sector Border Patrol Chief, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D557)

S. 2092, to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization. Signed on June 14, 2004. (Public Law 108-235)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 2281, to provide a clear and