

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