

COIN MEASURES; U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

The Committee also approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act.

Joint Meetings

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D632)

H.R. 1086, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the antitrust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards. Signed on June 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-237)

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. Signed on June 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-238)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (P.L. 108-148), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine passenger screening and airline authority to deny plane boarding, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing from the Department of Defense regarding ICRC Reports on U.S. military detainee operations, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine security screening options for airports, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy in Venezuela, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on contractor support in the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Department of Defense small caliber ammunition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Innovative Health Insurance Options for Workers and Employers," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2929, Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act; H.R. 2023, Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004; H.R. 4555, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; and H.R. 3981, To reclassify fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund as offsetting collections, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Hospital Billing and Collection Practices," 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: S. 129, Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2003; H.R. 3340, To redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building," respectively; H.R. 4327, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service

located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Vitalis ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building”; and H.R. 4427, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr., Post Office”; followed by a hearing entitled “Target Washington: Coordinating Federal Homeland Security Efforts with Local Jurisdictions in the National Capital Region,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “Living with Disabilities in the United States: A Snapshot,” 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 1587, Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003; H.R. 4303, American Schools Abroad Support Act; a measure to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to extend the authority to provide assistance to countries seeking to become eligible countries for purposes of that Act; a measure to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through Fiscal Year 2007; H. Res. 615, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations; H. Res. 617, Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OCED); H. Res. 652, Urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004; H. Res. 667, Expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong; a resolution reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act; H. Con. Res. 304, expressing the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of the People’s Republic of China of Falun Gong in the United States and in China; H. Con. Res. 319, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing repression of the religious freedom and human rights of the Iranian Baha’i community by the Government of Iran; H. Con. Res. 363, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 436, Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country; H. Con. Res. 415, Urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004; H. Con. Res. 418, Recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan; H. Con. Res. 422, Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world; and S. 2264, Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act, 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Confronting War Crimes in Africa, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Iranian Proliferation: Implications for Terror-

ists, their State-Sponsors, and U.S. Counter-proliferation Policy, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Human Rights, hearing on Trafficking in Persons: A Global Review, 9 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue oversight hearings on the Administrative Conference of the United States, II: Why is There a Need to Reauthorize the Conference? 2:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled “Limiting Federal Court Jurisdiction to Protect Marriage for the States,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 112, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for an additional place of holding court in the District of Columbia; followed by an oversight hearing entitled “Patent Quality Improvement: Post-Grant Opposition,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 831, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 2793, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2004; and H.R. 4625, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3320, American Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Nuclear R&D and the Idaho National Laboratory, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, hearing on Testing and Certification for Voting Equipment: How Can the Process Be Improved? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers—Recommendations for Navigation Improvements and Ecosystem Restoration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Real Property and Facilities Management Improvement Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up H.R. 4418, Customs and Border Security Act of 2004, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Information Sharing After September 11: Perspectives on the Future,” 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.