

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7689–S7773

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2611–2618, S.J. Res. 40–41, and S. Res. 399–400. **Pages S7749–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 180, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–292)

S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 108–293)

S. 323, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–294)

S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–295)

S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–296)

S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–297)

S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–298)

S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–299)

H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference. **Page S7749**

Measures Passed:

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act: Senate passed H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States

Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7772–73**

Class Action Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7697–S7743**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 3548, relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Pages S7698–99**

Frist Amendment No. 3549 (Amendment No. 3548), relative to the enactment date of the Act.

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Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S7699**

Frist Amendment No. 3550 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7699**

Frist Amendment No. 3551 (Amendment No. 3550), relative to the enactment date of the Act.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 9, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 8, 2004.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days. **Page S7772**

Messages From the House: **Page S7747**

Measures Referred: **Pages S7747–48**

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 Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7773.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Sununu, and J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Timothy S. Bitsberger, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Paul Jones, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine juvenile detention centers, focusing on unnecessary incarceration of youth who are waiting for community mental health services, after receiving testimony from Representative

Waxman; Carol Carothers, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Augusta, Maine; Tammy Seltzer, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, D.C.; Leonard B. Dixon, Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the National Juvenile Detention Association; Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Kenneth J. Martinez, Director, New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, Santa Fe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael H. Schneider, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine United States efforts to combat human trafficking and slavery, after receiving testimony from Johnny K. Stutton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, and Michael T. Shelby, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, both of Department of Justice; Mary Ellen Dougherty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Joseph Mettimano, World Vision, and Mohamed Y. Mattar, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Sr. Wendy Patten, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Song, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4767–4777; 1 private bill, H.R. 4778; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 705, 708–709 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5330–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–584);

H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums, amended (H. Rept. 108–585, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3737, to increase the minimum and maximum rates of basic pay payable to administrative law judges, amended (H. Rept. 108–586);

H.R. 338, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that agencies, in promulgating rules, take into consideration the impact of such rules on the privacy of individuals, amended (H. Rept. 108–587);

H.R. 2934, to increase criminal penalties relating to terrorist murders, deny Federal benefits to terrorists, amended (H. Rept. 108–588);

H. Res. 706, providing for consideration of H.R. 3598, to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers (H. Rept. 108–589); and

H. Res. 707, providing for consideration of H.R. 4755, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–590). **Page H5330**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5199**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

High Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004: H.R. 4218, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991;

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Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004: H.R. 4516, amended, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing;

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Reauthorizing the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988: H.R. 3890, amended, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988;

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Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003: H.R. 1856, amended, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998; and

Pages H5215–18

Supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics: H. Con. Res. 301, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics.

Pages H5218–19

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings will continue tomorrow, July 8.

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 3980, amended, to establish a National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program.

Pages H5209–14

Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 4754, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further proceedings will continue tomorrow, July 8.

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Agreed to limit the number of amendments and the time for debate on such amendments offered on the bill.

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Later agreed that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees may offer one pro forma amendment to each amendment for the purpose of further debate.

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Agreed to:

Manzullo amendment that restores funding for the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 137 noes, Roll No. 328); (agreed to limit time for debate on the amendment);

Pages H5240–53, H5253

Crowley amendment that increases funding for public safety officer benefits;

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Pitts amendment that provides that certain funds be used for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor of the Department of State to compile and publish a list of foreign government officials who order the use of, are involved in, or engage in torture;

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Wolf amendment that restores funding for the Small Business Administration's "micro loan" technology and loan program;

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Flake amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the Commerce Department's new restrictions on gift parcels to Cuba and the amount of personal baggage allowed for travelers to Cuba (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 329);

Pages H5307–15, H5316–17

Kucinich amendment (no. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that reduces funding for the Commerce Department's management expenses and increases it by the same amount (by a recorded

vote of 232 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 332); (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment)

Pages H5282–84, H5318–19

Millender-McDonald amendment that increases funding for the Small Business Administration; and

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Wolf amendment expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should make a determination as to whether recent events in the Darfur region of Sudan constitute genocide and support the investigation and prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the Darfur region of Sudan.

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Rejected:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to increase funding for the DNA analysis and backlog elimination program;

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Paul amendment (no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Census Bureau's American Community Survey;

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Weiner amendment that sought to increase funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 330);

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Hefley amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the re-engineered design process for the 2010 Short-Form Only census (by a recorded vote of 71 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 331); (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment);

Pages H5279–80, H5318

Paul amendment (no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay expenses for any U.S. contribution to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organizations (by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 333);

Pages H5297–98, H5319–20

Farr amendment (no. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to prevent the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, or Washington from implementing State laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana in those States (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 334); and

Pages H5300–06, H5320

Paul amendment (no. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay any U.S. contribution to the United Nations or any affiliated agency of the United Nations (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 335).

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Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Commission on Civil Rights;

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King of Iowa amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided that a certain amount of funds appropriated for legal activities of the U.S. Parole Commission be used for enforcing sections of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996;

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Tancredo amendment (no. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funds by state and local governments who do not comply with provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; and

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Burgess amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have expressed the sense of Congress that the Federal Trade Commission should provide to Independent Physician Associations guidance on contracting with health plans, on practice business arrangements, and on member communications, and a reasonable time for such Associations to ameliorate certain arrangements that could lead to Federal Trade Commission enforcement of antitrust laws against any such Association that has engaged in alleged anticompetitive activities.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Section 607 of the bill regarding the Buy America Act; and

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Paul amendment (no. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 6) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to prosecute doctors and their staff for prescribing and administering legal drugs for pain relief or management.

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H. Res. 701, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5331–32.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5253, H5316–17, H5317–18, H5318, H5318–19, H5319–20, H5320, and H5320–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

TROOP ROTATIONS; MOBILIZATION OF ARMY'S READY RESERVE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps troop rotations for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 and Operation Enduring Freedom 6 and the mobilization of the Army's Individual Ready Reserve. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director of Operations (J-3), Joint Chiefs of Staff; LTG Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; and LTG Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Marine Corps, Plan, Policies, and Operations.

EXAMINING CASH BALANCE PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Examining Cash Balance Pension Plans: Separating Myth from Fact." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Voice Over Internet Protocol Services: Will the Technology Disrupt the Industry or Will Regulation Disrupt the Technology?" Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Carlisle, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

ENSURING ACCURACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN LAB TESTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice continued hearings entitled "Part II—Ensuring Accuracy and Accountability in Laboratory Testing: Does the Experience of Maryland General Hospital Expose Cracks in the System?" Testimony was heard from Carol Benner, Director, Office of Health Care Quality, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

FILLING UP—DRIVING DOWN THE COST

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory

Affairs held a hearing entitled "Driving Down the Cost of Filling Up." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Mark R. Maddox, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; William E. Kovacic, General Counsel, FTC; and public witnesses.

DOD—BUSINESS PROCESS MODERNIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management and the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Business Process Modernization at the Department of Defense." Testimony was heard from Lawrence Lanzilotta, Under Secretary, Comptroller (Acting); and Greg Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

DEFINING FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled "Defining Federal Information Technology Research and Development: Who? Where? What? Why? And How Much?" Testimony was heard from David Nelson, Director, National Coordination Office, Information Technology Research and Development, Executive Office of the President; Peter Freeman, Co-Chairman, Interagency Working Group and Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, NSF; Hratch Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; C. Edward Oliver, Associate Director, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM SECURITY

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Electronic Voting System Security. Testimony was heard from Kathy Rogers, Director, Elections Administration, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Georgia; Linda H. Lamone, Administrator, Board of Elections, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

U.S. SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and

Human Rights held a hearing on United States Support of Human Rights and Democracy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 2363, to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America; and H.R. 4518, as amended, Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4755, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. The rule provides one hour of general debate 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. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. 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). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kingston and Representative Holt.

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3598, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2004. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on

Science. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Ehlers, Peterson (PA), Gordon, Costello, Larson (CT), Udall (CO), Jackson-Lee (TX), Slaughter, and Emanuel.

REBATE OF VALUE ADDED TAXES AT THE BORDER

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Rebate of Value Added Taxes at the Border and the Competitive Disadvantage for U.S. Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.—MOROCCO TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on implementation of the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SAFE ACCOUNTABLE FLEXIBLE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION 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 Tuesday, July 13.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations; and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 2411, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health and safety of firefighters, promote the use of life saving technologies, achieve greater equity for departments serving large jurisdictions, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's financial statement and accountability of taxpayer dollars at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1635, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L-1 visa for intracompany transferees; S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; S. 1700, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases; S. 2396, to make improvements in the operations and administration of the Federal courts, and the nominations of Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Michael H. Watson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, David W. McKeague, and Richard A. Griffin, both of Michigan, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the economic, technology, vocational and skills implications of the Department of Defense trade offsets, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "FASB Proposals on Stock Option Expensing," 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "United Nations Oil for Food Program," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing Digestive Diseases Research and Treatment Opportunities," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4380, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the "Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building;" H.R. 4381, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, as the "Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building;" H.R. 4442, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site; H. Res. 646, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; and H. Res. 684, Honoring David Scott Tidmarsh, the 2004 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion; followed by a hearing entitled "Beneficial or Critical? The Heightened Need for Telework Opportunities in the Post-9/11 World," 10:15 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Trafficking in Persons: The Federal Government's Approach to Eradicate This Worldwide Problem," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 4586, Family Movie Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "The Aging of the Energy and Minerals Workforce: A Crisis in the Making?" 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to mark up of the following bills: H.R. 1630, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2457, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; H.R. 3954, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; and S. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3391, Provo River Project Transfer Act; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; and H.R. 4606, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act; followed by a hearing on the following bills: S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of

the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; H.R. 4588, Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2004; and H.R. 4650, Wichita Project Equus Beds Division Authorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 8, to consider the following bills: H.R. 4766, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled "H.R. 1818, Workforce Health Improvement Act of 2003: Healthy Employees; Healthy Bottom Line," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on National Capitol Region Air Space Control: A Review of the Issues Surrounding the June 9, 2004 flight of "N24SP," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 784, Water Quality Investment Act of 2003; H.R. 4470, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program from fiscal year 2005 to 2010; H.R. 4688, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program; and H.R. 4731, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the national Estuary Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up a measure to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain capital leases, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4759, United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and H.R. 4418, Customs Border Security and Trade Agencies Authorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Practice Makes Perfect: Strengthening Homeland Security by Exercising Terrorism Scenarios, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, July 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2062, Class Action Fairness Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4755, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2005 (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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