

## U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4759, United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, providing for two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Crane.

## OVERSIGHT—GSA'S FISCAL YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit and Chairman, Committee on Security and Facilities, Judicial Conference.

## EXAMINE CHILD WELFARE REFORM PROPOSALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to Examine Child Welfare Reform Proposals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine home products fire safety issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine adult stem cell research issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2317, to limit the royalty on soda

ash; S. 2353, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider S. 2610, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, and proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine balancing reform and counterterrorism in Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Southeast Europe, focusing on the Balkans, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the implementation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the implications of drug importation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Election Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Radio Frequency Identification (REID) Technology: What the Future Holds for Commerce, Security, and the Consumer," 1:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Competition and Consumer Choice in the MVPD Marketplace—Including an Examination of Proposals to Expand Consumer Choice, Such as A La Carte and Themed-Tiered Offerings," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* and the Committee on Agriculture, joint hearing entitled "A Review of USDA's Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled "Improving IG Functionality and Independence—A Review of Legislative Ideas," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Health Informatics: What is the Prescription for

Success in Intergovernmental Information Sharing and Emergency Response?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Islam in Asia, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up H.R. 3313, Marriage Protection Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery; H.R. 1630, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2129, Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act; H.R. 2400, To amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 2457, Castillo De San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; H.R. 2960, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; H.R. 3056, To clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; H.R. 3257, Western Reserve Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 3334, Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act; H.R. 3427, Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act; H.R. 3479, Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; H.R. 3589, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 3597, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; H.R. 3954, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2004; H.R. 4027, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; H.R. 4045, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; H.R. 4170, Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; H.R. 4481, Wilson's Creek National

Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004; H.R. 4492, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1966 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; H.R. 4494, Grey Towers National Historic Site Act of 2004; H.R. 4508, To amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; H.R. 4606, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act; H.R. 4617, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land; H.R. 4625, Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004; S. 943, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; S. 1003, To clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River; S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery; H.R. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003; and S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on Trade Fairness: How We Can Make Our Trade Laws Work for America's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on In-Line Explosive Detection Systems: Financing and Deployment, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 5 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on The Critical Need for Interrogation in the Global War on Terrorism, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, 3:15 p.m., 2167 RHOB.

*Conference*: closed meeting of conferees on H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 6:30 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.