

and administration of gaming fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1530, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, with amendments; and

H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government.

AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-341), after receiving testimony from Brian Pogue, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Suzan Shown Harjo, The Morning Star Institute, Washington, D.C.; Walter Echo-Hawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Bernard Red Cherries, Jr., Northern Cheyenne Elk Society and Sundance Arrow, Valley, Washington; and Paul Bender, Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe.

DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of drug importation, focusing on the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1988, and on ways to make prescription drugs more affordable without jeopardizing patient safety or undermining incentives for the discovery of the next generation of therapies, and a related meas-

ure S. 2328, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Representative Sanders; Senators Nickles, Breaux, and Dorgan; William K. Hubbard, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, and John Taylor, III, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Elizabeth G. Durant, Executive Director, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations at the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Rudolph W. Giuliani, Giuliani Partners LLC, New York, New York; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Park Ridge, Illinois; Elizabeth A. Wennar, HealthInova, Manchester, Vermont, on behalf of United Health Alliance; Joanne Disch, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Minneapolis; and Kathleen D. Jaeger, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, Arlington, Virginia.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Election Commission, focusing on their enforcement and disclosure process relative to campaign finance, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Feingold; Bradley A. Smith, Chairman, Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair, both of the Federal Election Commission; and Trevor Pott, Caplin and Drysdale, Benjamin L. Ginsburg, Patton Boggs LLP, and Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4829-4835, and; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 472-473, and H. Res. 716-718 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4654, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007, (H. Rept. 108-603);

H. Res. 715, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4818) making appropriations for foreign

operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108-604);

H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park (H. Rept. 108-605); and

H.R. 2023, to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, amended (H. Rept. 108-606, Pt. 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Danny Cochran, Pastor, Holly Creek Baptist Church in Chatsworth, Georgia.

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

SUTA Dumping Prevention Act of 2003: H.R. 3463, amended, to amend titles III and IV of the Social Security Act to improve the administration of unemployment taxes and benefits;

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Urging the President to resolve the disparate treatment of direct and indirect taxes presently provided by the World Trade Organization: H. Res. 705, urging the President to resolve the disparate treatment of direct and indirect taxes presently provided by the World Trade Organization, by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 372;

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Customs Border Security Act of 2004: H.R. 4418, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 341 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 373;

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Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights: H. Res. 576, amended, urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights, by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 374;

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Commending the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people for their support in the effort to combat terrorism: H. Res. 688, amended, commending the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people for their long-standing friendship, stalwart leadership, and unwavering support of the United States in the effort to combat international terrorism;

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Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003: H.R. 1914, amended, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement;

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Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3277, amended, to require the

Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center;

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John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2768, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall; and

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Amending the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999: H.R. 4012, amended, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for 5 additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, July 15.

Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2004: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam;

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Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world: S. Con. Res. 114, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world;

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Reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act: H. Con. Res. 462, reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act;

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Expressing the sense of the House in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group at the United Nations: H. Res. 615, amended, 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;

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Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act: S. 2264, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda; and

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Deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly: H. Res. 713, amended, deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly for a narrow political purpose, the willingness of the International Court of Justice to acquiesce in an

effort likely to undermine its reputation and interfere with a resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

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United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 4759, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, by a yeas and nays vote of 314 yeas to 109 nays and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 375.

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H. Res. 712, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Project BioShield Act of 2003: The House passed S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures, by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 376—clearing the measure for the President.

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The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement that was reached on Tuesday, July 13.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5793-94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5687, H5687-88, H5688-89, H5689-90, H5720, H5740-41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and the District of Columbia.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act.

RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Radio Frequency Identification (REID) Technology: What the Future Holds for Commerce, Security, and the Consumer." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum to each of the following individuals: William Holman; Judy Green; George Marchelos; and Thomas J. Burger, in connection with its investigation of the E-Rate Program.

MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTORS AND CONSUMER CHOICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a 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." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USDA'S EXPANDED CATTLE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Agriculture: held a joint hearing entitled "A Review of USDA's Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ann M. Veneman, Secretary; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING IG FUNCTIONALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled "Improving IG Functionality and Independence—A Review of Legislative Ideas." Testimony was heard from Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, FDIC; Barry R. Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

HEALTH INFORMATICS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled "Health Informatics: What is the Prescription for Success in Intergovernmental Information Sharing