

portions of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes. **Page H5941**

*Providing for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned NOAA ship:* H.R. 4158, to provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship;

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*Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004:* H.R. 4170, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior;

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*Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004:* H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands; and

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*Honoring Sandra Feldman on the occasion of her retirement from the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers:* H. Res. 714, honoring Sandra Feldman on the occasion of her retirement from the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers for her tireless efforts to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Bishop moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 708, providing for consideration of H.R. 3004, to improve the reliability of the Nation's electric transmission system (Discharge Petition No. 10).

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Stenholm announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5920.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2479 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and S. 2261 was held at the desk.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5984.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5947–48, H5948, and H5948–49. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District 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 Representative Cunningham.

### STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 Financial Services 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 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 Representatives Royce, Frank of Massachusetts, Kanjorski, Maloney, and Eshoo.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg and Farr, but action was deferred on H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Met on the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing regarding the activities of the Iraq Survey Group in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2590, provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider S. 2677, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa, and the nominations of J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and Paul Jones, of Colorado,

and Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine detours and disengagements regarding the road map to peace, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies, focusing on those enacted in the Homeland Security Act, specifically their implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to hold hearings to examine performance and outcome measurement in substance abuse and mental health programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, 10 a.m., SR-485.

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

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to markup S. 1153, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2483, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 2484, to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, S. 2485, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and S. 2486, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

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*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review the Forest Land Enhancement Program. 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to markup the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.