

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bereuter wherein he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives, effective August 31, 2004. **Pages H6679–80**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m. **Page H6680**

Extending programs funded under the Highway Trust Fund: The House agreed to discharge from the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Science, and Resources and pass by unanimous consent H.R. 4916, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H6680–85**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 8. **Page H6685**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 479, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H6685**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf, or if not available to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 7, 2004. **Page H6685**

Preserving the ability of the FHA to insure mortgages under the National Housing Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2712, to preserve the ability of the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages under sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act. **Page H6695**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H6651, H6692.

Senate Referral: S. 2249 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. Con. Res. 125 was held at the desk; S. Con. Res. 130 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 2724 was referred to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H6697**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 15 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6578–79, H6579, H6579–80, H6612, H6613, H6613–14, H6649–50, H6651, H6674, H6675, H6675–76, H6676, H6677, and H6677–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:57 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 479, stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 26, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Committee Meetings

FOOD PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported H.R. 4576, Food Promotion Act of 2004.

USDA'S NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the USDA's National Animal Identification System. Testimony was heard from John Clifford, Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES AND THE TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies.

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ATTACK

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Report of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack. Testimony was heard from William R. Graham, Chairman, Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack.

SPACE CADRE/SPACE PROFESSIONALS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary, Air Force, Space; GEN Lance Lord, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; LTG Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, Space and Missile Defense Command; and RADM James McArthur, USN, Commander, Navy Network Warfare Command; and public witnesses.

TAX CODE'S IMPACT ON REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the U.S. Tax Code's Impact on Revenue Projections and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

GENETIC NON-DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled "Genetic Non-Discrimination: Examining the Implications for Workers and Employers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DC—SAFE DRINKING WATER

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Tapped Out? Lead in the District of Columbia and the Providing of Safe Drinking Water." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water; and Don Welsh, Administrator, Region III; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; Jerry N. Johnson, Executive Director, Water and Sewer Authority, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Health Information Technology: Improving Quality and Value of Patient Care." Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Robert M. Kolodner, M.D., Acting Chief, Health Informatics Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet." Testimony was heard from William Maher, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at the hearing, the following individuals: Thomas J. Burger, President and CEO, NEC Unified Solutions, Inc.; William Holman, former Vice President of Sales, NEC Business Network Solutions; and George Marchelos, former E-rate Consultant and Salesperson, Video Network Communications, Inc., invoked Fifth Amendments privileges.

MARKET AND INVESTOR RECOVERY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley: Two Years of Market and Investor Recovery." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAQ—CONTRACTING AND REBUILDING

Committee on Government Reform: Continued hearings entitled "Contracting and the Rebuilding of Iraq: Part IV." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUGS AND SECURITY IN POST-9/11 WORLD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security of the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled "Drugs and Security in a Post-9/11 World: Coordinating the Counternarcotics Mission at the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert Bonner, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Roger Mackin, Counternarcotics Officer.

HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Balancing Act: The Health Advantages of Naturally-Occurring Hormones in Hormone Replacement Therapy." Testimony was heard from Barbara Alving, M.D., Acting, Director, Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ESTABLISH—NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on H.R. 4863, To establish the Commission to Establish the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance within the Smithsonian Institution of the National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Becerra; Lawrence M. Small, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO PEACE ACCORDS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on The Democratic Republic

of Congo Peace Accords: One Year Later. Testimony was heard from Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 822, Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2003; H.R. 4806, Pine Springs Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 4838, Health Forest Youth Conservation Corps Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Representative Larsen of Washington and Neugebauer; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Small Business Liability Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Chabot; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan—The First Major Projects. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; COL Robert M. Carpenter, Commander, Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Ernest Barnett, Director, Ecosystem Projects, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

VA-DoD COLLABORATION—CARE OF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the evolution of VA-DoD collaboration in research and amputee care for veterans of current and past conflicts, and needed reforms in VA blind rehabilitation services. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Mindy L. Aisen, M.D., Deputy Chief, Research and Development Officer; and Frederick Downs, Jr., Chief Consultant, Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service Strategic Healthcare Group; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Deputy Director, Defense Sciences Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; LTC Paul Pasquina, M.D., USA, Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Chuck Scoville, Program Manager, U.S. Amputee Patient Care, both with the Walter Reed

Army Medical Center; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Electronic Prescribing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Technological Superiority in the Intelligence Community. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING: NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND OLYMPICS THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Threats to the National Conventions and the Olympics. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING: PORT SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Port Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

POSTPONEMENT OF ILLNESS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term trends in the health status and health spending levels of elderly Americans, focusing on evidence regarding declining rates of chronic disability and assess the best opportunities for further health promotion, after receiving testimony from James Lubitz, Acting Chief, Aging and Chronic Diseases, Statistics Branch, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Kenneth G. Manton, Duke University Center for Demographic Studies, Durham, North Carolina; James F. Fries, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California; and Judith Feder, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D781)

S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be