

Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H7254–55.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 138 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H7327**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7291, H7292, H7292–93, H7293. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING SENIORS HEALTHY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Keeping Seniors Healthy: New Preventive Benefits in the Medicare Modernization Act.” Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Director, Healthcare/Public Health Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO MISSION INDIANS LAND TRANSFER ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4908, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and Mark A. Macarro, Tribal Chairman, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 22, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2028, Pledge Protection Act of 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. 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 the Judiciary 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 Representatives Hostettler, Biggert, Akin, Bass, Jackson-Lee, and Watt.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of the American Legion, focusing on budgetary recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2006, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Cadmus, American Legion, Washington, D.C.; and Peter Gaytan, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, Bristow, Virginia.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a joint hearing with House Committee on Armed Services to examine Department of Defense efforts to enforce policies to combat trafficking in persons, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General, both of

the Department of Defense; General Leon J. LaPorte, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; John R. Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; Sarah Mendelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Martina E. Vandenberg, Jenner and Block, Chicago, Illinois.

TAX RELIEF, SIMPLIFICATION, AND EQUITY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the 9/11 Commission intelligence recommendations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the condition and regulation of the insurance industry, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lloyd O. Pierson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to continue mark up of the proposed National Intelligence Reform Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2686, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, S. 518, to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy, S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, S. 1217, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, S. 2526, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, S. Res. 389, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information, and other pending legislation and pending nominations, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the contributions of Native American code talkers in American military history, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism legislation and proposals, including the USA PATRIOT ACT (P.L. 107-56), and the SAFE Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Boyko, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 3:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Repairing the 21st Century Car: Is Technology Locking the Consumer Out?" 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Implement the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Access to Recovery: Improving Participation and Access in Drug Treatment," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Dietary Supplements: Nature's Answer to Cost Effective Preventative Medicine," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: The 9/11 Commission Recommendations and the National Strategies," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Identity Theft: The Causes, Costs, Consequences, and Potential Solutions?" 2:45 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Asia's Environmental Challenges, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on Disarmament of Libya's Weapons of Mass Destruction, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 5107, To protect crime victims' rights, 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