

OVERSIGHT—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Upcoming Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Testimony was heard from. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Weller.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY—REQUESTING HHS TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COST OF MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG LEGISLATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 776, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation.

SELECT TAX ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Select Tax Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Capps, Isakson, Larson of (CT), Simmons, Wilson (SC), Turner (OH), McCarthy (MO), Neugebauer,

Weldon (PA), Kucinich, Beauprez, Ryan (OH), Blackburn, Emanuel, Sessions and Lofgren.

Joint Meetings**WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine State and private programs for sage grouse conservation, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (including exchange of notes with attached Understanding), signed at Washington on March 8, 2004 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 108-25), and the Second Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Barbados for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income Signed on December 31, 1984, signed at Washington on July 14, 2004; including an exchange of notes with attached Understandings (Treaty Doc. 108-26), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Iraq Reconstruction Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, September 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Friday, September 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 24 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28 for Morning Hour debate.



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