

Angulo, Zuckerman Spaeder, on behalf of the Coalition for a Competitive Pharmaceutical Market, Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, and John M. Clerici, McKenna Long and Aldridge, LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; John G. Bartlett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Infectious Disease Society of America; and Patricia Greenberg, New York State Nurse Alliance SEIU 1199, Syracuse.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 2391, to amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving universities, the public sector, and private enterprises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2668, for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete; and

The nomination of Robert Cramer Balfe III, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 5242–5289; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 511–513, and H. Res. 535–541, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 776, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation, adversely (H. Rept. 108–754, Pt. 1);

Conference report on H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–755);

H.R. 4264, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, amended (H. Rept. 108–756);

H.R. 4893, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (H. Rept. 108–757);

H.R. 4588, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–758);

H.R. 4650, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas,

and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project (H. Rept. 108–759);

H.R. 4775, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project (H. Rept. 108–760);

H.R. 5135, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 108–761);

H. Res. 830, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–762);

H. Res. 831, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–763);

H. Res. 832, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–764);

H. Res. 833, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–765); and

H. Res. 834, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–766).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dan Remus, Senior Pastor, First Assembly of God in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Mr. Sabo motion to instruct conferees on the bill, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 502.

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Appointed as conferees: Representative Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Wolf, Wamp, Latham, Emerson, Granger, Sweeney, Sherwood, Sabo, Price, Serrano, Roybal-Allard, Berry, Mollohan, and Obey.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, October 6:

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004: H.R. 4661, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 503;

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Research Review Act of 2004: H.R. 5213, amended, to expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects and epidemiological studies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 504;

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Providing additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans: H.R. 5186, amended, to reduce certain special allowance payments and provide additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 505;

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Reauthorizing and improving programs under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965: S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 507; and

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Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act: H.R. 5061, amended, to provide assistance for the current crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan and to facilitate a comprehensive peace in Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 508.

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American Jobs Creation Act of 2004—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and

productive both at home and abroad, by a yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 509.

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H. Res. 828, a rule waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, was agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 506.

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H. Res. 830, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

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9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 10, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, October 8.

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Agreed to:

Simmons amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the new National Intelligence Director should establish an Open Source Intelligence Center; and

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Souder amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that all appropriate personnel engaged in security screening of individuals have access to law enforcement and intelligence information maintained by DHS (by a recorded vote of 410 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 511).

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Rejected:

Menendez amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that sought to merge two bills endorsed by the 9/11 Commission (by a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 510).

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H. Res. 827, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cantor wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform effective immediately.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 835, electing Representative Putnam to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Knollenberg, Walsh, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Vitter, Kingston, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Bishop (GA), Dicks, and Obey. **Page H8851**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts to the Commission on International Religious Freedom to succeed Ms. Patricia W. Chang of San Francisco, California.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Friday, October 8.

Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE FRAUD—IMPACT ON MORTGAGE LENDERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Mortgage Fraud and its Impact on Mortgage Lenders." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., Inspector General; and John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following bill and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 2760, as amended, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003.

The Committee also began discussion of H. Res. 28, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should declare its support for the Independence of Kosova;

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL OFFENDER RE-ENTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on Federal Offender Reentry and Protecting Children from Criminal Recidivists. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Portman and Harris; Ashbel T. Wall II, Director, Department of Corrections, State of Rhode Island; and a public witness.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany, H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule 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 October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4200) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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