

Providing for the establishment of supplemental dental and vision benefits for Federal employees, retirees, and dependents: The House passed H.R. 5295, to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents, to expand the contracting authority of the Office of Personnel Management.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 9.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 a.m. and reconvened at 9:36 a.m. on Saturday, October 9.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 13 yea-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 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:11 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Committee Meetings

FLU SHOT SHORTAGE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The Nation’s Flu Shot Shortage: How it Happened and Where We Go from Here.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Lester M. Crawford, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA; Robert Stroube, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

PEACEKEEPING IN AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Peacekeeping in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from James W. Swigert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4200, Department of Defense Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2005, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representative Skelton.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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 resolution reported on or before the legislative day of November 20, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) A bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon; and (2) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September 2004, focusing on long-term interest rates, housing markets, the trade balance, and the impact of the four hurricanes in Florida during August and September, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.