

Point of Order sustained against:

Obeys amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Community Oriented Policing Services, and for Economic Development Assistance Programs; and adds a new section to title VI regarding tax reductions.

Pages H4438–41

H. Res. 314, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 243.

Pages H4410–14

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Nadler announced his intent to offer a resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

Pages H4414–15

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4414, H4466–67, H4467–68, H4468, H4468–69, H4469–70, H4470, H4470–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BORDERS—TRAFFICKING IMPACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Threat Convergence Along the Border: Will Drug Trafficking Techniques Provide Some Answers?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ralph Utley, Acting Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement; Gregory Passic, Director, Office of Drug Interdiction, Customs and Border Protection; and John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, DEA; Department of Justice.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT PROGRAM; FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS—GETTING FEDERAL HELP NEEDED

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations Getting the Federal Help They Need?” Testimony was heard from Ryan Streeter, Director, Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

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ELUSIVE ANTIDOTES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Countermeasures.” Testimony was heard from Dale Klein, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

REDUCING PAPERWORK BURDEN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public: Are Agencies Doing All They Can?” Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Kimberly T. Nelson, Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer, EPA; Patrick Pizzella, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; Daniel P. Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CHEMICAL PLANT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to receive a briefing on Chemical Plant Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

UNITED STATES AND SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the United States and South Asia. Testimony was heard from Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCotter, Poe, Shays, Cannon, Kline and Lantos, but action was deferred on H.R. 2745, United Nations Reform Act of 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing on Live from Space: The International Space Station. Testimony was heard from John Phillips, NASA Astronaut, International Space Station; and the following former members of the International Space Station crew: Peggy Whitson and LTC Michael Finsk, USAF, both NASA Astronauts.

MEDICAL LIABILITY PREMIUMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Are Skyrocketing Medical Liability Premiums Driving Doctors Away from Underserved Areas?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued oversight hearings on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects. Testimony was heard from Donald W. Hill, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Dallas, Texas; Jag Khuman, Director, Water Quality Financing Administration, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT DUMPING PREVENTION ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the implementation of the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Dumping Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-295). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Train-

ing Administration; and Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and David Cleg, Deputy Chairman, Communications and Chief Legal Counsel, Employment Security Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 16.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine current financial condition and potential risks relating to solvency of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine coral reef ballast water, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine strategies for strengthening Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Iraq, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, Julie Finley, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to France, Robert Johann Dieter, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Cape Verde, Christopher J. Hanley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Jorge A. Plasencia, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and promotion lists in

the foreign service, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Lester M. Crawford, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine if the Federal government is doing enough to secure chemical facilities, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide prevention, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine issues relating detainees, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the effects of rising energy prices and their effect on America's senior citizens, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on The Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and

Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Medicaid Reform: The National Governor's Association's Bipartisan Roadmap, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Product Counterfeiting: How Fakes Are Undermining U.S. Jobs, Innovation, and Consumer Safety, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Protecting Consumers and Promoting Competition in Real Estate Services," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Eradicating Steroids Use, Part IV: Examining the Use of Steroids by Young Women to Enhance Athletic Performance and Body Image," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Preventing Terrorist Attacks on America's Chemical Plants," 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on The Diversity Visa Program, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Impacts of Federal Land Ownership on Communities and Local Governments, 3:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Coast Guard Law Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider the draft implementing proposal on the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.