

H. Res. 396, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 375 yeas to 27 nays with 24 voting "present", Roll No. 447. **Pages H6948–49, H6073–74**

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 5, improving patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, by a recorded vote 230 yeas to 194 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 449. **Pages H6974–H7013**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye and nay vote of 193 yeas to 234 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 448. **Pages H7007–12**

H. Res. 385, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, July 27.

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a ye and nay vote of 404 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 452. **Pages H7031–32**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. **Page H7033**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:59 p.m. **Page H7033**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m. **Pages H7033–34**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 a.m. **Page H7035**

Correcting the enrollment of the conference report on the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 226, providing for a correction to the enrollment of the conference report on H.R. 3. **Page H7035**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 a.m. **Page H7036**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6974, H7013, H7034 and H7036.

Senate Referrals: S. 302 and S. 655 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 447 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1517 was referred to the Committee on Small Business; S. 792 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S.J. Res. 19 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7036**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 7 ye and nay vote and 1 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6972, H6973, H6973–74, H7011–12, H7012–13, H7030–31, H7031 and H7031–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:09 a.m. on Friday, July 29.

Committee Meetings

FINANCING IRAQI INSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services held a joint hearing on the financing of the Iraqi insurgency. Testimony was heard from Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Roberts, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Combating Terrorism; and Caleb Temple, Director, Operations, Joint Intelligence Task Force for Combating Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency.

DATA SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Data Security: The Discussion Draft of Data Protection Legislation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

D.C. METRO—GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Keeping Metro on Track: The Federal Government's Role in Balancing Investment with Accountability at Washington's Transit Agency." Testimony was heard from Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Dana Kauffman, Chairman of the Board; and Richard White, Chief Executive Officer; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION—COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMPLOYEES FOR DEDICATED SERVICE IN WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported H. Res. 398, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of law enforcement agents and emergency response providers nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against terrorism.

AVIATION SCREENING WORKFORCE— IMPROVING MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Improving Management of the Aviation Screening Workforce.” Testimony was heard from Thomas Blank, Acting Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; James Bennett, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; John Martin, Director, San Francisco International Airport; William DeCota, Director, Aviation, New York-New Jersey Port Authority; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled “Implementing the National Biodefense Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; BG Eric B. Schoomaker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Department of Defense; and John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasure Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ASSESSING HANDICAP ACCESS TO HOUSE COMPLEX

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Accessibility of the House Complex for Persons with Special Needs. Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; Chief Terrence Gainer, U.S. Capitol Police; James M. Eagen, III, Chief Administrative Officer, House of Representatives; Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and public witnesses.

LEBANON DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Lebanon Reborn? Defining National Priorities and Prospects for Democratic Renewal in the Wake of March 14, 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

CHINA’S INFLUENCE ON AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on China’s Influence in Africa. Testimony was heard from Michael Ranneberger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MINING COMMUNITIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals held an oversight hearing on Sustainable Development Opportunities in Mining Communities, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WESTSIDE REGIONAL DRAINAGE PLAN

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Westside Regional Drainage Plan as a Way to Improve San Joaquin River Water Quality. Testimony was heard from John Keyes, III, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Alaska Representatives Petri and Oberstar.

HIGHWAY, HIGHWAY SAFETY, MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY, TRANSIT, AND OTHER PROGRAMS EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing ten minutes of debate in the House on H.R. 3514, to provide an extension of administrative expenses for highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

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 special rule reported on the legislative day of July 29, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of any measure related to funding for transportation programs.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the Clerk shall not transmit to the Senate a message that it has adopted the conference report to accompany H.R. 3 until the House has received a message that the Senate has agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 226 as adopted by the House.

TAX REFORM/MEMBERS PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Member Proposals for Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neal, English of Pennsylvania, Linder, Emanuel, Kucinich, Bishop of New York, and Burgess.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

DNI STATUS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on DNI Status. Testimony was heard from LTG Michael V.

Hayden, USAF, Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

ALTERNATIVE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine alternative automotive technologies to develop energy efficient vehicles, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Secretary of Energy; Mark Chernoby, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Mary Ann Wright, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Tom Stricker, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., Torrance, California; and Joe Loper, Alliance to Save Energy, Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 846)

H.J. Res. 52, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on July 27, 2005. (Public Law 109-39)

H.R. 3453, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on July 28, 2005. (Public Law 109-40)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.