

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted. **Page H8323**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8324**

H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 486, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **Pages H8253–63**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 26, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H8326**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 28. **Page H8326**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8251.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8262–63, H8263–64, H8320–21, H8321, H8321–22, H8322, H8323, H8323–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The house met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THREATS IN EURASIA

Committee on Armed Services: Threat Panel held a hearing on threats in Eurasia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KATRINA/CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “The Commerce and Consumer Protection Implications of Hurricane Katrina.” Testimony was heard from John Seesel, Associate General Counsel, Energy, FTC; Keith Hall, Chief Economist, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

KATRINA/HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Assessing Public Health and the Delivery of Care in the Wake of Katrina.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services; Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Olson, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel; and John E. Bowman, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; William F. Kroener, III, General Counsel, FDIC; Robert M. Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR MATERIALS MOVEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled “Trends in Illicit Movement of Nuclear Materials.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET—POLITICAL SPEECH—SHOULD IT BE REGULATED

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled “Political Speech on the Internet: Should it be Regulated?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Scott Thomas, Chairman; Michael Toner, Vice Chairman; and Ellen Weintraub, Commissioner; the following former officials of the FEC: Bradley A. Smith, Chairman; and Karl Sandstrom, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

U.S.-AFGHANISTAN POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing entitled “United States Policy in Afghanistan: Establishing Democratic Governance and Security in the Wake of Parliamentary Elections.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Maureen E. Quinn, Coordinator for Afghanistan, Bureau of South Asian Affairs; and Nancy J. Powell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

KELO DECISION/PRIVATE PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled “The Supreme Court’s *Kelo* Decision and Potential Congressional Responses.” Testimony was heard from Bart Peterson, Mayor, City of Indianapolis, Indiana; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES—REDUCING PEER-TO-PEER PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Reducing Peer-To-Peer Piracy (P2P) on University Campuses: A Progress Update.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3824, amended, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005; H.R. 1129, amended, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2383, To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C. W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant;" H.R. 2875, amended, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005; H.R. 3351, amended, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005; and S. 1339, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2005.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

PREDICTING HURRICANES: WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT KATRINA AND WHEN

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Predicting Hurricanes: What We Knew About Katrina and When." Testimony was heard from the following officials of National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce: BG David L. Johnson, USAF (Ret.), Director, and Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 939)

H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-66)

H.R. 3668, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-67)

H.R. 3672, to provide assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-68)

S. 252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-69)

S. 264, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-70)

S. 276, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: S. 260 and H.R. 2018, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 26 through October 1, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the nomination of Mr. Roberts (listed above), with a vote expected to occur on confirmation of the nomination. Also, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 26, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to markup H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 27, to hold hearings to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 28, to hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 27, to hold hearings to examine S.1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the grazing