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The House agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H9987–88**

The Chair appointed conferees: Messrs. Knollenberg, Wolf, Rogers of Kentucky, Tiahrt, Mrs. Northup, Messrs. Aderholt, Sweeney, Culberson, Regula, Lewis of California, Olver, Hoyer, Pastor, Ms. Kilpatrick of Michigan, Messrs. Clyburn, Rothman, and Obey. **Page H9988**

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages H9988–90**

Tabling the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3010: Agreed to table the Obey motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 573. **Pages H9989–90**

Later, the Chair appointed conferees: Messrs. Regula, Istook, Wicker, Mrs. Northup, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Granger, Messrs. Peterson of Pennsylvania, Sherwood, Weldon of Florida, Walsh, Lewis of California, Obey, Hoyer, Mrs. Lowey, Ms. DeLauro, Messrs. Jackson of Illinois, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and Ms. Roybal-Allard. **Page H9992**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10039–41.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H9989–90, H9990, H9991, and H9991–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS PLAN ASSESSMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “Assessing the National Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan.” Testimony was heard from Michael O. Levitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING—FEDERAL SUPPORT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk

Assessment held a hearing entitled “Federal Support for Homeland Security Information Sharing: The Role of the Information Sharing Program Manager.” Testimony was heard from John Russack, Information Sharing Program Manager, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; former Representative Lee Hamilton, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part I. Testimony was heard from Brad Schlozman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Rebecca Vigil-Giron, Secretary of State, New Mexico; and public witnesses.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3552, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Tuggle, Acting Special Assistant to the Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson and Visclosky.

CONFERENCE REPORT—SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Mollohan.

SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives King of Iowa, Gohmert, Jackson-Lee of Texas, McCarthy, and Cuellar.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing entitled “The Small Business Innovation Research Program—Open Doors to New Technology.” Testimony was heard from Calvin Jenkins, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; Frank Ramos, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; James Decker, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Norka Ruiz Bravo, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA; and Joseph Hennessey, Senior Advisor, Industrial Innovation Program, Small Business Innovation Research, NSF.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine agricultural transportation and energy issues, 10:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Business Transformation and Financial Management Accountability, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine energy pricing and profits, focusing on record prices of oil, gasoline, and natural gas and factors affecting those prices, issues relating to global demand, resource development strategies and windfall profits taxes, and the effectiveness of federal and state consumer protection laws to prevent occurrences of price gouging during supply disruptions, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine issues regarding a comprehensive and integrated approach to meet the water resources needs of coastal Louisiana in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including storm and flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration and navigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Avian influenza preparation issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Ross Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Carol van Voorst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, and Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume oversight hearings to examine the Federal security clearance process, focusing on Office of Personnel Management's plan to address the backlog of security clearance investigations, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the use of cameras in the courtroom, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.