

To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act: H.R. 326, amended, to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and for other purposes.”

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Federal Youth Coordination Act: H.R. 856, to establish a Federal Youth Development Council to improve the administration and coordination of Federal programs serving youth, by a ye-and-nay vote of 353 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 588; and

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Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and reaffirming support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act so that all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment: H. Con. Res. 288, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and reaffirming support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act so that all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, November 16th.

Child Medication Safety Act of 2005: H.R. 1790, amended, to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance or a psychotropic drug in order to attend school.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President whereby he notified the Congress of his intention to enter into an agreement with the European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan on tariff treatment for multi-chip integrated

products—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–70).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10166.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H10187–88, H10188–89 and H10189. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE LITIGATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review recent litigation on Forest Service firefighting and forest health efforts. Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3889, Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act.

TRADE IN SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing on Increasing Efficiency and Economic Growth Through Trade in Financial Services. Testimony was heard from Christine Bliss, Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Services and Investment; Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

GULF WAR VETERANS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security. Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining VA Implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998.” Testimony was heard from James P. O’Callaghan, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Susan Mather, M.D., Chief Officer, Public Health and Environmental Hazards, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY INTERESTS— ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration and Oversight held a hearing entitled “CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests? Part 2” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert L. Ashbaugh, Assistant Inspector General, Inspections and Special Reviews; and Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary, Policy.

RESOLUTION—SENSE OF CONGRESS— RUSSIAN FEDERATION—PROTECT ALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES; INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 190, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on In Defense of Human Dignity: The 2005 International Religious Freedom Report. Testimony was heard from John V. Hanford III, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Michael Cromartie, Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 284, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt; H. Res. 438, amended, Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East; H. Con. Res. 275, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and H. Res. 535, Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Voting Rights Act: Sections 6 and 8—Federal Examiner and

Observer Programs. Testimony was heard from Nancy Randa, Associate Director, Talent Services, Human Resources Products and Services Division, OPM; Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief and Acting Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL JURISDICTION CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Federal Jurisdiction Clarification Act. Testimony was heard from Janet C. Hall, Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

U.S. BOXING COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H. R. 1065, United States Boxing Commission Act, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and 20 minutes 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 in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, which 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 amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stearns and Rush.

AMTRAK—CURRENT GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Current Governance Issues at Amtrak. Testimony was heard

from Jeffrey A. Rosen, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; the following officials of AMTRAK: David M. Laney, Chairman of the Board; and David Hughes, Acting President and CEO; and David Gunn, former President and CEO, AMTRAK.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION—TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4297, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Conferees met on Monday, November 14, 2005, to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1200)

H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 14, 2005. (Public Law 109-102).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 467, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, an original bill entitled "Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005", and the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine protecting the

consumer from flooded and salvage vehicle fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:15 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine transportation fuels of the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the new currency of foreign policy, focusing on the high costs of crude, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how government can learn from the private sector's response to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine The Streamlined Procedures Act relating to habeas reform, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to creating new Federal judgeships, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review issues related to the prevention, detection, and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on U.S. Immigration Policy and Its Impact on the American Economy, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Fair Use: Its Effects on Consumers and Industry," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Superfund Laws and Animal Agriculture," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3422, Small Public Housing Authority Act; H.R. 2695, Safe Housing Identity Exception for the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims Act; the Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2005; the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005; and H.R. 3505, Financial Services, Regulatory Relief Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Addressing Seniors' Housing Needs," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 3934, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the "Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office;" H.R. 4101, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building;" H.R. 4107, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building;" H.R. 4108, To designate the facility of