

Recess: The House recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m. **Page H10816**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yealand-nay vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 906, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110-346. **Pages H10816-85**

H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yealand-nay vote of 215 yeas to 199 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 904, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yealand-nay vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 903. **Pages H10803-15**

Earlier, agreed to the McGovern motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised by Representative Rogers (MI) by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 902. **Page H10804**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10885.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yealand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10773, H10774, H10774-75, H10775-76, H10801-02, H10802, H10802-03, H10804, H10814-15, H10815, H10816, H10885, and H10885-86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Safety of Imported Foods. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: David Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection; and Stephen Soloman, D.V.M., Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Regional Operations; the former officials of the FDA: Benjamin England, Counsel to the Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; and Carl R. Nielsen, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs' Division of Import Operations and Policy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch appropriations held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect: Stephen Ayers Acting Architect; Ken Lauziere, Fire Marshal; and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

FROM IMUS TO INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

PEPFAR REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APEC 2007: ADVANCING U.S. EXPORT TO ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region. Testimony was heard from Patricia Haslach, Senior Official, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Department of State; and Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—ANTITRUST AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy held an oversight hearing on Antitrust Agencies: Department of Justice Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition. Testimony was heard from Deborah

Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; and Thomas O. Barnett, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

MORTGAGE MESS—STRAIGHTENING OUT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Straightening Out the Mortgage Mess: How Can We Protect Home Ownership and Provide Relief to Consumers in Financial Distress? Testimony was heard from Judge Marilyn Morgan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, State of California; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EMPLOYMENT SECTION CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on the Employment Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Asheesh Agarwal, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2405, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act; H.R. 2884, amended, Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act; H.R. 1512, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; and H.R. 1312, Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 2498, To provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner; and H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Quint, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Will NIEHS' new priorities protect public health? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGAN DONATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Organ Donation: Utilizing Public Policy and Technology to Strengthen Organ Donor Programs. Testimony was heard from James Burdick, M.D., Director, Division of Transplantation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

POPCORN WORKERS LUNG DISEASE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, with one member voting present, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2693, Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clause 10 of Rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. 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 this 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller and Representatives Woolsey, and Wilson of South Carolina.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.J. Res. 52, Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule also provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the joint resolution to a time designated by the Speaker and tables House Resolution 659. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Revisiting the Industrial Technologies Program (ITP): Achieving Industrial Efficiency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY CHALLENGE—SOCIAL SCIENCES CONTRIBUTION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Contribution of the Social Sciences to the Energy Challenge. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMANCIPATION HALL—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on H.R. 3515, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jackson of Illinois and Wamp.

RAIL COMPETITION AND SERVICE

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing Rail Competition and Service. Testimony was heard from Senator Dorgan; the following officials of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation: Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; W. Douglas Buttrey, Vice Chairman; and Francis P. Mulvey, Board Member; Kenneth C. Clayton, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

BOARD OF VA ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Board of Veterans' Appeals Adjudication Process and the Appeals Management Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Arnold Russo, Director, Appeals Management Center; and James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VA POLYTRAUMA REHAB CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers: Management Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Elizabeth J. Freeman, Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Operations and Management.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL ON U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

EXAMINE WHETHER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS SERVE NEEDS OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Examine Whether Charitable Organizations Serve the Needs of Diverse Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President's supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.