

to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs; and
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Congratulating Fort Detrick: H. Con. Res. 271, amended, congratulating Fort Detrick on 60 years of service to the United States.
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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Concurrent resolution congratulating Fort Detrick, Maryland, on 60 years of service to the Nation.”
Pages H9060–61

Department of the Interior Appropriations—Motion to go to Conference: Agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.
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The House agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 165 nays, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 527.
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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Kolbe, Nethercutt, Wamp, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Sherwood, Crenshaw, Young of Florida, Dicks, Murtha, Moran of Virginia, Hinchey, Olver, and Obey.
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Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 12:41 p.m.
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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Case motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 528.
Pages H9062–67, H9072

Later Representative Flake announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.
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Representative Bishop of New York also announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.
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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Davis of Alabama motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a ye-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 529.
Pages H9067–73

Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Inslee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003.
Pages H9073–74

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.
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Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H9035.

Senate Referrals: S. 1680 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1261 was referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce.
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Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW MANDATORY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review mandatory country of origin labeling. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2898, amended, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003; H.R. 3140, amended, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; and H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas with respect to matters involved in, related to, or arising from the Committee’s investigation of the HealthSouth Corporation.

REMITTANCES: REDUCING COSTS, INCREASING COMPETITION, AND BROADENING ACCESS TO MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Remittances: Reducing Costs, Increasing Competition, and Broadening Access to the Market.” Testimony was heard from Wayne Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

CHINA’S EXCHANGE RATE REGIME—EFFECTS ON U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “China’s Exchange Rate Regime and its Effects on the U.S. Economy.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Green of Wisconsin and English; John Taylor, Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Grant Aldonis, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HUMAN CAPITAL SUCCESSION PLANNING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Human Capital Succession Planning: How the Federal Government Can Get a Workforce to Achieve Results.” Testimony was

heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Dan. G. Blair, Deputy Director, OPM; David J. O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Administration and Resources Management, EPA; Vicki A. Novak, Assistant Administrator, Human Resources and Chief Human Capital Officer, NASA; William H. Campbell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Long Arm of the Law: How Are Fugitives Avoiding Extradition, and How Can We Bring Them to Justice?" Testimony was heard from Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Samuel Witten, Deputy Legal Advisor, Legal Bureau, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE HIGH COST—ARE PATIENTS NEEDLESSLY SUFFERING?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Dying for Help: Are Patients Needlessly Suffering Due to the High Cost of Medical Liability Insurance?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of GAO: Kathryn G. Allen, Director, Health Care—Medicaid and Private Health Insurance Issues; and Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; Dick Thornburgh, former Attorney General; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SECURITY OF INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census met in executive session to hold an oversight hearing entitled "Security of Industrial Control Systems in Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from Robert Dacey, Director, IT Security, GAO; Denise Swink, Acting Director, Energy Assurance Office, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

TURKEY'S FUTURE DIRECTION AND U.S.-TURKEY RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Turkey's Future Direction and U.S.-Turkey Relations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing on Human Rights

in Burma: Fifteen Years Post Military Coup—Part I. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—STREAMLINED SALES AND USE TAX AGREEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on "The Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement: States' Efforts to Facilitate Sales Tax Collection from Remote Vendors." Testimony was heard from Bill Owens, Governor, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

CLEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR CRIMINAL ALIEN REMOVAL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2671, Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 313, Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102-562; H.R. 1899, Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 2766, amended, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2003.

The Committee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 151, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assist Secretary for Indian Health; and H.R. 2440, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representative Nethercutt; Michel Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRY'S EFFECTS ON U.S. ECONOMY AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a joint hearing on Federal Prison Industry's Effects on the U.S. Economy and the Small Business Environment. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoekstra; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 587, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to add Ash-tabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties, Ohio, to the Appalachian region; H.R. 1274, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal court-house in that county; H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building;” H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; H.R. 3181, Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 3198, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the following: a Building Project Survey Resolution; and U.S. Army Corps Survey Resolutions.

OVERSIGHT—CLEANING UP THE WASTE AT EPA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Cleaning Up the Waste at EPA: Phase II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Melissa M. Heist, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Morris X. Winn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management; and Don S. Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region 3: Mid-Atlantic Region; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Environmental Issues, GAO.

AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FRAUD—IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Identification Documents Fraud and the Implications for Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Policy Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John Pistole, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism, FBI; Paul J. McNulty, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia; and Roscoe C. Howard, Jr., U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia; Ronald D. Malfi, Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Joseph R. Carico, Chief Deputy Attorney General, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1068)

H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108–87).

H.R. 3087, 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 September 30, 2003. (Public Law 108–88).

H.R. 3146, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs. Signed on October 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–89).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Public Law 107–204) and restoring investor confidence, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine media ownership, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, S. 1313, to establish the Congaree Swamp National Park in the State of South Carolina, S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a grant for the construction of a statue of Harry S Truman at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, and S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy, S. Res. 230, calling on the People’s Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer, S. Res. 231, commending the Government and people of Kenya, and the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Randall L. Tobias, of Indiana, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador, W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Director