

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

General of the Foreign Service, William Cabaniss, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, David L. Lyon, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, Roderick R. Paige, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and a Foreign Service Service Officer promotion list received in the Senate on February 25, 2003, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges for U.S. policy to Cuba, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of C. Suzanne Mencer, of Colorado, to be the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to examine National Institutes of Health management of biomedical research to prevent and cure disease in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1438, to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review crop insurance for specialty crop producers, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Administration's Fiscal Year Supplemental Request for Iraq and Afghanistan, 3 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the U.S. Joint Forces Command on operational lessons from Operation Iraqi Freedom, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 992, Union Members Right-to-Know

Act; H.R. 993, Labor Management Accountability Act; and H.R. 994, Union Member Information Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government, to consider the following: H. Con. Res. 264, authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi; and H.J. Res. 70, recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years in their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government; followed by a hearing on "Entrepreneurial Government Run Amok? A Review of FTS/FSS Organizational and Management Challenges," 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Liberia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Human Rights, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to continue joint hearings on Human Rights in Burma: Fifteen Years Post Military Coup, Part II, 8:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2517, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003; and H.R. 2824, Internet Tobacco Sales Enforcement Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 885, Arizona Water Settlements Act; and H.R. 1753, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the impact of the nursing shortage on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Iraq Weapons of Mass Destruction Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

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