

Committee Meetings

COUNTY SCHOOLS FUNDING REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2389, County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

FIXING OUR SCHOOLS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Fixing Our Schools From the Bottom Up, State, Local and Private Reform Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Senator Voinovich; Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Jeb Bush, Governor, State of Florida; Dwight Evans, member of the Legislature, State of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS ENERGY MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003; and H.R. 2531, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the following: Reauthorization of Expiring Energy Policy and Conservation Act Programs; and on the Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments. Testimony was heard from Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

BLOOD SAFETY AND AVAILABILITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Blood Safety and Availability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas Roslewicz, Deputy Inspector General, Audit Services; and Joe Green, Assistant Deputy, Audit Services; and public witnesses.

FIGHTING PROSTATE CANCER

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Fighting Prostate Cancer: Are We Doing Enough? Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham; former Senator Robert Dole of Kansas; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 292, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the referendum in East Timor, calling on the Government of Indonesia to assist in the termination of the current civil unrest and violence in East Timor, and supporting a United Nations Security Council-endorsed multinational force for East Timor; H. Res. 181, condemning the kidnapping and murder by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC) of 3 United States citizens, Ingrid Washinawatok, Terence Freitas, and Lahe'ena'e Gay; H.R. 2608, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to clarify the definition of "major drug-transit country" under the international narcotics control program; H.J. Res. 65, amended, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge; H. Con. Res. 187, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengineered aircraft; and H. Res. 297, amended, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Taiwan on September 21, 1999.

OVERSIGHT—INDEPENDENT COUNSEL—ABUSES OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Abuses of Individual Rights by Independent Counsel. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATES' CHOICE OF VOTING SYSTEMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1173, States' Choice of Voting Systems Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; Anita Hodgkiss, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

PRISON INDUSTRIES REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2496, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; H.R. 2821, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North

American Wetlands Conservation Council; and H.R. 1775, Estuary Habitat Restoration Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell; the following officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior: Tom Melius, Assistant Director, External Affairs; and Gary D. Frazer, Assistant Director, Ecological Services; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Richard Ribb, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, Department of Environmental Management, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 382, Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility; H.R. 1725, Miwaketa Park Expansion Act; and H.R. 2737, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before October 1, 1999, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before October 1, 1999, providing for consideration of any conference report to accompany a bill making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

SPACE SHUTTLE SAFETY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Shuttle Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Frederick D. Gregory, Associate Administrator, Safety and Mission Assurance; and William F.

Readdy, Deputy Associate Administrator, Space Flight; and a public witness.

SMALL MANUFACTURING AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Small Manufacturing and the Challenges of the New Millennium. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures:

H. Con. Res. 187, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengined aircraft; and H.R. 2910, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—FRAUD AND MISMANAGEMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on fraud and mismanagement in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; and Edward A. Powell, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Management.

OVERSIGHT—CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing of the Child Support Enforcement Program. Testimony was heard from Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Nick Young, Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, State of Virginia; Marilyn Ray Smith, Associate Deputy Commissioner and Chief Legal Counsel, Child Support Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue, State of Massachusetts; Teresa L. Kaiser, Executive Director, Child Support Enforcement Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; Barbara L. Saunders, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, State of Ohio; Alisha Griffin, Assistant Director, Office of Child Support and Paternity Programs, Division of Family Development, State of New Jersey; Robert Doar, Deputy Commissioner and Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of

Temporary and Disability Assistance, State of New York; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 900/H.R. 10, bills to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to continue markup of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 202, Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens and Families into the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protections, to mark up

H.R. 1832, Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Federal Prison Industries: Recommendations for Reforms, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Examining the Drug Threat Along the Southwest Border, 9:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the Status of the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Conversion Compliance and Technology Improvement Plan, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the Patten Commission Report on Policing in Northern Ireland, 9:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up a measure to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions to fully allow the non-refundable personal credit against regular tax liabilities, 11 a.m., H-208 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.