

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CURRENT DOD ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on current Department of Defense activities from Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, J-2, Intelligence Directorate, The Joint Staff; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, USMC, Director, J-3, Operations Directorate, The Joint Staff.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., United States Army, to be a Member and President, and Brig. Gen. Carl A. Strock, United States Army, to be a Member, both of the Mississippi River Commission, Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, P.H. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be Federal Co-chairperson, Delta Regional Authority, Marianne Lamont Horinko, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, Michael Parker, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Johnson was introduced by Senator Cochran.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Mattie R. Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Kevin Joseph McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INDIA/PAKISTAN SANCTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on India and Pakistan sanctions from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

HOMELAND THREATS RESPONSE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks, after receiving testimony from former Senators Gary Hart and Warren B. Rudman, both on behalf of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and L. Paul Bremer III, Washington, D.C., former Ambassador-at-Large for Counter-Terrorism, and Virginia Governor James S. Gilmore III, Richmond, both on behalf of the Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 2903–2922, 2924–2943; 1 private bill, H.R. 2923; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 232–235 and H. Res. 240, 241, 243, were introduced. **Pages H5925–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 203, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide reg-

ulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, amended (H. Rept. 107–210);

H.R. 2538, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians (H. Rept. 107–211);

H.R. 2666, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical

entrepreneurship development program (H. Rept. 107–212);

H.R. 1860, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, amended (H. Rept. 107–213, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 244, providing for consideration of H.R. 2926, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system (H. Rept. 107–214).
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Military Construction, Family Housing, and Base Realignment Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 344.
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Earlier, agreed to consider the bill by unanimous consent order.
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Recess: The House recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 5:44 p.m.
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Air Transportation System Stabilization Act: The House passed H.R. 2926, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 54 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 348.
Pages H5894–H5918

Rejected the DeFazio motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back to the House with amendments that require air carriers to provide health insurance for 18 months to laid off airline employees and requires the FAA to conduct security screening of air passengers and property at airports by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 347.
Pages H5915–18

The House agreed to H. Res. 244, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 346. Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 242, the rule providing for same day consideration of this rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 345.
Pages H5875–83, H5884–93

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 24, 2001.
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Meeting Hour Monday, Sept. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 for morning hour debate.
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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 26.
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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5918–19.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H5929.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H5875, H5883, H5893, H5917–18, and H5918. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE DRUG REIMBURSEMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Medicare Drug Reimbursements: A Broken System for Patients and Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General; Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Ezekiel Emanuel, Chief, Clinical Bioethics Department, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, NIH; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action, as amended the following bills: H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 2871, Export-Import Reauthorization Act of 2001.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING ACT; MASS TRANSIT—NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2305, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2001.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on “Mass Transit in the National Capital Region: Meeting Future Capital Needs.” Testimony was heard from JayHetta Hecher, Director, Physical Infrastructure