

Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Children, Youth, and Family Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Daub was introduced by Senators Ben Nelson and Hagel.

AID TO AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism and the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded joint hearings to examine U.S. efforts to deliver humanitarian relief to alleviate hunger and meet other critical needs in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Alan Kreczko, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; Leonard Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, and Bernd McConnell, Director of Central Asian Task Force, both of the United States Agency for International Development; and Joel Charny, Refugees International, Mark Bartolini, International Rescue Committee, and George Devendorf, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the payment and coverage policies of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for ambulance services, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura A. Dummit, Director, Health Care—Medicare Payment Issues, General Accounting Office; Mark D. Lindquist, St. Mary's Regional Health Center, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; Gary L. Wingrove, Gold Cross Ambulance/Mayo Medical Transport/Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Rochester, Minnesota, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association; Mark D. Meijer, Life EMS Ambulance Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the American Ambulance Association; James N. Pruden, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine, Paterson, New Jersey, on behalf of the NJ EMS Coalition; Lori Moore, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, D.C.; and John Sinclair, Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3297–3309; and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; H. Con. Res. 270–271 were introduced. **Pages H8247–48**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

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 African Development Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, amended (H. Rept. 107–291); and

H.R. 2871, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 107–292).

H. Res. 289, providing for consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act (H. Rept. 107–293);

H. Res. 290, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–294); and

H. Res. 291, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–295). **Page H8247**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Iman Yahya Hendi, Muslim Chaplain of Georgetown University. **Page H8183**

H. Res. 286, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H8217**

Resolutions Reported from the Committee on Rules: Agreed to lay the following resolutions on the table: H. Res. 179, 182, 217, 220, 236, 237, 258, 267, and 268. **Page H8189**

Retirement Security Advice Act: The House passed H.R. 2269, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets by a recorded vote of 280 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 442.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 107–289 was considered as adopted. **Page H8191**

Rejected the Andrews amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 107–289 and made in order by the rule by a yeas-and-nays vote of 180 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 441. **Page H8214**

Earlier agreed to the unanimous consent request by Representative Fletcher notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker on this legislative day

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H. Res. 288, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:39 p.m. **Page H8213**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Tuesday, Nov. 13. **Page H8215**

Urging Expedited Assistance to Children Affected by the Terrorist Attacks on September 11:

H. Con. Res. 228, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the children who lost one or both parents or a guardian in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania) should be provided with all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urging the heads of Federal agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to give the highest possible priority to providing such assistance, services and benefits to those children (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 443. Agreed to amend the title);

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Best Pharmaceuticals for Children: H.R. 2887, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 338 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 444); and

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Time in Schools for Prayer or Reflection Against the Forces of International Terrorism: H. Con. Res. 239, expressing the sense of Congress that schools in

the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 297 yeas to 125 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 445).

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Sudan Peace Act—Request A Conference: The House passed S. 180, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 2052, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, as passed the House. H.R. 2052 was then laid on the table. Subsequently, the House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Gilman, Smith of New Jersey, Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, Tancredo, Lantos, Berman, Payne, and McKinney. For consideration of sections 8 and 9 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Baker, Bachus, LaFalce, and Frank. **Pages H8217–19**

Making Continuing Appropriations for FY 2001: The House passed H.J. Res. 74, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 through December 7, 2001. The joint resolution was considered by unanimous consent. **Pages H8219–27**

Presidential Message—Arctic Research Plan: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the seventh biennial revision (2002–2006) to the United States Arctic Research Plan referred to the Committee on Science. **Page H8227**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8249

Senate messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8213, H8217.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8214, H8214–15, H8215, H8216, H8216–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 7:45 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Committee Meetings

**BUENA VISTA WATERSHED PROPOSAL;
USDA BIOSECURITY PROGRAMS**

Committee on Agriculture: Approved the Buena Vista Watershed Proposal.