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#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Hector V. Barreto, Jr., Administrator, SBA, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

#### SBA BUDGET

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2003 for the Small Business Administration, focusing on the 7(a) Guaranty Loan Program, 504 Loan Program, and the Microloan Program, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Jr., Administrator, Small Business Administration; Anthony R. Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc., Stillwater, Oklahoma; Christopher L. Crawford, National Association of Development Companies, McLean, Virginia; Alan Corbet, Growth

Opportunity Connection, Kansas City, Missouri; Amanda C. Zinn, Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; and Donald Wilson, Association of Small Business Development Centers, Burke, Virginia.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE SHORTAGE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the growing lack of medical professionals trained to treat the elderly and a related proposal to expand medical residency training programs in geriatrics, after receiving testimony from Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research, Washington, D.C.; Charles A. Cefalu, Louisiana State University, New Orleans, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society and the Louisiana Geriatrics Society; Claudia J. Beverly, Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging, Little Rock, Arkansas; Michael C. Martin, Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy, Alexandria, Virginia; and Stephen Bzdok, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 3799–3817; and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 335–337, and H. Res. 352 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph F. Sica, Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

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**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 48 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 41.

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**Member Sworn—1st District of Oklahoma:** Representative-elect John Sullivan presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. Earlier, read a letter from the Honorable Mike Hunter, Secretary of State, State

of Oklahoma, who certified the election results of the Special General Election held on January 8, 2002 for the Office of United States House of Representatives District 1 vacated by the resignation of Representative Steve Largent.

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**Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act:** The House passed H.R. 1542, to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, by a recorded vote of 273 yeas to 157 noes, Roll No. 45.

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Agreed to the Markey motion, as amended by Buyer, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment that guarantees access to consumers for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs). The amendment consisted of the text of Buyer amendment No. 3 printed in Part B of H. Rept. 107–361 made in order by the

rule as a substitute to amendment No. 2 of the report. Subsequently, Chairman Tauzin reported the bill back with the amendment, and it was agreed to.

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Earlier, by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 44, the House failed to order the previous question on the Markey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment that sought to preserve existing rules relating to the rates, charges, terms, and conditions for the purchasing or leasing of telecommunications services and network elements by competitive telecommunications carriers. The amendment consisted of the text of amendment No. 2 printed in Part B of H. Rept. 107–361 made in order by the rule but not offered by Representative Cannon or his designee.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of H.Rept. 107–361 was considered as adopted.

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Agreed To:

Upton amendment No. 1, printed in Part B of H. Rept. 107–361, that strengthens FCC enforcement authority by increasing the forfeiture penalties cap for all common carriers who violate telecommunications law from \$1.2 million to \$10 million, increasing the fine per violation cap from \$120,000 to \$1 million, doubles these amounts for repeat offenders, doubles the statute of limitations for the FCC to bring enforcement actions against carriers from one year to two years and gives it the authority to issue cease and desist orders, and requires the FCC to evaluate the impact of these increased remedies within one year after enactment (agreed to by recorded vote of 421 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 43).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Agreed to H. Res. 350, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 282 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 42.

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**Presidential Message—National Emergency re Cuba:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his notice which states that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2002 referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–182).

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H564.

**Referrals:** S. 1857 was held at the desk. **Page H564**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H564, H574, H601, H605, H608. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on NRE/Natural Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Pearlie S. Reed, Chief, and Brenda Thomas, Acting Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, both with Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: Mike Parker, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief; Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, Deputy Commanding General for Civil Works; Rob Vining, Chief, Program Management Division, Directorate of Civil Works; Brig. Gen. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., and Cecil Bryant, both with Mississippi Valley Division; Brig. Gen. Steven R. Hawkins; and Gerald W. Barnes, both with Great Lakes and Ohio River Division; Brig. Gen. Stephen Rhoades, and Lawrence Petrocino, both with North Atlantic Division; Brig..