

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for energy and water development programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Jessie H. Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and David Garman, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for Department of the Treasury, focusing on the United States Customs Service, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, and Jimmy Gurule, Under Secretary for Enforcement, both of the Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2039, to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1220, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for the rehabilitation, preservation, or improvement of railroad track, with amendments;

S. 1739, to authorize grants to improve security on over-the-road buses;

S. 1750, to make technical corrections to the HAZMAT provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1871, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a rail transportation security risk assessment, with amendments;

H.R. 2546, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is

providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, with amendments; and

The nominations of Vice Admiral Thad W. Allen, to be Chief of Staff, Rear Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, to be Vice Admiral, Vice Commandant, Rear Admiral James D. Hull, to be Vice Admiral, Commander, Atlantic Area, and Rear Admiral Terry M. Cross, to be Vice Admiral, Commander, Pacific Area, all of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings on S. 1441/H.R. 695, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area, S. 1526, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, S. 1638, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1809/H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas, S. 1939, to establish the Great Basin National Heritage Area, Nevada and Utah, and S. 2033, to authorize appropriations for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid, Cleland, Santorum, and Chafee; Brenda Barrett, National Coordinator for Heritage Areas, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; James Baker, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, St. Genevieve; Denys M. Koyle, Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, Baker, Nevada; Ronald E. Shoup, Oil City Area Chamber of Commerce, Oil City, Pennsylvania; and Kelly Jordan, Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance, Lithonia, Georgia.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine corporate governance and executive compensation, focusing on non-qualified deferred compensation, split dollar life insurance, and stock based compensation, receiving testimony from Senators Levin and Enzi; Carolyn Kay Brancato, The Conference Board, Ira T. Kay, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, and John H. Biggs, TIAA-CREF, all of New York, New York; Sarah Teslik, Council of Institutional Investors, Washington, D.C.; Robert C. Pozen, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Kathryn J. Kennedy, John Marshall Law School Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits, Chicago, Illinois; and Mark G. Heesen, National Venture Capital Association, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on issues relating to the threat of nuclear or radiological terrorism from representatives of the intelligence community.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS FOR TERRORISM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of public health preparedness for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, including federal efforts to coordinate and communicate with public health and law enforcement agencies in the event of a terrorist attack with public health implications, and certain budgetary requirements to implement homeland security measures, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Margaret A. Hamburg, Nuclear Threat Initiative, and Thomas L. Milne, National Association of County and City Health Officials, both of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas V. Inglesby, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies.

WORKPLACE INJURY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine workplace injury issues, focusing on musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) and ergonomics, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Jacqueline Nowell, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Washington, D.C.; Paul A. Fontana, Fontana Center for Work Rehabilitation, Inc., Lafayette, Louisiana; and Melody Purvis, Indianapolis, Indiana.

ALASKA NATIVE SUBSISTENCE AND FISHING RIGHTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Wednesday, April 17, committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and the status of the exercise of subsistence hunting and fishing rights by Alaska Natives in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Rosita Worl, Sealaska Heritage Institute, on behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and Gordon Jackson, Southeast Alaska Intertribal Fish and Wildlife Commission, both of Juneau, Alaska; Robert T. Anderson, University of Washington Native American Law Center, Seattle; Andy Golia, Bristol Bay Native Association, Dillingham, Alaska; Arthur Lake, Association of Village Council Presidents, Bethel, Alaska; George Yaska, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska; Charles Johnson, Alaska Nanuuq Commis-

sion, Nome; Mike Williams, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, and Jeanine Kennedy, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., both of Anchorage; Mary Pete, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Washington, D.C.; and Mitch Demientieff, Federal Subsistence Board, Nenana, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H. Con. Res. 243, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be presented to the public safety officers who have perished and select other public safety officers who deserve special recognition for outstanding valor above and beyond the call of duty in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001;

S. Con. Res. 66, to express the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be awarded to public safety officers killed in the line of duty in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

S. Con. Res. 75, to express the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be presented to public safety officers killed or seriously injured as a result of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and to those who participated in the search, rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of those attacks;

S. 864, to express the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be presented to public safety officers killed or seriously injured as a result of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and to those who participated in the search, rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of those attacks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jeffrey R. Howard, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Percy Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Michael M. Baylson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, William C. Griesbach, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, Joan E. Lancaster, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Cynthia M. Rufe, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, John F. Walter, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California,

Mary Ann Solberg, of Michigan, to be Deputy Director, and Barry D. Crane, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, both of the National Drug Control Policy, and Frank DeArmon

Whitney, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Debra W. Yang, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 4481–4539; 4 private bills, H.R. 4540–4543; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–384 and H. Res. 391–394, were introduced. **Pages H1482–84**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ronald S. Escalante, Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, April 17 by a ye and nay vote of 369 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 99.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act: The House agreed to the Smith of Michigan motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, an act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, to agree to the provisions contained in section 169(a) of the Senate amendment, relating to payment limitations for commodity programs; and to insist upon an increase in funding for conservation programs, in effect as of January 1, 2002, that are extended by title II of the Senate amendment; and research programs that are amended or established by title VII of the House bill or title VII of the Senate amendment by a ye and nay vote of 265 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 100. The motion was debated on Wednesday, April 17.

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Tax Relief Guarantee Act of 2002: By a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 103, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 586, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies with an amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 107–412. The title was amended to as to read: "A bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to make permanent the tax reductions enacted by the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and to protect tax-

payers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service."

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Agreed to H. Res. 390, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendment by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 102. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 219 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 101.

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Late Report: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Monday, April 22 to file a report on H.R. 3231, Immigration Reform and Accountability Act. **Page H1453**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cooksey wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1453**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 391, electing Representative Wilson of South Carolina to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and Representative Sullivan to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1453**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of April 22nd. **Pages H1452–53**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 22. **Page H1453**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, April 22, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 for morning hour debate. **Page H1453**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 24. **Page H1453**

Motions to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act: The House completed debate on the Dooley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2646, an act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, to agree to the provisions contained in section 335 of the Senate amendment, relating to agricultural trade with Cuba. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair postponed the vote on the motion. **Pages H1453–62**