

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1701, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 4689, Fairness in Sentencing Act of 2002.

**ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTHY FORESTS—
MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

Committee on Resources: Met to discuss the Administration's Healthy Forests: An Initiative for Wildlife Prevention and Stronger Communities and to hold a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 5214, National Forest Fire Prevention Act; H.R. 5309, Wildlife Prevention and Forest Health Protection Act of 2002; and H.R. 5319, Healthy Forests Reform Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Representatives McInnis, Shadegg and Rehberg; Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior; and public witnesses.

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Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 282, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, terrorist attacks, or covert operations; H.R. 3747, Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study Act of 2002; H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes', to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site; and H.R. 5318, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaTourette, Inslee and Bishop; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service; and Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor, Bainbridge Island, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

DRIVER'S LICENSE SECURITY ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Driver's License Security Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BACK TO SCHOOL TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5193, Back to School Tax Relief Act of 2002.

Joint Meetings**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, focusing on personnel and strategic provisions, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, September 11.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

**Week of September 9 through September 14,
2002**

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Kenneth A. Marra, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, with a vote to occur thereon; following which, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5093, Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, and resume consideration of H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will also consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 9, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, with the Committee on Environment