

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Iraq, focusing on the Administration's proposal on the matter, receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings will resume on Monday, September 23.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine consumer financial privacy issues, focusing on related provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (P.L. 106–102), including opt-out provisions, limitations on sharing of account numbers, and favorable preemption standards, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch, St. Paul; Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell; North Dakota State Representative James M. Kasper, Fargo; Fred H. Cate, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington; John C. Dugan, Covington and Burling, on behalf of the Financial Services Coordinating Council, and Edmund Mierzwinski, on behalf of Consumer Action, Consumer Federation of America, Consumer Task Force on Automotive Issues, Consumers Union, Electronic Privacy Information Center, Identity Theft Resource Center, Junkbusters, Inc., Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, Private Citizen, Inc., U.S. Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; and Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum, St. Louis, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2949, to provide for enhanced aviation security, with amendments;

S. 2946, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005;

S. 2817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 for the National Science Foundation, with an amendment;

S. 2950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005, with an amendment;

S. 2951, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration;

S. 2550, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2608, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize the acquisition of coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from conversion or development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1989, to reauthorize various fishing conservation management programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2486, to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the United States Weather Research Program, to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to inland flood forecasting improvement;

S. 2862, to provide for the establishment of a scientific basis for new firefighting technology standards, improve coordination among Federal, State, and local fire officials in training for and responding to terrorist attacks and other national emergencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2945, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research;

H.R. 2733, to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work with major manufacturing industries on an initiative of standards development and implementation for electronic enterprise integration;

S.J. Res. 42, commending Sail Boston for its continuing advancement of the maritime heritage of nations, its commemoration of the nautical history of the United States, and its promotion, encouragement, and support of young cadets through training; and

The nominations of David McQueen Laney, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), Rebecca Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Roger P. Nober, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and certain nomination lists for promotion in the U.S. Coast Guard.

NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to hold hearings on S. 2623, to designate the Cedar

Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2640 and H.R. 321, bills to provide for adequate school facilities in Yosemite National Park, S. 2776, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, S. 2788, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota, S. 2880, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, H.R. 3786, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, and H.R. 3858, to modify the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey K. Taylor, Assistant Director, Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs, National Park Service, and Robert Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior; Dale Giese, Fort Bayard Historical Society, Silver City, New Mexico; Michael J. Hainer, New Mexico Department of Health, Fort Bayard; Max Stauffer, Bass Lake School District, Fish Camp, California; and Patricia L. Zontine, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine progress on project delivery and environmental streamlining issues under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), after receiving testimony from Emil H. Frankel, Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement, and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; Katherine Siggerud, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Carol Murray, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Concord; Kenneth Morefield, Florida Department of Transportation, Tallahassee; Emily Wadhams, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Montpelier; Hal Kassoff, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies; and Charles Hales, HDR Inc., Portland, Oregon.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Belize on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107-13), Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107-12), Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ireland on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107-9), Treaty Between the Government of the Republic of India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107-3), Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107-16), Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and of the Republic of Peru (Treaty Doc. No. 107-6), Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Treaty Doc. No. 107-4), Second Protocol Amending the Treaty on Extradition Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada, as amended (Treaty Doc. 107-11), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Honduras for the Return of Stolen, Robbed, or Embezzled Vehicles and Aircraft, with Annexes and a related exchange of notes (Treaty. Doc. No. 107-15), after receiving testimony from Samuel M. Witten, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Bruce C. Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to consider the nominations of C. William Swank, of Ohio, Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, Diane M. Ruebling, of California, and Samuel E. Ebbesen, of the Virgin Islands, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Wendy Jean Chamberlin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Nancy P. Jacklin, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Swank was introduced by Mr.

Voinovich, and Mr. Siegel was introduced by Representatives Wexler and Shaw.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald H. Clark, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Lawrence J. Block, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Antonio Candia Amador, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California.

Also, Committee began markup of S. 2480, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition, and Business and Consumer Rights concluded oversight hearings to examine the enforcement of the antitrust laws, focusing on en-

forcement activities to protect consumers and businesses and antitrust enforcement activities, after receiving testimony from Charles A. James, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

MEDICARE DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine disease management programs for Medicare patients, in order to improve the quality of medical care while controlling its costs, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Ruben J. King-Shaw, Jr., Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Sister Anthony Marie Greving, Area Agency on Aging, Pocatello, Idaho; John Rusche, Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, Lewiston; Alan Wright, AdvancePCS, Washington, D.C.; and Matthew A. Michela, American Healthways, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5409–5427; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 472–476 and H. Res. 538–542, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Sept. 18, H.R. 2748, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, amended (H. Rept. 107–662 Pt. 1);

H.R. 5410, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–663); and

S. 691, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California (H. Rept. 107–664). Page H6417

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Paul Smith, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York. Page H6375

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, Sept. 19 by a ye-and-nay vote of 329 yeas to 53 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 396. Page H6376

Rule Providing for Consideration of Resolutions

Urging Congressional Action: The House agreed to H. Res. 527, providing for consideration of (H. Res. 524) expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on the Permanent Death Tax Repeal Act of 2002, and for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 525) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the 107th Congress should complete action on and present to the President, before September 30, 2002, legislation extending and strengthening the successful 1996 welfare reforms by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 398. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 397. Pages H6376–83

Urging Congressional Action on Welfare Reform: The House agreed to H. Res. 525, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the 107th Congress should complete action on and

present to the President, before September 30, 2002, legislation extending and strengthening the successful 1996 welfare reforms by a ye-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 123 nays, Roll No. 400.

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Urging Congressional Action on Death Tax Repeal: The House agreed to H. Res. 524, expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on the Permanent Death Tax Repeal Act of 2002 by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 401. Pages H6393–H6403, H6403–04

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Sept. 18:

Contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities: H. Res. 523, recognizing the contributions of historically Black colleges and universities (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 399; and

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Achievements and Contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues: H. Con. Res. 337, recognizing the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues for their achievements, dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to baseball and the Nation (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 402). Pages H6404–05

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act: The House agreed to the Waters motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act, to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002, by a ye-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 403. The motion was debated on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Page H6405

Late Report—State Department Authorization: Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Monday, Sept. 23 to file a conference report on H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

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Legislative Program for the Week of Sept. 23: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 23. Pages H6406–07

Meeting Hour—Monday, Sept. 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23. **Page H6407**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Sept. 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 for morning hour debate. **Page H6407**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 25. **Page H6407**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Continuation of National Emergency re Terrorists: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–263); and **Page H6407**

National Emergency re Terrorists: Message wherein he transmitted the 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–264). **Page H6408**

Discharge Petition—Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals: Representative Thurman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1862) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals. **Page H6420**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6375.

Referrals: S. 1308 was referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 2127 was held at the desk. **Page H6416**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6376, H6382–83, H6383, H6384, H6403, H6404, H6404–05, and H6405. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROGRAM AND TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction Program and Technology Exports. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY—BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NEEDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness and the Subcommittee on Select Education held a joint hearing on Responding to the Needs of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a resolution that the Chairman of the full Committee with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority member may authorize and issue subpoenas to testify and subpoena duces tecum to any person or entity in respect of matters involved in, relating to, or arising from the Committees investigation of Global Crossing Ltd., Quest, and related entities.

TERRORIST FINANCING—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Terrorist Financing: A Progress Report on Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act." Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Kenneth Dam, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury and Alan Larson, Under Secretary, Economic and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State.

ECSTASY AND CLUB DRUGS—THREAT TO NATION'S YOUTH

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "Ecstasy and Club Drugs: A Growing Threat to the Nation's Youth." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Glen R. Hanson, D.D.S., Acting Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.