

Clark, National Wildlife Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel S. Miller, Colorado Department of Law, and Douglas Benevento, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, both of Denver; Ingrid Lindemann, Aurora Colorado, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Bonner Cohen, Lexington Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives;

S. 760, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, with an amendment;

S. 753, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court; and

The nominations of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of Treasury, and Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Harry A. Haines, of Montana, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for United States foreign assistance, focusing on security and economic assistance programs, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere, and development and expanding economies, after receiving testimony from William M. Bellamy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Charles P. Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the Western Hemisphere Affairs, all of the Department of State; and Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia,

Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, and E. Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, all of the United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Albert Casey, of Texas, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, who were both introduced by Senator Hutchison, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 719, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, with an amendment;

S. 389, to increase the supply of quality child care, with amendments;

S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearing to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Julia Davis-Wheeler, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Indian Health Board; and Don Kashevaroff, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1553–1578; 1 private bill, H.R. 1579; and 4 resolu-

tions, H.J. Res. 45; H. Con. Res. 135, and H. Res. 170–171, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108-55);

H.R. 1280, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, amended (H. Rept. 108-56); and

H. Res. 172, providing for consideration of H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 108-57). **Page H2702**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2589**

Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system by ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 98. **Pages H2603-25**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-50) and made in order by the order of the House of April 1. **Pages H2612-24**

Rejected the Ose amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of April 1 that sought to strike provisions increasing the deposit insurance amount from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing it to inflation; **Pages H2619-24**

Social Security Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, by recorded vote of 396 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 102. **Pages H2625-69**

Rejected the Green motion to recommit the bill to the committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment addressing the concerns of Federal, State, and local government employees about the government pension offset under title II of the Social Security Act by recorded vote of 203 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 101. **Pages H2667-68**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-46) was considered as adopted. **Page H2634**

Rejected the Green amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike section 418 that requires government employees to be covered by Social Security for their last 60 months of employment in order to be exempt from the Government Pension

Offset by ye-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 100. **Pages H2652-67**

H. Res. 168, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 99. **Pages H2591-H2603, H2625**

Recess: the House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:27 p.m. **Page H2669**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2589.

Referrals: S. 704, S. 711, S. 712, and S. 718 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H2701**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2704-06.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2624-25, H2625, H2666-67, H2668, and H2668-69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on GSA Building Cost Drivers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the