

House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act that was debated on July 16 by yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 390. Subsequently, the House debated the Bell motion, noted on July 16, to instruct conferees on the same bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. Earlier, Representative Van Hollen announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7023.

Referral: S. 555 and S. 558 were referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce, and S. 570 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7086.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7054–55, H7055, H7055–56, H7056–57, H7057, H7058, H7076, H7076–77, H7077–78, H7078, H7101–02, H7102, H7102–03, H7105, and H7105–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:53 a.m. on Friday, July 18.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH INSURANCE CERTIFICATE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Health Insurance Certificate Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW DOE'S RADIOACTIVE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE CLEANUP PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Review of DOE's Radioactive High-Level Waste Cleanup Program." Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Jesse Roberson, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Michael Wilson, Program Director, Nuclear and Mixed Waste Program, Department of Ecology,

State of Washington; and David Wilson, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, State of South Carolina.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2548, amended, Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act of 2003; and H.R. 2746, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building."

"A NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT: IS IT GOOD FOR SENIORS?"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on "A New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Is it Good for Seniors?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Gutknecht and Emanuel; and public witnesses.

PIRACY DETERRENCE AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2517, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Jana Monroe, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FORENSIC DNA TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on "Advancing Justice Through Forensic DNA Technology." Testimony was heard from Sarah V. Hart, Director, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; Paul B. Ferrara, M.D., Director, Division of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "The Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security." Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife

Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003.

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representative Camp; David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator and Director, Preparedness Division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Arden Bement, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

ENDANGERED FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on Endangered Farmers and Ranchers: the Unintended Consequences of the Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pombo; Harold Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT; WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1560, Water Quality Financing Act of 2003; and H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003.

U.S.-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT; U.S.-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2739, United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and

H.R. 2738, United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Joseph R. Brimacombe, Deputy Director, Compliance Policy, Small Business—Self Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Bill Jordan, Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "First Responders: How States, Localities and the Federal Government Can Strengthen Their Partnership to Make America Safer." Testimony was heard from Mitt Romney, Governor, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled, "Facing the Methamphetamine Problem in America," 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Reform, and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight of the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled "What is OMB's Record in Small Business Paperwork Relief?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers—Part II," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H.J. Res. 63, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 1776, Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.