

H.R. 351, providing for consideration of H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–258). **Pages H7837–38**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schrock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7791**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Winston E. Arnow Federal Building, Pensacola, Florida: H.R. 1572, amended, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”; **Pages H7798–H7800**

Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse, Muskogee, Oklahoma: H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the “Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse”; **Page H7800**

Congratulating Lance Armstrong: H. Res. 350, congratulating Lance Armstrong for winning the 2003 Tour de France (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 460); **Pages H7800–03, H7809–10**

J. Stephen Horn Post Office, Signal Hill, California: H.R. 2309, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Signal Hill, California, as the “J. Stephen Horn Post Office Building” (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 461); and **Pages H7803–07, H7810**

Amending Securities Laws: H.R. 1533, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 462). **Pages H7808–09, H7810–11**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Cooper announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. **Pages H7811–12**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7809**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H7791–92.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 523 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 926 and S. Con. Res 25 were referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 1547 was referred to the committee on Energy & Commerce; S. 1571 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; and S. Con. Res 63, S. 678, and S. 929 were ordered held at the desk. **Page H7826**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7840–42.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### “BLACKOUT 2003: HOW DID IT HAPPEN AND WHY?”

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled “Blackout 2003: How Did It Happen and Why?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Spencer Abraham, Secretary; and Patrick Wood, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; the following officials of the State of Ohio: Bob Taft, Governor; and Alan R. Schriber, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission; the following officials of the State of Michigan: Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor; Kwame Kilpatrick, Mayor, Detroit; and J. Peter Lark, Chairman, Public Service Commission; William M. Flynn, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of New York; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2989, Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Flake, Olver, Hastings of Florida, Delahunt, Hooley of Oregon, Davis of Florida and Ruppertsberger.

## Joint Meetings

### DUTCH LEADERSHIP OF OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission concluded hearings to examine and review Dutch leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on multilateralism and regional matters, after receiving testimony from Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, Foreign Minister of The Netherlands, Amsterdam.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the proposed lease of 100 KC-767 aerial refueling tanker aircraft by the U.S. Air Force, to be followed by a closed hearing in Room SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine A New Kind of Science, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy polygraph program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the economic relations between the United States and Cuba, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine what is needed to defend the bipartisan Defense of Marriage Act of 1996, 2 p.m., SD-226.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on "Strengthening Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: Examining the Financial Health of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to continue hearings entitled "Blackout 2003: How Did It Happen and Why?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on Government Accountability: Efforts to Identify and Eliminate Waste and Mismanagement, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* oversight hearing on "Competition in College Athletic Conferences and Antitrust Aspects of the Bowl Championship Series," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Internet Domain Name Fraud—the U.S. Government's Role in Ensuring Public Access to Accurate Whois Data," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* to mark up H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science,* hearing on "The Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing to discuss attracting economic growth for the rural economy and whether the federal government is adequately supporting a policy of growth in the rural portions of the country, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, briefing on Recent Counterterrorism Success: Hambali, 10:15 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, joint hearing entitled "Implications of Power Blackouts for the Nation's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection: The Electric Grid, Critical Interdependencies, Vulnerabilities, and Readiness," 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.