

Larson amendment, no. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that strikes the bill's overall 45-day time frame to conduct special elections and substitutes 75 days (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 128); and

Pages H2324–26, H2331–32

Larson amendment, no. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that strikes the provision establishing a 10-day deadline for parties to nominate candidates in a special election and substitutes language that provides that candidates would be eligible to run in a special election under this bill if that candidate meets the requirements to get on the ballot as set by state law and that states could extend the overall time deadline in the bill to accomplish the result (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 129). **Pages H2326–28, H2332**

Withdrawn:

Baird motion to strike the enacting clause.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

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H. Res. 602, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 127, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 126.

Pages H2310, H2311

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of Mr. Lynn C. Fritz of California, Mr. C. Payne Lucas of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Jeffery D. Sachs of New York, to the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, April 26; and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 28.

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a report by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2004."—referred to the Committee on Science.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2310, H2311, H2331–32, H2332, and H2335. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing on District of Columbia Courts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court; and Annice Wagner, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and Chief Judge, Court of Appeals.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued hearings on NIH, with emphasis on Management Issues. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House; James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Steven McNamara, Inspector General; Geraldine Gennet, Office of the General Counsel; John R. Miller, Office of the Law Revision Counsel; M. Pope Barrow, Office of the Legislative Counsel; and John Eisold, M.D., Office of the Attending Physician.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the GAO. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LABOR LAW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled "Developments in Labor Law: Examining Trends and Tactics in Labor Organization Campaigns." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3866, as amended, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004; H.R. 2771,

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Act; and H. Res. 516, as amended, Supporting the goals of National Manufacturing Week, congratulating manufacturers and their employees for their contributions to growth and innovation, and recognizing the challenges facing the manufacturing sector.

STATUS REPORT—FEDERAL AGENCIES' CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Can Federal Agencies Function in the Wake of a Disaster? A Status Report on Federal Agencies' Continuity of Operations Plans. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

RESOLUTION—CONDEMNING SUDAN FOR ATTACKS AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE; RWANDA'S GENOCIDE: LOOKING BACK

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 403, Condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Rwanda's Genocide: Looking Back. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGAL THREATS TO TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled "Legal Threats to Traditional Marriage: Implications for Public Policy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL TRADEMARK DILUTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on a proposal to amend the Federal Trademark Dilution Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee the following measures: H.R. 2619, as amended, Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 3378, Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003; H.R. 4114, Migratory

Bird Treaty Act of 2004; and H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 646, as amended, To expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862; H.R. 2201, National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act; H.R. 2663, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2966, as amended, Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 3768, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve Boundary Revision Act of 2004; H.R. 3819, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Designation Act of 2004; and H.R. 3874, To convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal.

SMALL BUSINESSES CREATING JOBS AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Small Businesses Creating Jobs and Protecting the Environment. Testimony was heard from William Farland, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REVIEW AIRPORT SCREENER PRIVATIZATION PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing to Review the Airport Screener Privatization Pilot Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David M. Stone, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on

Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D373)

S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel. Signed on April 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-220)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on Justice for All: A Review of the Operations of the District of Columbia Superior Court, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through May 1, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 28, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs in the armed services, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property issues, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 27, business meeting to consider the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 29, to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives and concerns in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 27, to hold hearings to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 27, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Exploration Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 28, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine telecommunications policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 29, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, 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, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 27, Subcommittee on International Trade, with the Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold joint hearings to examine international trade and pharmaceuticals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in Medicare's power wheelchair program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Yemen, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Constance Berry Newman, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Congo, 3 p.m., SD-419.