

to purchase chickens or chicken products from companies that do not have a stated policy that such companies do not use fluoroquinolone in their chickens. **Pages H5582–83**

Point of Order sustained against:

Baca amendment (no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12) that would have increased funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights, for activities under the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; **Pages H5559–60**

Weiner amendment that would have increased funding for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; **Page H5567**

Section 717 regarding the acquisition of new information technology systems by the Department of Agriculture; **Pages H5578–79**

Section 751 regarding unobligated balances in the Local Television Loan Guarantee Program; **Page H5579**

Lucas amendment (no. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 9) that would have added language to the bill's provisions that changes the Food Security Act of 1985 to prohibit the use of funds provided for Commodity Credit Corporation, starting in FY05 and for each fiscal year thereafter, for technical assistance for the Farmland Protection, Grassland Reserve, Environmental Quality Incentives, and Wildlife Habitat Incentives programs; and **Page H5582**

Tiaht amendment (no. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12) that would have prohibited the use of funds for official travel of Agriculture Department employees in Washington DC, until the Agriculture Secretary implements a voluntary program for beef slaughtering establishments to test for bovine spongiform encephalopathy. **Page H5602**

H. Res. 710, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Monday, July 12.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY05—Conference Committee: Agreed to close portions of the conference to the public when classified information is discussed, by a yea and nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 365. **Page H5581**

Project BioShield Act of 2003—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining

the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures; that the bill be considered as read for amendment; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except (1) 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled, and (2) one motion to recommit. **Page H5581**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5655–56.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5579–80, H5580, H5581, H5608, H5608–09, H5609–10, H5610, H5614–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2004, focusing on Graduation Rates and Student Outcomes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATE OFFICES OF COUNTER INTELLIGENCE AT NNSA AND DOE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "A Hearing to Review Proposals to Consolidate the Offices of Counter Intelligence at NNSA and DOE." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Steve Dillard, Director, Office of Counterintelligence; and a public witness.

IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "POPs, Pic, and LRTAP: the Role of the United States and Draft Legislation to Implement These International Conventions." Testimony was heard from Claudia McMurray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Susan B. Hazen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; and public witnesses.

SAMARITAN INITIATIVE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 4057, Samaritan Initiative Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW—OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE AND FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight and Federal Housing Finance Board.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Armando Falcon, Jr., Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; and Alicia R. Castaneda, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

FEDERAL HIRING PROCESS—SHORTENING THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization concluded hearings entitled “The Federal Hiring Process II: Shortening the Long and Winding Road.” Testimony was heard from Dan Blair, Deputy Director, OPM; David Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Ed Sontag, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Claudia Cross, Chief Human Capital Officer, Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy; and J. Christopher Mihm, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO.

VISA REVOCATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations continued hearings entitled “Visa Revocations II: Still Porous, Slow to Fix.” Testimony was heard from Jess T. Ford, International Affairs and Trade Division, GAO; Tony Edson, Managing Director, Office of Visa Services, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Robert A. Schoch, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Investigations, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Donna A. Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, FBI, Department of Justice.

INFORMATION SHARING—LINKING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Facilitating an Enhanced Information Sharing Network that Links Law Enforcement and Homeland Security for Federal, State and Local Governments.” Testimony was heard from LTG Patrick Hughes, USA, Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Russell Travers, Deputy Director, and Associate Director, Defense Issues, Terrorist Threat Integration Center; Willie Hulon, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division FBI, Department of Justice; Gerald Lynch, Executive Director, Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network; Mark Zadra, Chief of Investigations, Department of Law Enforcement, State of Florida; and Suzanne Peck, Chief Technology Officer, District of Columbia.

OVERSIGHT—GAMING

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on gaming on off-reservation, restored and newly-acquired lands. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery; Aurene Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATUS OF OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEMS IN U.S.

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Status of Ocean Observing Systems in the United States. Testimony was heard from Rick Spinrad, Director, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Margaret S. Leinen, Assistant Director, Geosciences, NSF; Robert Winokur, Technical Director, Oceanographer of the Navy, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Kolbe, Lowey, and Lantos, but action was deferred on H.R. 4818, Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005.

U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4759, United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, providing for two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Crane.

OVERSIGHT—GSA'S FISCAL YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit and Chairman, Committee on Security and Facilities, Judicial Conference.

EXAMINE CHILD WELFARE REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to Examine Child Welfare Reform Proposals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine home products fire safety issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine adult stem cell research issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2317, to limit the royalty on soda

ash; S. 2353, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 2610, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, and proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine balancing reform and counterterrorism in Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Southeast Europe, focusing on the Balkans, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the implementation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the implications of drug importation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Election Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Radio Frequency Identification (REID) Technology: What the Future Holds for Commerce, Security, and the Consumer," 1:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Competition and Consumer Choice in the MVPD Marketplace—Including an Examination of Proposals to Expand Consumer Choice, Such as A La Carte and Themed-Tiered Offerings," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee on Agriculture, joint hearing entitled "A Review of USDA's Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled "Improving IG Functionality and Independence—A Review of Legislative Ideas," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Health Informatics: What is the Prescription for