

Refugees, and Migration; Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Charles H. Kuck, Weathersby, Howard, and Kuck, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; and Mark Franken, Refugee Council, USA, and Lavinia Limon, U.S. Committee for Refugees, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported the

nomination of Porter J. Goss, of Florida, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5106-5118; and; 4 resolutions; H. Con. Res. 494, and H. Res. 779, 782-783 were introduced. **Pages H7328-29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7329-30**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2028, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance, amended (H. Rept. 108-691);

H. Res. 780, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108-692);

H. Res. 781, providing for consideration of H.R. 2028, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance (H. Rept. 108-693). **Page H7328**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hensarling to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7247**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director, American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Page H7254**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7254**

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. J. Richard Fredericks of San Francisco, California to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term. **Page H7257**

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

Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative: H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; **Pages H7257-58**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms as part of the National Park System: 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; **Pages H7258-59**

Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2004: H.R. 2966, amended, to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use; **Pages H7259-61**

Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act: H.R. 3334, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside; **Page H7261**

Western Reserve Heritage Areas Study Act: H.R. 3257, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability

and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area; **Pages H7262–63**

Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1658, Private Bill; to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway—clearing the message for the President; **Pages H7263–64**

Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003: H.R. 3632, amended, to prevent and punish counterfeiting of copyrighted copies and phonorecords; **Pages H7264–67**

Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2003: S. 1301, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and **Pages H7267–68**

Commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian: S.J. Res. 41, commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7294–H7300**

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. The bill was also considered on Tuesday, September 14, and Wednesday, September 15. Further consideration will continue on Wednesday, September 22. **Pages H7269–90, H7291–93**

Agreed Tuesday, September 14, to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments. **Page H7269**

The unanimous consent agreement was amended on Wednesday, September 15 to strike any provision for the amendment by Representative Flake regarding Cuba. **Page H7269**

Agreed to:

Stenholm amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement any suspension of issuance of obligations of the U.S. for purchase by the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, to implement any suspension of issuance of obligations of the U.S. for purchase by the Thrift Savings Fund for the Government Securities Investment Fund, or to implement any sale or redemption of securities, obligations, or other invested assets of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund before maturity; **Pages H7280–82**

Van Hollen amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revision to OMB Circular A–76 made on May 29, 2003 (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 457); **Pages H7274–77, H7291**

Sanders amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of September 13) that prohibits the use of funds to assist in overturning the judicial ruling in the action entitled Kathi Cooper, Beth Harrington, and Matthew Hillesheim, Individually and on Behalf of All Those Similarly Situated vs. IBM Personal Pension Plan and IBM Corporation (by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 458); and **Pages H7269–74, H7291–92**

Davis of Florida amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of September 13) that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce restrictions on travel to Cuba for the purpose of visiting relatives (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 460). **Pages H7282–90, H7293**

Rejected:

Norton amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into or renew any contract for a high deductible health plan that does not require enrollees to remain enrolled in such plan for at least 3 consecutive years from the date of initial enrollment (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 459). **Page H7277, H7292–93**

H. Res. 770, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, September 14.

Recess: The House recessed at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7290**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Moore announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit. **Pages H7293–94**

Presidential Messages: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the Termination of the National Emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–216). **Pages H7256–57**

Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the Continuation of the National Emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–217). **Page H7268**

Discharge Petition: Representative Lee moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 748, providing for consideration of H.R. 1102, to establish the National Affordable

Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H7254–55.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 138 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H7327**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7291, H7292, H7292–93, H7293. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING SENIORS HEALTHY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Keeping Seniors Healthy: New Preventive Benefits in the Medicare Modernization Act.” Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Director, Healthcare/Public Health Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO MISSION INDIANS LAND TRANSFER ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4908, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and Mark A. Macarro, Tribal Chairman, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 22, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2028, Pledge Protection Act of 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hostettler, Biggert, Akin, Bass, Jackson-Lee, and Watt.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of the American Legion, focusing on budgetary recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2006, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Cadmus, American Legion, Washington, D.C.; and Peter Gaytan, National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, Bristow, Virginia.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a joint hearing with House Committee on Armed Services to examine Department of Defense efforts to enforce policies to combat trafficking in persons, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General, both of