

**Condemning the terrorist attack in Jakarta, Indonesia, that occurred on 9/9/04:** H. Res. 767, amended, condemning the terrorist attack in Jakarta, Indonesia, that occurred on September 9, 2004;

Pages H7386–88

**Encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games:** H. Con. Res. 475, encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games;

Pages H7388–90

**Supporting the goals of National Farm Safety and Health Week:** H. Con. Res. 494, supporting the goals and purposes of National Farm Safety and Health Week and applauding the men and women who provide a stable supply of food and fiber for the United States and the world;

Pages H7390–91

**Pine Springs Land Exchange Act:** H.R. 4806, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico;

Pages H7395–96

**Authorizing a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River:** H.R. 4045, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; and

Pages H7396–97

**Creating the Office of Chief Financial Officer for the Government of the Virgin Islands:** H.R. 3589, amended, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Pages H7397–99

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, September 23.

**Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act:** H.R. 1057, to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

Pages H7376–81

**Pledge Protection Act of 2004—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 781, the rule 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, by voice vote.

Pages H7391–95

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Moore 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. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

Pages H7399–H7404

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page 7331.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2279 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7346–47, H7347, H7349, H7350, H7351. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REPAIRING THE 21ST CENTURY CAR

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Repairing the 21st Century Car: Is Technology Locking the Consumer Out?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation’s Schools to the Internet.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: H. Walker Feaster, III, Inspector General; and Jeffrey Carlisle, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at the hearing, the following individuals: Judy Green, former E-rate Consultant and Salesperson, Video Network Communications, Inc., and Quentin R. Lawson, National Alliance of Black School Educators, invoked Fifth Amendments privileges.

### 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Committee on Financial Services:** Held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Implement the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Stuart A. Levey, Under Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and Brian C. Roseboro, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

### DRUG TREATMENT ACCESS

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Access to Recovery: Improving Participation and Access in Drug Treatment.”

Testimony was heard from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Passi, Associate Director, Department of Family and Community Services, City of Albuquerque, NM; and a public witness.

#### DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Dietary Supplements: Nature's Answer to Cost Effective Preventative Medicine." Testimony was heard from Paul Coates, Director, Office of Dietary Supplements, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### COMBATING TERRORISM: 9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS AND NATIONAL STRATEGIES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: The 9/11 Commission Recommendations and the National Strategies." Testimony was heard from the following members of the 9/11 Commission: Slade Gorton; and Richard Ben-Veniste; Norman Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; Raphael Perl, Senior Policy Analyst, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### IDENTITY THEFT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled "Identity Theft: The Causes, Costs, Consequences, and Potential Solutions?" Testimony was heard from Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; Steven Martinez, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Larry Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Patrick O'Carroll, Acting Inspector General, SSA; and public witnesses.

#### ASIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Asia's Environmental Challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LIBYA'S WMD DISARMAMENT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on Disarmament of Libya's Weapons of Mass Destruction. Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon (PA); and

the following officials of the Department of State: Paula A. DeSutter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Verification and Compliance; Philo Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Kurt Kessler, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Nonproliferation.

#### JUSTICE FOR ALL ACT; BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported H.R. 5107, Justice For All Act of 2004.

The Committee began consideration of H. J. Res. 22, Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SUBPOENA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Custodian of Records, United States Commission on Civil Rights.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 102, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there; H. Res. 737, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II; H. Res. 752, Expressing continued support for the construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial; H.R. 2440, amended, Indian Health Care Improvement Act; H.R. 3176, amended, Ojito Wilderness Act; H.R. 3283, amended, Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; H.R. 3391, amended, Provo River Project Transfer Act; H.R. 4593, amended, Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act; H.R. 4650, Wichita Project Equus Beds Division Authorization Act of 2004; H.R. 4683, amended, Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act; H.R. 4887, amended, Cumberland Island Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 4908, amended, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2004; H.R. 5016, To extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; H.R. 5104, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program; and S. 347, amended, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act.

**WATER LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, To impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water; H.R. 4580, To remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; and H.R. 4623, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Mark Limbaugh, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

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

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule 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 23, 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.

**NATURAL GAS PRICES IMPACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Impact of High Natural Gas Prices on Small Farmers and Manufacturers." Testimony was heard from Representatives King (IA), and Peterson (PA); and public witnesses.

**HAITI TRADE PREFERENCES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Trade Preferences for Haiti. Testimony was heard from Senators Dewine and Graham (FL); and public witnesses.

**CYBER ISSUES BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cyber Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEMS**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Emergency Warning Systems:

Ways to Notify the Public in the New Era of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Reynold N. Hoover, Director, National Security Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; James Dailey, Director, Homeland Security, FCC; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****HEALTH INSURANCE**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer choice and addressing "adverse selection" concerns with regard to health care and health insurance, focusing on ways insurance markets might use pooling and pricing of risks to resolve coverage issues, after receiving testimony from Mark V. Pauly, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; James H. Cardon, Brigham Young University Department of Economics, Provo, Utah; Jeffrey M. Closs, BENU, Inc., San Mateo, California; and Linda J. Blumberg, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2004**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine National Labor Relations Board issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Global Posture Review of United States military forces stationed overseas, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the role of prescription drug monitoring programs, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 4 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to meet to discuss the new Medicare-approved prescription drug cards and transitional assistance programs for seniors, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider the following measures: H. Res. 261, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the efforts of organizations such as Second Harvest to provide emergency food assistance to hungry people in the United States, and encouraging all Americans to provide volunteer services and other support for local antihunger advocacy efforts and hunger relief charities, including food banks, food rescue organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters; H. Res. 481, Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs to