

From the Committee on Ways & Means, for consideration of sec. 585 of the House bill, and sec. 653 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shaw, Camp, and Rangel. **Page H7702**

Authorization to print a commemorative document in memory of the late President Ronald Reagan: By unanimous consent the House agreed to S. Con. Res. 135, authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan. **Page H7698**

Agreed to the Doolittle amendment that strikes language in section 1 and inserts new language in its place. **Page H7698**

Amending the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass H.R. 5122, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 2 terms. **Pages H7698–99**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7699**

Discharge Petition: Representative Meehan moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res 769, providing for consideration of H.R. 2038, to reauthorize the assault weapons ban (Discharge Petition No. 12).

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7586 and H7714.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H7699–H7700, H7700, H7700–01**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SCHOOLS SAFETY ACQUIRING FACULTY EXCELLENCE ACT OF 2004

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on H.R. 2649, Schools Safety Acquiring Faculty Excellence Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Donna Uzzell, Director, Criminal Justice Information Services, Department of Law Enforcement, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Privacy of Consumers’ Social Security Numbers.” Testimony was

heard from Thomas B. Leary, Commissioner, FTC; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—USDA RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CASE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Status of the Implementation of the Pickford v. Glickman Settlement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

D.C. PERSONAL PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 3193, District of Columbia Personal Protection Act, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and Norton.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a vote of 6 to 2, a closed rule providing two hours and 30 minutes of debate on H.J. Res. 106, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, in the House equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. 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 Representatives Hostettler and Nadler.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for one hour of debate on H.J. Res. 107, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority members of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TERRORISM PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines approved for full Committee action H.R. 5082, Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2004.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, focusing on efforts to identify and combat terrorist financing, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the controversy over embryonic stem cell research, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2410, to promote wildland firefighter safety; H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California; S. 2378, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal; H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior; and S. Res. 387, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Catherine Todd Bailey, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review the Farm Credit System, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, 1 p.m. 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving Women's Health: Understanding Depression After Pregnancy," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "An Examination of Wireless Directory Assistance Policies and Programs," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills; H.R. 5011, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 4634, Terrorism Insurance Backstop Extension Act of 2004; and H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act; and H.R. 3281, Whistler Protection Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Afghanistan: United States Strategies on the Eve of National Elections; followed by markup of S. 2292, Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act; H.R. 4306, to amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual's eligibility for employment; S. 1994, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 4547, Defending America's Most Vulnerable: Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004; H. Res. 568, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the laws of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgements, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the laws of the United States; H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4264, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004; H.R. 775m Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003; H.R. 4453, Access to Rural Physicians Improvements Act of 2004; and a private relief measure, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 855, Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 5134, To require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes; and H.R. 5135, To provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 977, Aerial Firefighter Relief Act of 2003; H.R. 1550, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of