

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9068–69, H9070, H9070–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began discussion of Title I, the Digital Television Transition Act of 2005, and Title II, which will consist of Medicaid, Katrina health relief and Katrina energy relief, of Budget reconciliation recommendations.

Will continue tomorrow.

BRIEFING—AGRO-TERRORISM THREAT ASSESSMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on assessing the threat of agro-terrorism. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Section 5 of the Act: History, Scope, and Purpose.” Testimony was heard from Brad Schlozman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: The Continuing Need for Section 5.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 429, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005, 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 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 re-

port, 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 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 Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Schiff.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1461, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 Financial Services 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 made in order 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 be subject to a demand for 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 Baker, Leach, Royce, Kennedy of Minnesota, Renzi, Frank of Massachusetts, Kanjorski, and Davis of Alabama.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up the proposed Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (P.L. 108-447), by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1772, to streamline the refinery permitting process, S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and S. Res. 255, recognizing the achievements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Waterfowl Population Survey, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine Eco-terrorism specifically examining Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the tax gap, focusing on components that make up the tax gap and how to ensure that American taxpayers are not bearing the financial burden of those who are not complying with the law, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness relating to terrorism, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine proposals to split the Ninth Circuit, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the current impact of Mississippi River transportation on agricultural markets, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Regional Powers Panel, hearing on an overview of regional powers' military capabilities and threats to U.S. interests, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Terrorism and Radical Islam Gap Panel, hearing on responding to the radical Islamic terrorist threat—the Department of Defense's roles, missions, and capabilities in the Global War on Terrorism, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the Committee's Instructions pursuant to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, including consideration of amendments to the following: Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); the Higher Education Act and the Family Education Reimbursement Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up Title I, Digital Television Transition Act of 2005, of Budget reconciliation recommendations, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following: H. Res. 463, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners; H. Con. Res. 196, Honoring the pilots of United States commercial air carriers who volunteer to participate in the Federal flight deck officer program, and any additional pending business 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "Ensuring Operability During Catastrophic Events," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: The Impact of Nonproliferation, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 4093, Federal Judgeship and Administrative Efficiency Act of 2005, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up Recommendation for Budget Reconciliation, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on the Investigation of the World Trade Center Collapse: Findings, Recommendations and Next Steps, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; Natural Resources Conservation Service Resolution; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2006; a Committee Resolution to comply with Reconciliation Directive Included in Section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006; H. Res. 488, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives information in his possession relating to contracts for services or construction related to Hurricane Katrina recovery; H.R. 1721, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; H.R. 3963, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound; and a measure to permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up Entitlement Reconciliation Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2006, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Military Intelligence Program, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.