

of a skills-based point system relating to employment-based permanent immigration, after receiving testimony from Charles M. Beach, Queen's University John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, Kingston, Ontario, Canada; George J. Borjas, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Douglas S. Massey, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Alan Tonelson, U.S. Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 854, to provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe;

S. 3648, to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo;

S. 3687, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon; and

The nomination of the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carl Joseph Artman (listed above), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FEDERAL PROSECUTORS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Wednesday, September 13, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine challenges facing today's federal prosecutors, including efforts to combat terrorism, violent crime, the exploitation of children, cybercrime, drug trafficking, civil rights violations, and corporate and public corruption, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Battle, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and Susan W. Brooks, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, Vice-Chair, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Chair, Office of Management and Budget Subcommittee, both of the Department of Justice; and William I. Shockley, Lake Ridge, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys.

SENIOR SUICIDE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mental illness and suicide prevention, focusing on the quality of geriatric psychiatry, and the rate of suicide among senior citizens, after receiving testimony from Melvin Kohn, Oregon Department of Human Services, Salem; David Carl Steffens, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Christopher C. Colenda, Texas A&M University, College Station; Art Walaszek, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison; and David Shern, National Mental Health Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 6070–6088; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 473–475; and H. Res. 1010–1013 were introduced. **Pages H6654–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6655–56**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1369, to prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property (H. Rept. 109–656);

H.R. 2679, to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to eliminate the chilling effect on the constitutionally protected expression of religion by State and local officials that results from the threat

that potential litigants may seek damages and attorney's fees, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–657);

H.R. 4772, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–658);

H.R. 5863, to authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act (H. Rept. 109–659);

H.R. 4809, to amend the provisions of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, commonly referred to as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to ensure

usability and clarity of information disseminated by Federal agencies, and to facilitate compliance with Federal paperwork requirements (H. Rept. 109–660); and

H.R. 5312, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–661, Pt. 1).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Amy Rader, B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, Florida.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 2965, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a 5-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 362 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 443, after ordering the previous question.

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Pursuant to the rule, 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.

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Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–647) modifies 13 dates in various provisions of the bill to reflect the passage of time since the bill's introduction, which were not modified during the Committee's consideration. Also corrects one sectional cross reference and a reference to an Executive Branch agency. The amendment adds a provision explicitly requiring Federal Prison Industries (FPI) to establish a cost accounting system which was implicit in, and necessary to implement, the amendment by Rep. Issa which was adopted during Judiciary Committee consideration of the bill; and to make a grammatical correction to the Issa amendment.

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Rejected:

Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–647) that sought to allow the Attorney General to direct agencies within the Department of Justice to award individual contracts to Federal Prison Industries (FPI) on a non-competitive basis (by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 339 noes, Roll No. 441); and

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Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–647) that sought allow Federal Prison Industries (FPI) to continue service contracts of the nature and to the extent it was doing so on the date of enactment of the bill (by a recorded vote of 80 yeas to 332 noes, Roll No. 442).

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H. Res. 997, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on yesterday, Wednesday, September 13th, by voice vote after ordering the previous question.

Establishing operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States: The House passed H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, by a recorded vote of 283 yeas to 138 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 446.

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Rejected the Thompson of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 193 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 445, after ordering the previous question.

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H. Res. 1002, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 444.

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Water Resources Development Act of 2006—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Melancon motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 340 yeas to 79 nays, Roll No. 447. Consideration of the motion began on yesterday, Wednesday, September 13th.

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The Chair appointed as conferees on H.R. 2864: From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Young of Alaska, Duncan, Baker,

Gary G. Miller of California, Brown of South Carolina, Boozman, Oberstar, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Messrs. Costello, and Bishop of New York;

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From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 2017, 2020, 2025, and 2027 of the House bill, and secs. 3019, 5007, and 5008 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Pombo, Mrs. Musgrave, and Mr. Kind.

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Providing for earmarking reform in the House of Representatives—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1003, providing for the adoption of H. Res. 1000, amended, providing for earmarking reform in the House of Representatives, by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 449, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 448.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, September 13th:

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39–25 61st Street in Woodside, New York, as the “Thomas J. Manton Post Office Building”: H.R. 6033, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39–25 61st Street in Woodside, New York, as the “Thomas J. Manton Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 450.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on tomorrow, Friday, September 15th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

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Requesting the return of H.R. 503: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1011, requesting the Senate to return to the House of Representatives official papers on H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H6540.

Senate Referrals: S. 1902 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. 2464 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6578, H6579, H6580, H6580–81, H6595, H6595–96, H6596–97, H6614, H6614–15 and H6616. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to Review Federal Farm Policy. Testimony was heard from the following former Secretaries of Agriculture: John R. Block; Clayton Yeutter; and Dan Glickman.

FBI TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Robert Mueller, Director, FBI; and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Alfred Cumming, Specialist in Intelligence and National Security Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division; and Todd Masse, Specialist in Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Domestic Social Policy Division; and former Governor of Pennsylvania and former Attorney General Dick L. Thornburgh, Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration.

BASEL CAPITAL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “A Review of Regulatory Proposals on Basel Capital and Commercial Real Estate.” Testimony was heard from Susan Schmidt Bies, member Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Blair, Chairman, FDIC; from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Robert L.D. Colby, Acting Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; and public witnesses.