

amend section 7253 of title 38, United States Code, to expand temporarily the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in order to further facilitate staggered terms for judges on that court, S. 1090, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2001, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 1091, to amend section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, to modify and extend authorities on the presumption of service-connection for herbicide-related disabilities of Vietnam era veterans, and S. 1093, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude certain income from annual income determinations for pension purposes, to limit provision of benefits for fugitive and incarcerated veterans, to increase the home loan guaranty amount for construction and purchase of homes, and to modify and enhance other authorities relating to veterans' benefits, after receiving testimony from Senators Johnson and Hutchison; Leo S. Mackay, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who was accompanied by several of

his associates; and John R. Vitikacs, American Legion, Sidney Daniels, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, and David M. Tucker, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

LONG-TERM CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee held hearings to examine the Administration's efforts to address the long-term care needs of this nation's elderly and disabled, including the role of families in providing care, and the role of federal programs in financing services, receiving testimony from former Senator David Durenberger, on behalf of the Citizens for Long Term Care Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Carol V. O'Shaughnessy, Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Services, Library of Congress; and Robert B. Blancato, Matz, Blancato and Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C., former Executive Director, White House Conference on Aging.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 78 public bills, H.R. 2354–2431; 3 private bills, H.R. 2432–2434; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 178–182 and H. Res. 184–186, were introduced. **Pages H3801–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1407, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit air carriers to meet and discuss their schedules in order to reduce flight delays, amended (H. Rept. 107–77, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2131, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004, amended (H. Rept. 107–119);

H.R. 1866, to amend title 35, United States Code, to clarify the basis for granting requests for re-examination of patents, amended (H. Rept. 107–120); and

H.R. 1886, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings (H. Rept. 107–121). **Page H3801**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Byron E. Powers, Senior Pastor, the Church Love is Building, Church of God of Sheffield, Ohio. **Page H3817**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House passed H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 206. The House previously considered the bill on July 27. **Pages H3817–38**

Agreed To:

Bonior amendment, debated on July 27, that prohibits oil or gas drilling in any of the Great Lakes, Lake Saint Clair, or the Saint Mary's, Saint Clair, Detroit, Niagara, or Saint Lawrence Rivers (agreed to by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 203); **Pages H3720–21**

Traficant amendment no. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25 that prohibits funding to persons or entities convicted of violating the Buy American Act; and **Pages H3723–24**

Traficant amendment no. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 27 that prohibits funding for the drilling of oil and gas in Mosquito creek reservoir, Trumbull, County, Ohio. **Page H3724**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment, debated on July 27, that sought to increase funding for renewable alternative energy programs by \$8.9 million with offsets of \$9.9

million from the Corps of Engineer funding for general investigations (rejected by a recorded vote of 39 ayes to 372 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H3718**

Tancredo amendment no. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, debated on July 27, that sought to strike Title 1 section 105 that deals with the 65% Federal to 35% local cost sharing formula for coastal shore protection and beach replenishment programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 200); **Pages H3718–19**

Hinchey amendment, debated on July 27, that sought to increase funding for renewable alternative energy programs by \$50 million with offsets of \$60 million from the National Nuclear Security Administration Stockpile Stewardship program (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 201); **Pages H3719–20**

Kucinich amendment no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26, debated on July 27, that sought to decrease funding for the National Ignition Facility by \$122.5 million and increase funding for nuclear nonproliferation activities by \$66 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 91 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 202); **Page H3720**

Berkley amendment that sought to make available \$500,000 to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board to evaluate technical issues and hold hearings related to the proposed repository for high level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain (rejected by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 204); and **Pages H3724–26**

Davis of Florida amendment that sought to strike the prohibition of funding for the Gulfstream Natural Gas Project (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 205). **Pages H3729–35**

Withdrawn:

Kelly amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspector General by \$700,000. **Pages H3726–27**

Points of order sustained:

Against section 308 dealing with the transfer of certain regulatory authorities from the Department of Energy to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. **Page H3723**

The House agreed to H. Res. 180, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on June 27.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House began consideration of amendments to H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consider-

ation will resume after the 4th of July district work period. **Pages H3744–87**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 107–118 that strikes Title VII section 740(f) requiring an emergency designation for market loss assistance for apple producers was considered as adopted. **Page H3761**

Agreed To:

Smith of Michigan amendment no. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 27 that includes competitive grants regarding enhancement of the nitrogen-fixing ability and efficiency of plants in cooperative state research, education, and extension service activities; **Pages H3767–68**

Clayton amendment that makes available up to \$5.9 million from balances of direct loans in the rural housing insurance account for rural rental assistance agreements and allows priority to prospective tenants who are residing in temporary housing provided by FEMA (the amendment was previously offered and then withdrawn without prejudice); **Page H3774**

Brown of Ohio amendment that makes available an additional \$2.5 million for the Food and Drug Administration Office of Generic Drugs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 324 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 208); **Pages H3777–79, H3785–86**

Brown of Ohio amendment that makes available an additional \$5 million to implement the Food and Drug Administration action plan to combat antimicrobial resistance (agreed to by a recorded vote of 271 ayes to 140 noes, Roll No. 209); **Pages H3779–81, H3786**

Engel amendment that sought to make available \$250,000 to the Food and Drug Administration to develop a label for chocolate products that certifies that the cocoa beans were not harvested by child slave labor in the Ivory Coast or other nations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 291 ayes to 115 noes, Roll No. 210); **Pages H3781–83, H3786–87**

Withdrawn:

Kaptur amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to make funding available for the Global Food for Education program; **Pages H3761–63**

Tierney amendment no. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of June 27 was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require a National Academy of Sciences report on genetically engineered foods; and **Pages H3765–67**

Clayton amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to make available up to \$5.9 million from balances of direct loans in the rural housing insurance account for rural rental assistance agreements and allow priority to prospective tenants who are residing in temporary housing provided by

FEMA (the amendment was withdrawn without prejudice, offered again, and then agreed to); and

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Davis of California amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to disallow the availability of the Armed Forces basic allowance for housing when determining the eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch programs.

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Points of Order Sustained:

Against DeLauro amendment that sought to make available as emergency designations \$50 million to the Food Safety and Inspection Service and \$163 million to the Food and Drug Administration to improve food safety and reduce the incidence of food borne illnesses.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 183, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 207.

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Further Consideration of Agriculture Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2230, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations, no further amendment be in order except amendments debatable for 10 minutes offered by Representatives Clayton (rental assistance), Traficant (Buy American), Allen (cost of research and development and approvals of new drugs), Kaptur (biofuels), Kaptur (BSE), Kaptur (4–H Program Centennial), Lucas (watershed and flood operations), Mink (Hawaii Agricultural Research Center), Mink (Oceanic Institute of Hawaii), Blumenauer (price supports), Royce (market access program), Smith of Michigan (Food Security Act); Smith of Michigan (Market Transition Act); Smith of Michigan (nitrogen-fixing ability of plants), Baca (Hispanic serving institutions), and Pelosi (HIV); amendments debatable for 20 minutes offered by Representatives Brown of Ohio (applications for the approval of new drugs), Stupak or Boehlert (elderly nutrition), and Clayton (socially disadvantaged farmers); amendments debatable for 30 minutes offered by Representatives Hinchey (American Rivers heritage), Kucinich (transgenic fish), and Gutknecht (drug importation); amendments debatable for 40 minutes offered by Representatives Sanders (drug importation), and Weiner (mohair); and amendment debatable for 60 minutes offered by Representative Olver or Gilcrest (Kyoto).

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting Annual Report: Message wherein he transmitted the Annual Report for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

for Fiscal year 2000 referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce;

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Executive Order 12938: Message wherein he transmitted a report on executive Order 12938—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–93); and

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National Energy Policy Proposals: Message wherein he transmitted proposals contained in the National Energy Policy Report that require legislative action referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Science, Resources, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 184, electing Representative Forbes to the Committees on Armed Services and Science.

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Late Reports: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Friday, July 6 to file reports on H.R. 2215, 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act and H.R. 2137, Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act of 2001.

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Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, July 10, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tom Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3787.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3807–08.

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3718, H3718–19, H3719–20, H3720, H3721, H3735–36, H3736, H3737–38, H3743–44, H3785, H3786, and H3786–87. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. pursuant to H. Con. Res. 176, adjourned at 8:19 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

Committee Meetings

FORESTRY PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review forestry programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael T. Rains, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service; Mark Berkland, Director, Conservation Operations, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN TRADE PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs held a hearing to review foreign trade programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Boyd; J.B. Penn, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Dov Zakheim (Comptroller).

U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS—FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on force protection at U.S. military installations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. David F. Bice, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton; Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Kane, USAF, Commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base; Col. Addison D. Davis, IV, USA, Garrison Commander, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg; Capt. Joseph F. Bouchard, USN, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station at Norfolk; and Capt. L.R. Hering, USN, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Station at San Diego.

INTERNET AND EDUCATION EQUITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness began discussion of H.R. 1992, Internet and Education Equity Act of 2001.

BROWNFIELDS LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following brownfields measures: S. 350, Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restoration Act of 2001; the “Gillmor Discussion Draft;” and the “Democratic Discussion Draft.” Testimony was heard from Linda Fisher, Deputy Administrator, EPA; Erin M. Crotty, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Gordon J. Johnson, Deputy Bureau Chief, Environmental Protection Bureau, both with the State of New York; Delegate Leon Billings, State of Maryland; Javier Gonzales, Commissioner, Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico; J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, Elizabeth, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

PATIENTS FIRST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas Scully, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Michael Mangano, Acting Inspector General; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY—ENCOURAGING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology, and Economic Growth held a hearing entitled “ESIGN—Encouraging the Use of Electronic Signatures in the Financial Services Industry.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Drug Free Communities Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Levin; Donald M. Vereen, Jr., Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; John J. Wilson, Acting Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

BEST SERVICES—LOWEST PRICE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on the Best Services at the Lowest Price: Moving Beyond a Black-and-White Discussion of Outsourcing.