

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6260**

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice: H.R. 392, for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson. The House passed: S. 1834, for the relief of retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit and Wan Sook Benoit and H.R. 2245, for the relief of Anisha Goveans Foti. **Pages H6260–61**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6283**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Women's Health Office Act:** H.R. 1784, amended, to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; **Pages H6262–68**

**Urging Prohibition of the Rebirthing Therapeutic Technique:** H. Con. Res. 435, expressing the sense of the Congress that the therapeutic technique known as rebirthing is a dangerous and harmful practice and should be prohibited (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 388); **Pages H6268–69, H6283–84**

**Rollan D. Melton Post Office Building, Fallon, Nevada:** H.R. 4102, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 North Maine Street in Fallon, Nevada, as the "Rollan D. Melton Post Office Building" (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 389); **Pages H6269–70, H6284–85**

**Joseph D. Early Post Office, Worcester, Massachusetts:** H.R. 5333, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 East Central Street in Worcester, Massachusetts, as the "Joseph D. Early Post Office Building" (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 390); **Pages H6270–71, H6285**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act:** H. Res. 526, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 3253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of emergency medical preparedness centers in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H6271–78**

**National Construction Safety Team Act:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4687, to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or

that posed significant potential of substantial loss of life clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H6278–83**

**Consideration of Suspensions:** Agreed that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, September 18 for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures: H. Res. 523, recognizing the contributions of historically Black colleges and universities and H. Con. Res. 337, recognizing the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues for their achievements, dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to baseball and the Nation. **Pages H6285–86**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act:** Representative Waters announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act, to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002. **Page H6286**

**Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for General Shelton:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 469, authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on September 19, 2002, for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to General Henry H. Shelton (USA, Ret.). **Page H6286**

**Presidential Message—Payments Made to Cuba:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H6287**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6257.

**Referral:** S. 1777 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6283–84, H6284–85, and H6285. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on technical assistance and capacity building

programs to promote housing and economic development. Testimony was heard from Representative Jones of Ohio; Thomas McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROTECTION AND STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY ACT; HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5215, Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002; and H.R. 1152, Human Rights Information Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 5215. Testimony was heard from Representative Sawyer; Randall S. Kroszner, member, Council of Economic Advisers; Kathleen B. Cooper, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce; Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—SUPREME COURT'S SCHOOL CHOICE DECISION—CONGRESS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT CHOICE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Supreme Court's School Choice Decision and Congress' Authority to Enact Choice Programs.

Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Upcoming Issues at the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Parks, Department of the Interior; and William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

**CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1701, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act providing one hour of general debate, with 50 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and 10 minutes

equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, as amended by the amendment 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 shall be considered 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 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 Representatives Bachus, Jones, and Waters.

**SENSE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS—COMPLETE ACTION ON PERMANENT DEATH TAX REPEAL ACT AND COMPLETE ACTION ON PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK, AND FAMILY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing that H. Res. 524, expressing the sense of the House that Congress should compete action on the Permanent Death Tax Repeal of 2002, shall be debatable in the House for one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and that the resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that H. Res. 525, expressing the Sense of the House that Congress should complete action on the Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2002, shall be debatable in the House for one hour equally divided among and controlled by the Chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce and that the resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. Testimony was heard from Representative Dunn.

*Joint Meetings*

**9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint closed hearings with the House

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001.

Joint hearings will continue tomorrow.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings to examine transportation security one year after September 11, 2001, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and sustainability of U.S. technology transfer programs for energy efficiency, nuclear, fossil and renewable energy and to identify necessary changes to those programs to support U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine H.R. 2880, to amend laws relating to the lands of the enrollees and lineal descendants of enrollees whose names appear on the final Indian rolls of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations (historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes), 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on implementation of the Federal crop insurance programs, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on U.S. Policy towards Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5373, Informed Union Member Enforcement Act; and H.R. 5374, Informed Union Member Act, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to hold a hearing on "Continuing Oversight hearings on the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2458, E-Government Act of 2001; and S. 803, E-Government Act of 2002, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the New Partnership for Africa's Development: An African Initiative, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Syria and H.R. 4483, Syria Accountability Act of 2002, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on the INS's Implementation of the Foreign Student Tracking Program, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* to mark up the following: H.R. 5385, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2002; and H.R. 4889, Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2002, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference:* meeting of conferees on H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Joint Meetings:* Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH-216.