

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.J. Res. 112, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representative Obey.

FIRE SERVICES—MEETING NEEDS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Meeting the Needs of the Fire Services: H.R. 3992, to establish the SAFER Firefighter Grant Program and H.R. 4548, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 with respect to firefighter assistance. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF—AIRLINE INDUSTRY—REFORM FAA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5506, Aviation Industry Stabilization and Reform Act of 2002.

WOMEN VETERANS—VA'S CURRENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA's current programs for women veterans. Testimony was heard from Representative Wilson; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary, Health; Irene Trowell-Harris, Director, Center for Women Veterans; Marsha L. Four, R.N., Chair, Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Carole Turner, Director, Women Veterans Health Programs, Veterans Health Administration; Toni Lawrie, Coordinator, Women Veterans Clinic, VA Medical Center, Bay Pines, Florida; and Margaret Seaver, M.D., Director, Women's Veterans Health Care Program, VA Boston Health Care System; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

CIA COMPENSATION REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold

a hearing on CIA Compensation Reform. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS—EUROPEAN ALLIES' COOPERATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on European Allies' Cooperation in the Counterterrorism Efforts. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE ENERGY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, but did not complete action thereon will continue on tomorrow.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST October 1, 2002, p. D1017)

H.R. 3880, to provide a temporary waiver from certain transportation conformity requirements and metropolitan transportation planning requirements under the Clean Air Act and under other laws for certain areas in New York where the planning offices and resources have been destroyed by acts of terrorism. Signed on October 1, 2002. (Public Law 107-230)

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. Signed on October 1, 2002. (Public Law 107-231)

H.R. 5157, to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003. Signed on October 1, 2002. (Public Law 107-232)

S. 2810, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering. Signed on October 1, 2002. (Public Law 107-233)