

Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5397.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Thursday, April 10, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 521, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, with amendments;

S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as "National Cowboy Poetry Week";

S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans"; and

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 1766–1824; 3 private bills, H.R. 1825–1827; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51–52; H. Con. Res. 151–152, and H. Res. 197–203, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program, amended (Rept. 108–74, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 197, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–75).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dreier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H3307

Energy Policy Act: The House passed H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people by recorded vote of 247 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 145.

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Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike Division A, Energy and Commerce, title III Hydroelectric Energy and replace provisions dealing with hydroelectric licensing by recorded vote of 171 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 144.

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Agreed To:

Shakowsky amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Energy should develop and implement more stringent inventory and procurement controls, including controls on the purchase card program and the Department's Inspector General should continue to review purchase card and other procurement and inventory practices. On April 10 the amendment was debated, agreed to by voice vote, and a Tauzin request for a recorded vote was postponed. Today, an insufficient number of members rose to support the request for a recorded vote. The Chair announced that the ayes had prevailed by voice vote and the amendment was agreed to;

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Capps amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that strikes section 30220 that directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and key stakeholders, including

coastal States and the oil and gas industry, to conduct a comprehensive inventory of oil and gas resources for areas beneath all of the United States waters of the Outer Continental Shelf; **Pages H3309–13**

Cantor amendment No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that strikes section 42011 relating to the prepayment of premium liability for coal industry health benefits; and **Pages H3319–21**

Reynolds amendment No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that expresses the Sense of Congress encouraging the prohibition of off-shore oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian Province of Ontario. **Pages H3321–23**

Rejected:

Kind amendment No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that sought to strike Division C, Resources, Title II, Oil and Gas, relating to oil and gas development (rejected by recorded vote of 171 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 142); and

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Rahall amendment No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that sought to strike Division C, Resources, Title VII, Coal Leasing Amendments that repeals the existing 160-acre limitation for coal leases (rejected by recorded vote of 208 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 143).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H3343**

H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on April 10.

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader discussed the legislative program for the remainder of the week. **Page H3334**

Clean Diamond Trade Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1584, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds—clearing the measure for the President.

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Congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for Their NCAA Women's Basketball Championship: The House agreed to H. Res. 187, congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's basketball championship. **Pages H3334–39**

Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 1770, to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures. The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Pages H3339–43**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m. **Page H3349**

Increasing the Debt Limit: The Chair announced that pursuant to rule XXVII, as a result of the adoption by the House and the Senate of the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, H.J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, has been engrossed and is deemed to have passed the House on April 11, 2003. **Page H3349**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3307 and H3349.

Referrals: S. 538, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, S. 783, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and S. 870 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Pages H3349–50**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3324, H3324–25, H3330–31, and H3331–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAPERWORK REDUCTION—IS THE ADMINISTRATION DOING ENOUGH?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “Mid-Term Report Card: Is the Bush Administration Doing Enough on Paperwork Reduction?” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Robert E. Wenzel, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; John D. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; Victor S. Rezendes, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS—CONTROLLING COSTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Controlling Costs in Tactical Aircraft Programs.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Defense; Michael W. Wynne, Principal Deputy, Under Secretary (Acquisition); and Marvin Sambur,