

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Admiral James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Connie L. Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school program of the Department of Education, focusing on the benefits to students in providing effective academic and recreational opportunities and safe havens for youth, after receiving testimony from William D. Hansen, Deputy Secretary of Education; Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut; Harvey Sprafka, Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville, Iowa, on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest In Kids; Arnold Schwarzenegger, National Inner-City Games Foundation, Santa Monica, California; Steven Kinlock, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Madison White, Massillon, Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broaddus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, and Paul Pate, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine media owner-

ship, focusing on localism, diversity, and competition in broadcast television, and the Federal Communication Commission's ban on newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership, receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Viacom Incorporated, New York, New York; James F. Goodmon, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, Raleigh, North Carolina; Frank A. Blethen, Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington; and William Dean Singleton, MediaNews Group, Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HISTORIC SITES/NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era, S. 601, and H.R. 733 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, S. 612 and H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and S. 630 and H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Bennett; Representative Solis; and Sue Masica, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1054) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

FREE TRADE OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings to examine the status of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (a proposal to improve the quality of life for the residents of participating nations), focusing on negotiations and preparations for the Miami Ministerial, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; James Fendell, Aerocasillas—Aeropost, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in

Latin America; Craig Hill, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, West Des Moines; and John Audley, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Thea M. Lee, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine Project Safe Neighborhoods, focusing on America's network against gun violence, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Warner, United States Attorney for the District of Utah, Salt Lake City, Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney

for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, and Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, all of the Department of Justice; Donald R. Totaro, Lancaster County District Attorney, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Russell Edward Spann, West Valley City Police, Utah; Dennis A. Mook, Newport News Police Department, Virginia; Charles L. Curtis, Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, Missouri; Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jens Ludwig, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2068–2081; 2 private bills, H.R. 2082, 2083; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 177–178, and H. Res. 231–233, were introduced. **Pages H4010–11**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4011–12**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 229, providing for consideration of H.R. 1527, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003 through 2006 (H. Rept. 108–97); and

H. Res. 230, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1000, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets (H. Rept. 108–98). **Page H4010**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3977**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3979**

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

Conveyance of the Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE to the Port Huron Museum of Arts in Port Huron, Michigan and the Coast Guard Cutter

PLANETREE to Jewish Life in Sherman Oaks, California: H.R. 517, amended, to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey the Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE, upon its scheduled decommissioning, to the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History located in Port Huron, Michigan, for use for education and historical display. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey 2 Coast Guard cutters."; **Pages H3981–83**

Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Dayton, Ohio: H.R. 281, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 183); **Pages H3983–85, H3993–94**

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on the Capitol Grounds: H. Con. Res. 128, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Pages H3985–86**

Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building, Bowling Green, Ohio: H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building"; **Pages H3986–87**

Honoring the Life of the Late Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Matthew J. Ryan: H. Res. 178, honoring the life and work of