

BENEFITS FOR VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine S. 1275, to establish a comprehensive federal program to provide benefits to U.S. victims of international terrorism, focusing on issues including the importance of blocked assets for U.S. foreign policy and national security interests, and maintaining a proper balance between administrative and litigation alternatives for international terrorism claims, receiving testimony from William H. Taft IV, Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling, and Allan Gerson, George Washington University and Gerson International Law Group, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, focusing on adolescent males with severe mental health problems, limitations in private and public insurance, difficulties accessing services through mental health and education agencies, and expanding community mental health services and supporting families, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1416, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement;

S. 1417, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement;

S. Con. Res. 53, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies; and

The nominations of Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2766–2789; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 247, and H. Res. 323, were introduced. **Pages H7084–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7085–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–214).

H. Res. 287, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of

Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 108–215);

H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”, amended (H. Rept. 108–216);

H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the “Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–217);

H.R. 1038, to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to

the public lands, National Park System lands, or National Forest System lands when the violation results in damage to public or private property, to specify the purpose for which collected fines may be used, referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Sept. 15, 2003 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(K), rule X (H. Rept. 108–218, Pt. 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggett to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7023**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:35 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Prime Minister Tony Blair in a Joint Meeting. The House reconvened at 5:31 p.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H7062**

Joint Meeting to Receive the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive Prime Minister Tony Blair. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Bereuter, Lewis of California, Petri, King of New York, Brown-Waite, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Clyburn, DeLauro, Skelton, and Lantos; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Allen, Lugar, Campbell, Dole, Daschle, Reid, Mikulski, Biden, Leahy, and Dodd.

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Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 389. The bill was also considered on July 16.

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Agreed To:

Slaughter amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 and debated on July 16 that increases funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10 million and increases funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million with offsets from the National Park Service, Departmental Management, and National Forest System was offered. (agreed to by recorded vote of 225 ayes to 200 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 376);

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Sanders amendment that increases funding for weatherization assistance grants by \$15 million with offsets from other energy conservation activities;

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Bereuter amendment No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that prohibits any funds

to be used for the implementation of a competitive sourcing study at the Midwest Archaeological Center in Lincoln, Nebraska or the Southeast Archaeological Center in Tallahassee, Florida (agreed to by recorded vote of 362 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 387);

Pages H7092–94, H7102

Taylor of North Carolina amendment to the Udall of Colorado amendment No. 1 that applies the provisions to any lands within a designated National Monument, Wilderness Study Area, National Park System unit, National Wildlife Refuge System unit or lands within the National Wilderness Preservation System (agreed to by recorded vote of 226 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 388); and

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Udall of Colorado amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 10, as amended, that prohibits funds to implement amendments to Bureau of Land Management regulations on Recordable Disclaimers of Interest in Land (subpart 1864 of part 1860 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations) as adopted on January 6, 2003 with regard to any lands within a designated National Monument, Wilderness Study Area, National Park System unit, National Wildlife Refuge System unit or lands within the National Wilderness Preservation System;

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Rejected:

DeFazio amendment No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that sought to extend authorization for the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program to activities under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service only (rejected by recorded vote of 184 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 377);

Pages H7033–36, H7055

Hefley amendment that sought to reduce all funding by one percent (rejected by recorded vote of 81 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 378);

Pages H7040–41, H7055–56

Tancredo amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase Wildland Fire Management funding by \$57.4 million with offsets from the National Endowment for the Arts (rejected by recorded vote of 112 yes to 313 noes, Roll No. 379);

Pages H7042–43, H7056–57

Blumenauer amendment No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to enter into any new commercial agricultural lease on the Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge in the States of Oregon and California that permits the growing of row crops or alfalfa (rejected by recorded vote of 197 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 380);

Pages H7043–47, H7057

Shadegg amendment that increases funding for Wildland Fire Management hazardous fuels reduction activities by \$19 million with offsets from the Department of Agriculture Land Acquisition program (rejected by recorded vote of 128 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 381); **Pages H7048–49, H7057–58**

Gallegly amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to administer any action related to the baiting of bears except to prevent or prohibit such activity (rejected by recorded vote of 163 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 382); **Pages H7049–51, H7076**

Rahall amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14 that sought to prohibit any funds to kill, or assist others in killing, any Bison in the Yellowstone National Park herd (rejected by recorded vote of 199 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 383); **Pages H7051–54, H7076–77**

Udall of New Mexico amendment No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 that sought to prohibit any funding to finalize or implement the proposed revisions to subpart A of part 219 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to National Forest System Planning for Land and Resource management Plans, as described in the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on December 6, 2002 (rejected by recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 384); **Pages H7062–68, H7077–78**

Holt amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14 that sought to prohibit any funding to manage recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway; except in accordance with national Park Service One-year Delay Rule published November 18, 2002 (rejected by recorded vote of 210 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 385); **Pages H7069–75, H7078**

Inslee amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to propose, finalize, or implement any change to subpart B of part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, entitled Protection of Inventoried Roadless Areas (rejected by recorded vote of 185 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 386);

Pages H7082–83, H7087–7092, H7101–02

Point of order sustained against:

King of Iowa amendment No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to subject management of the Missouri River to the imposition of any regulatory action under the Endangered Species Act; and

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Matheson substitute amendment to the Udall of Colorado amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 10 that sought to apply the provisions to any lands in National Parks, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, National Wildlife, Refuges, National Monuments, military bases,

or any roads except public highways, roads, or streets that are traveled ways maintained by a county or incorporated municipality; over which a conventional two-wheel drive vehicle may travel, and with regard to private property. **Pages H7096–97**

Withdrawn:

Sessions amendment No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike section 335 that prohibits any funds to be used to initiate any new competitive sourcing studies at the Department of the Interior; **Pages H7037–38**

Manzullo amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit the procurement of manufactured materials unless section 2 of the Buy American Act is applied by substituting “at least 65 percent” for “substantially all”;

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John amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 15 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to prosecute any individual for killing migratory birds on or over land or water where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of manipulated re-growth of a harvested rice crop;

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H. Res. 319, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Energy and Water Appropriations—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time, for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule 18, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Appropriations, which shall proceed according to the following order: The first reading shall be dispensed with, all points of order against consideration are waived, and general debate shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and the amendment placed at the desk shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except for section 310. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the bill as amended to the

House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act that was debated on July 16 by yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 390. Subsequently, the House debated the Bell motion, noted on July 16, to instruct conferees on the same bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. Earlier, Representative Van Hollen announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7023.

Referral: S. 555 and S. 558 were referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce, and S. 570 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7086.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7054–55, H7055, H7055–56, H7056–57, H7057, H7058, H7076, H7076–77, H7077–78, H7078, H7101–02, H7102, H7102–03, H7105, and H7105–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:53 a.m. on Friday, July 18.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH INSURANCE CERTIFICATE ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Health Insurance Certificate Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW DOE'S RADIOACTIVE HIGH-LEVEL WASTE CLEANUP PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Review of DOE's Radioactive High-Level Waste Cleanup Program." Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Jesse Roberson, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Michael Wilson, Program Director, Nuclear and Mixed Waste Program, Department of Ecology,

State of Washington; and David Wilson, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, State of South Carolina.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2548, amended, Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act of 2003; and H.R. 2746, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building."

"A NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT: IS IT GOOD FOR SENIORS?"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on "A New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Is it Good for Seniors?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Gutknecht and Emanuel; and public witnesses.

PIRACY DETERRENCE AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2517, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Jana Monroe, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FORENSIC DNA TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on "Advancing Justice Through Forensic DNA Technology." Testimony was heard from Sarah V. Hart, Director, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; Paul B. Ferrara, M.D., Director, Division of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "The Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security." Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife