

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8084–88 .

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **HIGHER EDUCATION ACT—GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing entitled “Beyond Baccalaureate: Graduate Programs in the Higher Education Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FAIRNESS TO CONTACT LENS CONSUMERS ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2221, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Robert L. Hubbard, Director, Litigation, Antitrust Bureau, Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and public witnesses.

### **EPA ELEVATION TO DEPARTMENT LEVEL**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Elevation of the EPA to Department Level Status: Federal and State Views,” and on H.R. 37 and H.R. 2138, Department of Environmental Protection. Testimony was heard from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Marianne L. Horinko, Acting Administrator, EPA; Warren Chisum, member, House of Representatives, State of Texas; Howard Roitman, Director, Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; Ron Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of Environment, Department of Health and Environment, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

### **COMBATING TERRORISM**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Preparing and Funding First Responders. Testimony was heard from former Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire; Adrian H. Thompson, Chief, Fire and EMS Department, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—ADVANCEMENTS IN SMART CARD AND BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental

Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled “Advancements in Smart Card and Biometric Technology.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Joel Willemssen, Managing Director of IT Management; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist; Sandy Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Services, GSA; Ken Schefflen, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center (East), Department of Defense; Benjamin Wu, Under Secretary, Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933; and H. Res. 355, Commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria.

### **FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services 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 waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment that are printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Shadegg, Ose Frank of Massachusetts, Hooley of Oregon and Inslee.

### **CHARITABLE GIVING ACT; BUDGET, WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE LETTER**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the Budget, Waste, Fraud and Abuse letter to be forwarded to the Committee on the Budget.

## “PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSE REFORM: FORMER HOUSE LEADERS”

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*; Subcommittee on Rules held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on House Reform: Former House Leaders.” Testimony was heard from the following former Speakers of the House: Newt Gingrich, Georgia; and Tom Foley, Washington; and former Representatives Bob Walker of Pennsylvania; and Lee Hamilton of Indiana.

## Joint Meetings

### OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission)*: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. policy toward the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State.

---

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Finance*: business meeting to consider a substitute to H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and S. 622, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the cause of the August 2003 Northeast blackouts, and what the federal government can do to ensure that blackouts of this magnitude do not occur again, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine terrorism two years after 9/11, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, to consider a Letter to the Committee on the Budget as required by the Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to consider the following measures: the Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003; H.R. 3034, National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1260, Animal Drug User Fee Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing on the Department of the Treasury's views on the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled “Developing Sound Business Practices at the Department of Homeland Security,” 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “The SV-40 Virus: Has Tainted Polio Vaccine Caused an Increase in Cancer?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “Worm and Virus Defense: How Can We Protect the Nation's Computers From These Threats?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2134, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2003; a measure to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; and H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on NASA's Response to the Columbia Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on the WTO's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules and the Effect on America's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled “Perspectives on 9-11: Building Effectively on Hard Lessons,” 2:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.