

50th Anniversary of the SBA: H. Res. 368, Honoring the 50th anniversary of the SBA and recognizing Small Business Week; and **Pages H8244–47**

Museum and Library Services Act of 2003: H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act. **Pages H8248–54**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. **Page H8254**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan of Ohio announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. **Page H8254**

Legislative Branch Appropriations—Motion To Go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H8254–55**

Appointed as conferees: For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments (except for title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kingston, LaHood, Tiahrt, Culberson, Kirk, Young (FL), Moran (VA), Price (NC) Clyburn, and Obey.

For consideration of title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3 and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (FL), Taylor (NC) and Obey. **Pages H8254–55**

National Defense Authorization Act—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Rodriguez announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. **Page H8257**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Stenholm announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. **Page H8257**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8223.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 17 was ordered held at the desk. **Page H8223**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOLOCAUST ERA INSURANCE RESTITUTION

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution after *AIA* v.

Garamedi: Where Do We Go From Here?” Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randolph M. Belle, Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Chairman, International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims; Gregory V. Serio, Superintendent, Insurance Department, State of New York; and public witnesses.

SYRIA: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SECURITY AND REGIONAL STABILITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Syria: Implications for U.S. Security and Regional Stability—Part I. Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 646, Fort Donelson National Battlefield Act of 2003; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson, Whitfield and Majette; and public witnesses.

CHARITABLE GIVING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. 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 Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Cardin or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blunt, Gilchrest, Cardin, Edwards and Baird.

AMERICA'S CYBERSPACE SECURITY— DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "The Invisible Battleground: What the Department of Homeland Security is Doing to Make America's Cyberspace More Secure." Testimony was heard from Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN LEGION

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative priorities of the American Legion, focusing on budgetary recommendations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for FY 2005, after receiving testimony from John A. Brieden III, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine digital right management and privacy issues, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 1548, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of renewable fuels and to simplify the administration of the Highway Trust Fund fuel excise taxes, proposed Extension of Highway Trust Fund Provisions, proposed National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act, and H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine West Africa and Latin Amer-

ica in relation to U.S. Energy Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine what can be done to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Roger W. Titus, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine effective federal, state and local law enforcement strategies to combat gang violence in America, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3076, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act; and H.R. 3077, International Studies in Higher Education Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the International Consumer Protection Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Accounting under Sarbanes-Oxley: Are financial statements more reliable," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing titled "Human Capital Planning: Exploring the National Commission on the Public Service's Recommendations for Reorganizing the Federal Government," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Implementation of National Supply Reduction Strategy," 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing titled "Exploring Common Criteria: Can It Ensure That the Federal Government Gets Needed Security in Software?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2359, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on "Environmental Aspects of Modern Oil and Gas Development," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.