

ROAD MAP TO PEACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss overcoming obstacles to peace relating to the Middle East road map from William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded a hearing on overcoming obstacles to peace relating to the Middle East road map, after receiving testimony from Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, D.C.; Rabbi Michael Melchior, former Deputy Foreign Minister, and Dror Etkes, Peace Now, both of Jerusalem, Israel; and Boaz Ganor, International Policy Institute on Counter-Terrorism, Herzlia, Israel.

AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE REFORM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 550, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, after receiving testimony from Wayne Nordwall, Director, Western Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Maurice Lyons, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Banning, California; Lisa C. Oshiro, California Indian Legal Services, Washington, D.C.; and Austin Nunez, Indian Land Working Group, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of D. Michael Fisher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum and Representatives Hart and Murphy; Dale S. Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein; and Gary L. Sharpe, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PORNOGRAPHY VICTIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing on the oversight of Department of Justice to protect victims of pornography, focusing on enforcement efforts against those who produce and disseminate adult obscenity and child pornography, after receiving testimony from John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, and Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh), all of the Department of Justice; Lawrence E. Maxwell, Inspector in Charge, Fraud and Dangerous Mail Investigative Programs, United States Postal Inspection Service; Bruce A. Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; Victor Cline, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; and Steven Takeshita, Los Angeles Police Department, Organized Crime and Vice Division, Los Angeles, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3290–3304; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 301–302 and H. Res. 397–399, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1899, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, (H. Rept. 108–313);

H.R. 1828, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, amended, (H. Rept. 108–314);

H.R. 1702, to designate the Federal building which is to be constructed at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building” (H. Rept. 108–315);

H.R. 2134, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures, amended, (H. Rept. 108–316);

H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia (H. Rept. 108–317);

H.R. 3140, to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, amended, (H. Rept. 108–318);

H.R. 3198, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, (H. Rept. 108–319); and

H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–320). **Page H9477**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Ralph Clay, Christ's Community Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. **Page H9385**

Order of Business—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Agreed that the period of debate on the subject of emergency supplemental appropriations under the order of the House of Wednesday, October 14, be limited to five hours. **Page H9386**

Order of Business—Permission to address the House: Agreed that at any time on the legislative day of October 15, 2003, Representatives Lewis of California and Obey each be recognized to address the House for 30 minutes. **Page H9385**

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

Recognizing America's Jewish community: H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; **Pages H9396–98**

Supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month: H. Con. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; **Pages H9398–H9400**

Congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 U.S. Little League Champions: H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; **Pages H9400–01**

Recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years: H.J. Res. 70, amended, recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years in their efforts to pre-

vent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "Joint Resolution commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years". **Pages H9401–03**

Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1883, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601–1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office"; **Pages H9403–04**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitors Center Act: H.R. 1442, amended, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; **Pages H9404–07**

Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003: H.R. 1092, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada." **Pages H9407–09**

Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003: H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California; **Pages H9409–10**

Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003: H.R. 1521, amended, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; **Pages H9410–11**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height: H.R. 1821, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation; **Pages H9411–16**

Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003: S. 1680, amended, an original bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950; **Pages H9416–18**

Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003: H.R. 1828, amended, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil and illegal shipments of weapons and other military

items to Iraq, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 543; and

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House began debate on the subject of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the subject will continue tomorrow, October 16.

Pages H9431–40, H9443–64

Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Capps motion to instruct conferees on 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 a yeas-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 540.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Crowley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a yeas-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 541.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Schakowsky motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yeas-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 542.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9385.

Senate Referral: S. 1053 and S.J. Res 18 were ordered held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9479–83.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

MEDICAID—EVALUATING COORDINATION CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Coordination of Care in Medicaid: Improving Quality and Clinical Outcomes.” Testimony was heard from Rhonda Medows, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida; Jeffrey Simms, Assistant Director, Division of Medical Assistance, State of North Carolina; Melanie M. Bella, Assistant

Secretary, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE—ACHIEVING DIVERSITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Achieving Diversity in the Senior Executive Service.” Testimony was heard from George H. Stalcup, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; Carlton M. Hadden, Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; Gail T. Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, GSA; JoAnne Barnart, Chief Financial Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Reginald F. Wells, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: S. 625, Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003; H.R. 2831, Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act; and H.R. 3210, Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Limbaugh, Deputy Commissioner, External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Kirk, Shays, Manzullo, Pence, Obey, Lantos, Spratt, DeFazio, Tanner, Waters, Deutsch, Stupak,