

TAX SHELTERS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the current situation on tax shelters, and the role of the Federal Government relative to the buying and selling of tax shelters, receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Pamela F. Olson, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, and Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Eileen O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and B. John Williams, Jr., Shearman and Sterling LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert V. Lally, Federman, Lally and Remis LLC, Farmington, Connecticut; Philip C. Cook, Alston and Bird LLP, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael Hamersley, Fair Oaks, California; Robert Schmidt, and Thomas Walsh, both of San Jose, California; Henry Camferdam, Jr., Indianapolis, Indiana; and an anonymous witness.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

U.N. CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the "Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc.103-39), after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral John E. Crowley, Jr., Chief Counsel and Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; William H. Taft IV, Legal Adviser, and John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary of Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, both of the De-

partment of State; Mark T. Esper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy; Paul L. Kelly, Rowan Companies, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Randi Thomas, U.S. Tuna Foundation, Joseph J. Cox, Chamber of Shipping of America, and Vice Admiral Roger T. Rufe, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), The Ocean Conservancy, all of Washington, D.C.

U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine U.S. energy security policy relating to West Africa and Latin America, focusing on prospects for increasing energy production in Latin America and West Africa, promoting a good investment climate, and oil imports, after receiving testimony from John R. Brodman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Energy Policy, Office of Policy and International Affairs; Matthew T. McManus, Acting Director of International Energy and Commodity Policy Office, Economic and Business Affairs Bureau, Department of State; and J. Robinson West, PFC Energy, David L. Goldwyn, Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC, and Marina Ottaway, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice efforts in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists, focusing on how anti-terrorism tools have been crucial to those efforts, and how they have helped prosecutors and agents in fighting the war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago), and Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria), all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3352-3372; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 308-310, and H. Res. 408-412, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Tom Nelson, Senior Pastor, Denton Bible Church in Denton, Texas. **Page H9740**

Continuing Appropriations for FY 2004: The House passed H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 by a yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 568. **Pages H9743–48, H9775**

H. Res. 407, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 566. **Pages H9746–47**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:39 a.m. **Page H9748**

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

Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003: H.R. 3076, amended, to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education; and **Pages H9748–52**

International Studies in Higher Education Act of 2003: H.R. 3077, amended, to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance international education programs. **Pages H9752–59**

Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2535, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 by voice vote. **Pages H9759–70**

Pursuant to the order of the House of October 20, the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, was adopted as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H9762–65**

The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Monday, October 20.

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H9770–75**

The House agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on certain provisions of the Senate bill by a yeas-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 567. **Pages H9770–75**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young (FL), Lewis (CA), Rogers (KY), Wolf, Kolbe, Walsh, Knollenberg, Obey, Murtha, Lowey, Serrano, and Edwards. **Page H9775**

Energy Policy Act of 2003: The House debated the Markey 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. Further consideration of the motion was postponed. **Pages H9777–80**

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003: The House debated the Brown of Ohio motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program. Further consideration of the motion was postponed until a later date. **Pages H9780–84**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003: The House debated the Woolsey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit. Further consideration of the motion was postponed until a later date. **Pages H9784–87**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of October 27–31. **Pages H9776–77**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 24, and further that when it adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28. **Page H9787**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 29. **Page H9787**

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m. **Page H9787**

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the United States National Arboretum. Testimony was heard from Representative Frelinghuysen; Rodney J. Brown, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom: Outside Perspectives. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the U.S. Army War College: Maj. Gen. Robert Scales, USA, (Ret.), Commandant; and Stephen D.