

**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.

Biddle, Associate Research Professor of National Security Studies; and a public witness.

#### **FORCES—RESETTING AND RECONSTITUTING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Resetting and Reconstituting the Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Gen. William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy; Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, Department of the Army.

#### **C41 INTEROPERABILITY**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on C41 Interoperability: New Challenges in 21st Century Warfare. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. William Wallace, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth; Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, USAF, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command; Maj. Gen. Keith Stalder, USMC, Commanding General, First Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Deputy Commanding General First Marine Expeditionary Force; Brig. Gen. Dennis C. Moran, USA, Director, Information Operations, Networks and Space, Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6, U.S. Army; and Brig. Gen. Marc Rogers, USAF, Director, Joint Requirements and Integration Directorate, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

#### **U.S.-CHINA TIES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S.-China Ties: Reassessing the Economic Relationship. Testimony was heard from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S. POLICY—WESTERN HEMISPHERE—CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Policy in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; and a public witness.

#### **NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS JUDGESHIP AND REORGANIZATION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2723, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judgeship and Reorganization Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from the following Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit: Mary Schroeder, Chief Judge and Diarmuid O'Scannlain and Alex Kozinski; and a public witness.

#### **NORTHERN ARIZONA NATIONAL FOREST LAND EXCHANGE ACT; TRAIL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2907, Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; and H.R. 3247, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Larry R. Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 265, amended, Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 280, amended, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 532, amended, Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 1014, amended, Gateway Communities Cooperation Act; H.R. 1058, amended, to provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah; H.R. 1594, amended, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, amended, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1629, Upper Missouri River Breaks Boundary Clarification Act; H.R. 1798, amended, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1862, amended, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 2424, National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park; and S. 677, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2003.

The Subcommittee also began markup of H.R. 1964, Highlands Stewardship Act.

## HOMELAND SECURITY CONTRACTS— CHALLENGES SMALL BUSINESSES FACE

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled “Challenges that Small Businesses Face Accessing Homeland Security Contracts.” Testimony was heard from Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Barrera, Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS— PHYSICIAN AND DENTIST COMPENSATION ISSUES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs physician and dentist compensation issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Jacqueline Parthemore, M.D., Chief of Staff/Medical Director, San Diego Health Care System; Richard Bauer, M.D., Chief of Staff, South Texas Health Care System; Sheila M. Cullen, Medical Director, San Francisco Medical Center; Michael H. Ebert, M.D., Chief of Staff, Connecticut Health Care System; Michael M. Lawson, Director, Boston Health Care System; and Michael S. Simberkoff, M.D., Executive Chief of Staff, New York Harbor Health Care System; and public witnesses.

## MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Middle East Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Funding for First Responders: Ensuring

That Federal Funds Are Distributed Intelligently.” Testimony was heard from John G. Rowland, Governor, State of Connecticut; Ray A. Nelson, Executive Director, Office for Security Coordination, State of Kentucky; John D. Cohen, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Public Safety, State of Massachusetts; and a public witness.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives in the terror finance program and organization of terror groups for funding and future U.S. responses, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine federal involvement in the regulation of the insurance industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing on fisheries, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Anti-Semitism in Europe, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Wayne Anderson, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.