

Committee Meetings

“MUTUAL FUNDS: WHO’S LOOKING OUT FOR INVESTORS?”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises hearing entitled “Mutual Funds: Who’s Looking Out for Investors?” Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, SEC; Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, State of New York; Arthur Levitt, former Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue November 6.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES: COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and that each section shall be considered as read. 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 Representatives Coble, Hoekstra, Toomey and Scott of Virginia.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold open and closed hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward B. O’Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to Peru, and Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the report of the Presidential Commission on the U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.