

independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by voice vote. **Pages H11853–56**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11658 and H11677.

Senate Referral: S. 1895 was ordered held at the desk. **Page H11658**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 11 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11665, H11665–66, H11666–67, H11677, H11678, H11678–79, H11679–80, H11842, H11843, H11843–44 and H11844. There were no recorded votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 12 midnight stands in recess subject to the call of the chair; the House reconvened at 1:17 a.m. and adjourned at 1:18 a.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION EFFICIENCY ACT; REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved the following: a report “Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum;” and a draft report entitled “Everything Secret Degenerates: The FBI’s Use of Murderers as Informants.”

PASSENGER SCREENER TRAINING REVIEW

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Knives, Box Cutters and Bleach: A Review of Passenger Screener Training, Testing and Supervision. Testimony was heard from Stephen McHale, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AUTISM—FUTURE CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “The Future Challenges of Autism: A Survey of the Ongoing Initiatives in the Federal Government to Address the Epidemic.” Testimony was heard from Peter Van Dyck, Associate Administrator, Office of Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE SUBPOENAS RELATED TO INVESTIGATION OF 527 ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Adopted a resolution delegating to the Chairman the power to authorize and issue subpoenas related to an investigation of 527 Organizations.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS UNDER SADDAM HUSSEIN VICTIMS SPEAK OUT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Human Rights Violations Under Saddam Hussein: Victims Speak Out. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pryce of Ohio and Hooley of Oregon; Maj. Alvin Schmidt, USMC, Deputy Force Protection Officer, First Marine Expeditionary Force, USMC, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on “Homeland Security—the Balance Between Crisis and Consequence Management through Training and Assistance,” including discussion of the following bills: H.R. 2512, First Responders Funding Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; and H.R. 3158, Preparing America to Respond Effectively Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from C. Suzanne Mencer, Director, Office of Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; William Bishop, Director, Bureau of Homeland Security, State of Idaho; and Raymond W. Kelly, Police Commissioner, City of New York.

OVERSIGHT—JOHN F. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Testimony was heard from Benjamin N. Tuggle, Chief, Division of Federal Program Activities, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Anthony S. Lowe, Director, Mitigation Division and Federal Insurance Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

MAKING IN ORDER SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Reported, by voice vote, a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Friday, November 21, 2003. The resolution provides that the Speaker

or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

CONFERENCE REPORT—HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representative Walden of Oregon.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 21, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following: (A) A bill or joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, or any amendment thereto; or (B) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, any amendment thereto, or any conference report thereon.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 1—MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 21, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act of 2003.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: On November 19, the Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, and against its consideration. The rule

provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representative Harman.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: On November 19, the Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the 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 joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

MAKING IN ORDER SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: On November 19, the Committee reported, by voice vote, a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, November 20, 2003. The resolution provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the resolution.

LOWERING BUSINESS COSTS IN U.S.—KEEP OUR COMPANIES HERE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Lowering the Cost of Doing Business in the United States: How to Keep Our Companies Here.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FINANCING PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Financing Port Infrastructure—Who Should Pay? Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Ose; and public witnesses.

NON-PROFIT CREDIT COUNSELING ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Non-Profit Credit Counseling Organizations. Testimony was heard from Mark Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on

Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Time to be announced, S-214, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider pending nominations, time to be announced, room to be announced.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and David C. Mulford, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to India, 9 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Rules, to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 1 to amend Title XVIII, the Social Security Act, to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program to modernize the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Intelligence Update on Iraq, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.