

permit the Librarian of Congress to hire Library of Congress Police employees; **Pages H6084–85**

Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004: H.R. 4600, amended, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions; and **Pages H6089–93**

Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003: S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H6093–H6101**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue on Wednesday, July 21.

Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing: H. Res. 723, recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing; **Pages H6065–71**

Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 4608, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the “Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”; **Pages H6074–76**

Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004: H.R. 4175, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; and **Pages H6078–80**

Sense of the House regarding the postponement of Presidential elections due to terrorist actions: H. Res. 728, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions of terrorists will never cause the date of any Presidential election to be postponed and that no single individual or agency should be given the authority to postpone the date of a Presidential election. **Pages H6085–89**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion To Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Stenholm 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 will continue on Wednesday, July 21. **Pages H6101–04**

Late Conference Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight on July 20 to file a conference report on H.R. 4613,

making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. **Page H6048**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5988–89.

Senate Referral: S. 2385 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 2277 and S. 2398 were held at the desk. **Page H6124**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6019–20, H6020, H6020–21, H6021–22, H6064, H6064–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Forest Land Enhancement Program. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

DEPOT MAINTENANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Depot Maintenance—Capacity and Resources for Future Work. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Mitchell Stevenson, USA., Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics and Operations, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Department of the Army; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: RAD Mark A. Hugel, USN, Deputy Director, Fleet Readiness Division; and LTG Richard L. Kelly, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTG Donald J. Wetekam, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PERSONNEL ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Special Operations Command Personnel Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL

Kenneth J. Cull, USA, Director, Manpower and Personnel (J1), U.S. Special Forces Command; and CSM Michael T. Hall, USA, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, both with the Department of the Army; CMSgt. Robert V. Martens, Jr., USAF, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Special Operations Command; and CMSgt. Howard J. Mowry, USAF, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Air Force Special Operations Command, both with the Department of the Air Force; and FORMC Clell Breining, USN, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Naval Special Warfare Command, Department of the Navy.

“ARE COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS PRICED FAIRLY?”

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “Are College Textbooks Priced Fairly?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Pipeline Safety.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CREDIT UNION REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Credit Union Regulatory Improvements.” Testimony was heard from JoAnn Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on a GAO report entitled “Multifamily Housing: More Accessible HUD Data Could Help Efforts to Preserve Housing for Low-Income Tenants.” Testimony was heard from David C. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

FIXING FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PAY AND BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an over-

sight hearing entitled “Time to Bite the Bullet: Fixing Federal Law Enforcement Pay and Benefits.” Testimony was heard from Ronald Sanders, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; and public witnesses.

“WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION’S RECORD IN RELIEVING BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESS?”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight of the Committee on Small Business continued joint hearings entitled “What is the Administration’s Record in Relieving Burden on Small Business?—Part II.” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Jesus Delgado-Jenkins, Acting Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury; Felipe Mendoza, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization, GSA; and public witnesses.

DOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IMPACTING ARMY RESERVE PAY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Are Financial Management Problems at the Department of Defense Impacting Army Reserve Pay?” Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James R. Helmly, USA, Chief, Army Reserve; and Ernest H. Gregory, Acting Assistant Secretary, Financial Management and Comptroller, both with the Department of the Army; and Patrick T. Shine, Director, Military and Civilian Pay Services, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Public Safety Interoperability: Look Who’s Talking Now.” Testimony was heard from William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; David Boyd, Program Manager, SAFECOM, Department of Homeland Security; John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC; Stephen T. Devine, Patrol Frequency Coordinator, Communications Division, State Highway Patrol General

Headquarters, State of Missouri; Glen S. Nash, Telecommunications Division, Department of General Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

VOTING MACHINE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “The Science of Voting Machine Technology: Accuracy, Reliability, and Security.” Testimony was heard from Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems, GAO; Hratch Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Terry Jarrett, General Counsel, Secretary of State, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1787, Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 3369, Non-profit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2003; and H.R. 1084, Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1755, Child Custody Protection Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3176, Ojito Wilderness Act; and H.R. 4593, Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Senators Ensign and Reid; and Representatives Wilson of New Mexico and Porter; Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives LoBiondo and Filner.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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 July 21, 2004, providing for the consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4837, Military Construction Appropriations Act, 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. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. 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. No testimony was heard.

GSA'S FISCAL YEAR 2005 CAPITAL INVESTING AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the GSA's Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program.

ENSURING VALUE FROM EPA GRANTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Ensuring Value from EPA Grants. Testimony was heard from The following officials of the EPA: Nikki Tinsley, Inspector General; and David J. O'Connor, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management; John B. Stephenson, Director, Environmental Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S.-MOROCCO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 4842, United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

PUBLIC SERVANT RETIREMENT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 4391, Public Servant Retirement Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Martin H. Gerry, Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE—REVIEW DOCUMENTS ON DETAINEE INTERROGATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing to Review the International Committee of the Red Cross Documents on Detainee Interrogation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

ROLE OF BIOMETRICS IN COUNTERTERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY EFFORTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Role of Biometrics in Counterterrorism and Homeland Security Efforts. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRACY IN ALBANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the prospects for advancing democracy in Albania, after receiving testimony from Osmo Lipponen, Organization For Security and Co-operation In Europe, Erion Veliaj, MJAFT! (“Enough!”)/Balkans Youth Link, Kreshnik Spahiu, Albanian Coalition Against Corruption, and Fatmir Mediu, Albanian Republican Party, all of Tirana, Albania; Nicholas C. Pano, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois; Fatos Tarifa, Republic of Albania Ambassador, Washington, D.C.; Edward Selami, Former Member Albanian Parliament, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command;

Lieutenant General Bantz J. Craddock, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Southern Command; Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, and Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings to examine how states have responded to military families' unique challenges during military deployments and what the Federal Government can do to support states in this important work, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 738, to designate certain public lands in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2221, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Oregon, S. 2253, to permit young adults to perform projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, and provide disaster relief, on public land through a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps, S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana, and S. 2622, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine bridging the tax gap, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine combating multilateral development bank corruption, focusing on the U.S. Treasury's role and internal efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

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

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold joint hearings to examine how states have responded to military families' unique challenges during military deployments and what the Federal Government can do to support states in this important work, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-