

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE/JUSTICE/ STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS/LABOR/ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 2809) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005;

An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; and

An original bill (S. 2810) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On September 14, 2004, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine S. 2066, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, after receiving testimony from William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Rear Admiral R. Dennis Sirois, Assistant Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Paul L. Kelly, Member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; Stephanie Madsen, Chair, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Lee R. Crockett, Marine Fish Conservation Network, Washington, D.C.; Madeleine Hall-Arber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sea Grant College Program, Cambridge; Terrance J. Quinn, University of Alaska Fairbanks Fisheries Division, Juneau; and Vincent Balzano, Portland, Maine.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent scientific research concerning the impacts of climate change, focusing on climate projections, rising sea levels, climate warming, human health, water resources in California, reduced snowpack and stream flow, wine grapes, dairy, and changes in vegetation distribution, after receiving testimony from Daniel

R. Cayan, University of California at San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla; Peter Frumhoff, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Claudia Tebaldi, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado; and Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. Con. Res. 121, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics;

S. 437, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1678, to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route;

S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, with an amendment;

S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in

the State of Montana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, with an amendment;

S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, with an amendment;

H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1964, to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives;

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; and

H.R. 4516, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to

advance high-end computing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee began markup of S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, but did not complete action thereon, and recess subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of S. 333, to promote elder justice and the nomination of J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States efforts to assist the Iraqi people the Iraqi Interim Government, focusing on the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF), national elections in Iraq, security and law enforcement, oil infrastructure and capacity, economic development, debt relief, accelerating Iraqi employment, democracy and governance, and legislative requirements, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Joseph W. Bowab, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Foreign Assistance Programs and Budget, Bureau of Resource Management, both of the Department of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5079–5103; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104–105; and H. Res. 776 were introduced. **Pages H7233–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7234–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 108–687, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to

extend the authorization of appropriations (H. Rept. 108–688, Pt. 1). **Page H7233**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7193**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. **Page H7193**

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. The bill