

3, regarding Administrative Expenses for the Federal Transit Administration; **Page H5415**

The phrase “not withstanding any other provision of law” on page 34 line 4, regarding the Highway Trust Fund; **Page H5415**

Section 151 regarding Administrative Provisions for the Federal Transit Administration; **Page H5415**

Section 218 under Administrative Provisions in the Department of the Treasury, regarding the submission of a report to the Committees on Appropriations; **Page H5422**

Section 808 regarding the Buy America Act. **Page H5466**

H. Res. 342, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, June 28.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported that he issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency regarding proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–38). **Page H5473**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5445.

Senate Referrals: S. 571, S. 775, and S. 904 were referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H5433**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5432–33, H5437, H5437–38, H5438, H5438–39, H5439–40, H5466–67, H5467, H5467–68, and H5468–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

GUANTANAMO BAY—DETAINEE OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on detainee operations at Guantanamo Bay. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Jay Hood, USA, Commander; CSM Anthony Mendez, USA, Joint Detention Group; and CDR Cary Ostergaard, USN, Detainee Hospital Commander, all with the Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a joint hearing on Small Business Technologies. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the U.S. Naval Academy, Department of the Navy: Dolores M. Etter, Distinguished Chair in Science and Technology, Electrical Engineering Department; and ENS Bradford L. Bonney, USN, Electrical Engineering Department.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2491, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2005; H.R. 1065, amended, United States Boxing Commission Act; and H.R. 3084, Drug Free Sports Act.

CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Solutions for the Rating Agency Duopoly.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT GENERATION INTERNET IPv6

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “To Lead or To Follow: The Next Generation Internet and the Transition to IPv6.” Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; the following officials of the GAO: David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist and Director, Center for Technology and Engineering; George G. Wauer, Director, Architecture and Interoperability, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information Integration and Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NARCO-TERRORIST HIGH SEAS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Interrupting Narco-terrorist Threats on the High Seas: Do We Have Enough Wind in Our Sails?” Testimony was heard from Ralph Utley, Acting United States Interdiction Coordinator, Office of National Drug Control Policy; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Dennis Sirois, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; and Charles E. Stallworth II, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; ADM Jeffrey J. Hathaway, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force

South, Department of Defense; and Thomas M. Harigan, Chief of Enforcement Operations, DEA, Department of Justice.

NEXT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “The Next Generation of Nuclear Power.” Testimony was heard from Robert Shane Johnson, Acting Director, Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Yucca Mountain Project: Digging for the Truth.” Testimony was heard from Joseph Hevesi, Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and W. John Arthur III, Deputy Director, Office of Repository Development, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

AIR PASSENGER PRE-SCREENING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “Improving Pre-Screening of Aviation Passengers against Terrorist and Other Watch Lists.” Testimony was heard from Justin Oberman, Assistant Administrator, Secure Flight and Registered Traveler, Department of Homeland Security; former Representative John B. Anderson, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT—MISSION-BASED BUDGETING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Transforming the Department of Homeland Security Through Mission-based Budgeting.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO; and public witnesses.

527 REFORM ACT OF 2005

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported, as amended, without recommendation H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005.

GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Global Water Crisis: Evaluating U.S. Strategies to Enhance Access to Safe Water and Sanitation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental Scientific Affairs; and Jackee Schafer,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Vanessa Tobin, Chief, Water Environment Sanitation Section, United Nations Children’s Fund; and Olav Kjørven, Director, Energy and Environment Group, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Program.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS; IRAQ’S TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 187, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress concerning Uzbekistan; and H. Res. 343, Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Iraq’s Transition to Democracy. Testimony was heard from Richard Jones, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Coordinator for Iraq, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 611, amended, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 953, Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 175, Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 184, amended, Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 869, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices; H.R. 3020, United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005; and H.R. 1442, amended, To complete the codification of title 46, United States Code “Shipping,” as positive law.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony from Representatives Duncan, Flake, Oberstar, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Blumenauer and Stupak.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, June 30, 2005. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule. The rule provides that it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July.

U.S. NANOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on Nanotechnology: Where Does the U.S. Stand? Testimony was heard from Floyd Kvamme, Co-Chair, President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "Different Applications for Genetically Modified Crops." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Craig E. Bone, USCG, Director, Port Security, U.S. Coast Guard; and Robert Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS TRANSITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing on the Transition Assistance Program and the Disabled Transition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Ronald G. Young, Director, National Guard Bureau Joint Staff; and Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Judith Caden, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Operations and Management, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; a representative of a veterans' organization; and a public witness.

PRISON INMATES TAX FRAUD

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Examine Tax Fraud Committed by Prison Inmates. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davis of Florida, Keller and Feeney; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Nancy J. Jardini, Chief, Criminal Investigation, IRS; and J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; John M.

Moriarty, Inspector General, Department of Criminal Justice, State of Texas; and Jeff Bentley, Criminal Investigator, Department of Corrections, State of South Carolina; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

UZBEKISTAN CRISIS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the ongoing crisis in Uzbekistan and its implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Muhammed Salih, ERK Democratic Party of Uzbekistan, and Galima Bukharbaeva, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, both of Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Holly Cartner, Human Rights Watch, and Robert Templer, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.; and Marcus Bensmann, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, Germany.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the status of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps in fighting the global war on terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine how information technology can reduce medical errors, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of patient care, including the importance of developing interoperable electronic medical records and highlight new technologies that will impact how health services are provided in the future, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine savings and investment issues, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine challenges of the Middle East road map, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to American history, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of James B. Letten, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Rod J. Rosenstein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted

claims, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, committee rules of procedures for the 109th Congress, and other committee matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine securing the cooperation of participating countries relating to the need for comprehensive immigration reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the importance of prevention in curing Medicare, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 3043, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "The Next Flu Pandemic: Evaluating U.S. Readiness," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 611, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 3100, East Asia Security Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 140, Recognizing and affirming the efforts of the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers in developing a common standard for decisions relating to withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes and urging that management authority over the Great Lakes should remain vested with the Governors and Premiers; H. Con. Res. 168, Condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of