

Act; and H.R. 1837, Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

### **U.N. SHOULD REMOVE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ; FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 160, expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1086, Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code; H.R. 1529, Involuntary Bankruptcy Improvement Act of 2003; S. 330, Veterans Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003; H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa; H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees; S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; and H.R. 1954, amended, Armed Forces Naturalization Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved Rules for consideration of Private Claims and Private Immigration bills.

### **FLAG PROTECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 4. Testimony was heard from Lt. Antonio J. Scannella, Police Department, Port Authority of New York; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1497, amended, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003; H.R. 1835, amended, National Security Readiness Act of 2003; and H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1261, Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. 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 a 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 was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives George Miller of California, Kildee, Tierney, Holt, Van Hollen, Ryan of Ohio, Kaptur, Faleomavaega, DeLauro, Edwards, Hastings of Florida, Millender-McDonald and Hooley of Oregon.

### **ARE BIG BUSINESSES BEING AWARDED CONTRACTS INTENDED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Are Big Businesses Being Awarded Contracts Intended for Small Businesses?" Testimony was heard from Angela Styles, Administrator, Office of Procurement Policy, OMB; Fred C. Armendariz, Associate Deputy Administrator, SBA; Felipe Mendoza, Associate Administrator, GSA; David E. Cooper, Contracting Issues Director, GAO; and public witnesses.