

Third Circuit, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Michael Brunson Wallace, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf, including numerous judicial and public witnesses.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 6175–6195; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 481–482; and H. Res. 1041 were introduced. **Pages H7496–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7497–98**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 176, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 109–681);

S. 244, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming (H. Rept. 109–682);

H.R. 971, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut (H. Rept. 109–683);

H.R. 4377, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project (H. Rept. 109–684);

H.R. 4417, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project (H. Rept. 109–685);

H.R. 5533, to prepare and strengthen the bio-defenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–686);

H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health (H. Rept. 109–687); and

H. Res. 1042, providing for consideration of the H.R. 6166, to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war (H. Rept. 109–688).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wamp to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7351**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7352**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Monday, September 25th:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006: H.R. 5092, amended, to modernize and reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 277 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 476; **Pages H7369–70**

Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection: H. Res. 723, amended, to call on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 481; **Pages H7423–24**

Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan: H. Res. 992, amended, to urge the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 482; **Pages H7424–25**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Supporting the appointment of a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan." **Page H7425**

Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror: H.R. 989, amended, to commend the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War

on Terror, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 483; and **Pages H7465–66**

Affirming support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people: H. Res. 1017, amended, to affirm support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 484. **Pages H7466–67**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006: H.R. 4772, amended, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 477.

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Motion to resolve into Secret Session: The House rejected the Pelosi motion that the House resolve itself into secret session, that the House be cleared of all persons except the Members, Delegates, Resident Commissioner, and officers of the House to consider certain communications, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 171 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 478.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Open Space and Farmland Preservation Act: H.R. 5313, to reserve a small percentage of the amounts made available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the farmland protection program to fund challenge grants to encourage the purchase of conservation easements and other interests in land to be held by a State agency, county, or other eligible entity; **Pages H7372–73**

Providing for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property: H.R. 5103, amended, to provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property; **Pages H7373–74**

Providing for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain isolated parcels of

National Forest System land in Florence and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin: H.R. 4559, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain isolated parcels of National Forest System land in Florence and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin; **Pages H7374–75**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.” **Page H7375**

Children and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006: S. 3525, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program. The House concur in Senate amendments to the House amendments—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H7375–87**

Permitting certain expenditures from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund: H.R. 6131, to permit certain expenditures from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund; **Pages H7387–89**

Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act: H.R. 4942, amended, to establish a capability and office to promote cooperation between entities of the United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism for the purpose of engaging in cooperative endeavors focused on the research, development, and commercialization of high-priority technologies intended to detect, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments; **Pages H7433–37**

Recruiting and retaining Border Patrol agents: H.R. 6160, to recruit and retain Border Patrol agents; **Pages H7437–40**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Border Patrol is performing an invaluable service to the United States, and that the House of Representatives fully supports the more than 12,000 Border Patrol agents: H. Res. 1030, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Border Patrol is performing an invaluable service to the United States, and that the House of Representatives fully supports the more than 12,000 Border Patrol agents; **Pages H7440–45**

Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Drug Development Act of 2006: H.R. 5533, amended, to

prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness; **Pages H7445–50**

Extending the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 4377, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project; **Pages H7450–51**

Providing for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project: H.R. 4417, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project; **Page H7451**

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming: S. 244, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H7451–52**

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska: S. 176, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H7452**

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut: H.R. 971, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut; **Pages H7452–53**

Amending title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health: H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 485; **Pages H7453–65, H7467**

Veterans Identity and Credit Security Act of 2006: H.R. 5835, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve information management within the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H7468–78**

Encouraging all offices of the House of Representatives to hire disabled veterans: H. Res. 1016, to encourage all offices of the House of Representatives to hire disabled veterans; **Pages H7478–80**

Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005: H.R. 1215, amended, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program; **Pages H7480–84**

National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006: H.R. 5136, amended, to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities; **Pages H7484–86**

Recognizing the dedication of the employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Stennis Space Center who, during and after Hurricane Katrina's assault on Mississippi, provided shelter and medical care to storm evacuees and logistical support for storm recovery efforts, while effectively maintaining critical facilities at the Center: H. Res. 948, to recognize the dedication of the employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Stennis Space Center who, during and after Hurricane Katrina's assault on Mississippi, provided shelter and medical care to storm evacuees and logistical support for storm recovery efforts, while effectively maintaining critical facilities at the Center; and **Pages H7486–88**

Extending temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration: H.R. 6159, to extend temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration. **Pages H7488–89**

Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 2679, to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to eliminate the chilling effect on the constitutionally protected expression of religion by State and local officials that results from the threat that potential litigants may seek damages and attorney's fees, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 480.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments." **Page H7423**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1038, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 474, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H7356–64, H7368**

Child Custody Protection Act: S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 264 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 479—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7412–22**

H. Res. 1039, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of

249 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 475, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H7364–69**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yeas and nays vote of 394 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 486, after ordering the previous question.

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H. Res. 1037, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H7404–12**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Representatives Kilpatrick of Michigan to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy. **Page H7489**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7445.

Senate Referral: S. 3421 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirteen yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H7368, H7368–69, H7369–70, H7370, H7371, H7422, H7422–23, H7423–24, H7424, H7465–66, H7466, H7467, and H7467–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review federal farm policy affecting the specialty crop industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOD ALTERNATIVE ENERGY/EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on Alternative Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Richard Connelly, Director, Defense Energy Support Center; Mike Aimone, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support; and Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and public witnesses.

COLLEGES AND INTERNET POLICY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled "The Internet and the College Campus: How the Entertainment Industry and Higher Education are Working to Combat Illegal Piracy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDITING MOVIE CONTENT FOR FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Editing Hollywood's Editors: Cleaning Flicks for Families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: The Face of a Child Predator and Other Issues." Testimony was heard from Andres Hernandez, Director, Bureau of Prisons' Sex Offender Treatment Program, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAL DEVICE SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Medical Device Safety: How FDA Regulates the Reprocessing of Supposedly Single-Use Devices." Testimony was heard from Daniel G. Schultz, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Weapons of Mass Destruction: Reviving Disarmament." Testimony was heard from William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Proliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Andrew K. Semmel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Jack David, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction and Negotiations Policy, Department of Defense; Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Hans Blix, Chairman, The Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission; and public witnesses.