

Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia on parcels of land in the State of Texas; **Pages H7656–57**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.”.

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Rio Grande Natural Area Act: S. 56, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;

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Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006: S. 2430, amended, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study;

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Ouachita National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2006: H.R. 5690, to adjust the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas;

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Ratifying a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly: H.R. 4876, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly;

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Allowing for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District: H.R. 5516, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District;

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Modifying a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior: H.R. 3606, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior;

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Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005: H.R. 2134, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.”.

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Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act: H.R. 5340, amended, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin;

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Rio Arriba County Land Conveyance Act: S. 213, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President; and

Pages H7669–70

Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act: H.R. 2110, amended, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H7520, H7521, H7521–22, H7558–60, H7560, H7592, H7592–93, and H7593. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 28th.

Committee Meetings

G.I. BILL FOR SELECTED RESERVE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Selected Reserve. Testimony was heard from Senator Lincoln; Michael Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Keith Wilson, Education Service Director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IRREGULAR WARFARE ROADMAP

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Irregular Warfare Roadmap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Mario Mancuso, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; VADM Eric Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Forces Command; and BG O.G. Mannon, USAF, Deputy Director, Special Operations, Joint Staff.

EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Perspectives on Early Childhood Home Visitation Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5782, Pipeline Safety and Improvement Act of 2006; and H.R. 5472, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006.

INTERNET SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: Follow-up Issues to the Masha Allen Adoption." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CATASTROPHIC TERRORISM RISK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Protecting Americans From Catastrophic Terrorism Risk." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REBALANCING THE CARBON CYCLE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Rebalancing the Carbon Cycle." Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Roger C. Dahlman, Co-Chair, Interagency Carbon Cycle Working Group, Climate Change Science Program; and Stephen D. Eule, Director, U.S. Climate Change Technology Program; and public witnesses.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT; BANKS IN REAL ESTATE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 867, OPEN Government Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Banks in Real Estate: A Review of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's December 2005 Rulings." Testimony was heard from Julie L. Williams, Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOUSE

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the IT Assessment: A Ten-Year Vision for Information Technology in the House. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Jim Cornell, Inspector General; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; Pope Borrow, Legislative Counsel and James M. Eagen, Chief Administrative Officer; and public witnesses.

U.S.-REPUBLIC OF KOREA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the United States-Republic of Korea Relations: An Alliance at Risk? Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Richard P. Lawless, Deputy Under Secretary, International Security Affairs-Asia Pacific, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4997, Physicians for Underserved Areas Act; and H.R. 5219, Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006.

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 through the legislative day of September 29, 2006. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS 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 September 28, 2006, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a bill to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law or war, and for other purposes; (2) a bill to update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; (3) a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolutions 654 and 767 are laid upon the table.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4772, 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, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

ADVANCING PORT SECURITY AND COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Advancing Security and Commerce at Our Nation's Ports: The Goals Are Not Mutually Exclusive." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Inspection and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard; and Steve Sadler, Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING OPTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Next Generation Air Transportation System Financing Options. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, GAO; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; R. John Hansman, Chairman, FAA's Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—VA PENSION PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the administration of the VA Pension Program. Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

HEALTH OPPORTUNITY PATIENT EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6134, Health Opportunity Patient Empowerment Act of 2006.

DNI'S PERSPECTIVE ON STATE OF INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the DNI's Perspective on State of Intelligence Reform. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Tuesday, September 26, 2006, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and its impact on United States interests in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Richard Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Steven Blank, U.S. Army War College; and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Sean R. Roberts, Georgetown University, both of Washington, D.C.