

the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Representative Hefley, Chairman; Representative Burton, Vice Chairman; and Representatives Regula, Gillmor, Ehlers, Bilirakis, Shimkus, and Reynolds. **Page H575**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and nay-votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H535–36, H558, H558–59, H565–66 and H566. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “The Energy Policy Act of 2005: Ensuring Jobs for Our Future with Secure and Reliable Energy.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Cynthia Marlette, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Luis Reyes, Executive Director, Operations, NRC; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Current Issues Related to Medical Liability Reform.” Testimony was heard from Jose Montemayor, Commissioner of Insurance, Department of Insurance, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

FLU SHOT SUPPLY—PERPLEXING SHIFT FROM SHORTAGE TO SURPLUS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The Perplexing Shift from Shortage to Surplus: Managing This Season’s Flu Shot Supply and Preparing for the Future.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Jesse L. Goodman, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA; Robert B. Stroube, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 DRUG BUDGET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2006 Drug Budget.” Testimony was heard from John P. Wal-

ters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and a public witness.

PROPOSED BUDGET—TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget: Enhancing Terrorism Preparedness for First Responders.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Penrose Albright, Assistant Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate; and Matt A. Mayer, Acting Executive Director, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness; and Dennis Reimer, Director, National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism.

BRIEFING—MIDDLE EAST PROCESS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Way Forward in the Middle East Peace Process. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL SENTENCING GUIDELINES—BOOKER/FANFAN DECISIONS IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implications of the Booker/Fanfan Decisions for the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission; and public witnesses.

INDIAN TRIBE RECOGNITION

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 512, to require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the longstanding petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes. Testimony was heard from Michael Olsen, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL POWER GENERATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges on Enhancing Federal Power Generation and Transmission.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,
DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL
APPLICATION ACT; COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATION**

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 610, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

**PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
REQUEST—IMPACT UPON SMALL
BUSINESS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION;
OVERSIGHT PLAN**

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request impact upon small business. Testimony was heard from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines met for organizational purposes.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT
PLAN**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress.

MEDICARE PAYMENTS TO PHYSICIANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Payments to Physicians. Testimony was heard from Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care Economic and Payment Issues, GAO; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

**WELFARE REFORM REAUTHORIZATION
PROPOSALS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform Reauthorization proposals. Testimony was heard from Representative Woolsey; Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin M. McGuire, Executive Director, Family Investment Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; David Hansell, Chief

of Staff, Human Resources Administration, Department of Social Services, New York City; and public witnesses.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met for organizational purposes.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Security Clearance Process. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 14 through February 19, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, for up to six hours of debate.

On *Tuesday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine priorities and plans for the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and to review the President's budget request for fiscal year 2006 for atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and the following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: Adm. William J. Fallon, to be Admiral, 4 p.m., SR-222.

February 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for