

Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–15).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1267–68, H1321–22, H1322, H1323–24, and H1324. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

METHYL BROMIDE USE EXEMPTION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held a hearing to access the Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption (CUE) process under the Montreal Protocol. Testimony was heard from Claudia McMurray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from Eric Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Navy/Marine Corps Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Gordon R. England, Secretary; ADM. Vernon Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary; and VADM Joseph A. Sestak, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs (N6/N7); and BG William Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy–National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administrator, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas Collin, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Michael Garcia, Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the European Command Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S.

Pacific Command; and Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, Commander, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from VADM. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret), Under Secretary, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald R. Rumsfeld, Secretary; and GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—The Navy's Future Fleet: Assessing the Strength of Today's Navy for Tomorrow. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; VADM Joseph A. Sestak, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs; VADM Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; LTG Robert Magnus, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, CRS, Library of Congress.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Defense Science and Technology in support of the War on Terrorism, and Beyond. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; James A. Tegnalia, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Anthony J. Tether, Director, De-

fense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Thomas H. Killion, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research and Technology; RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research; and James B. Engle, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Science, Technology and Engineering.

RECREATIONAL MARINE EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action H.R. 940, Recreational Marine Employment Act of 2005.

STEROIDS IN SPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing entitled "Steroids in Sports: Cheating the System and Gambling Your Health." Testimony was heard from Representative Ryun (KS); and public witnesses.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Funding Options for the Yucca Mountain Repository Program." Testimony was heard from Representatives Berkley and Porter; Theodore J. Garrish, Deputy Director, Office of Strategy and Program Development, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Preparing Consumers for the End of the Digital Television Transition." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held an oversight hearing of the Rural Housing Service, including the Service's budget request for fiscal year 2006." Testimony was heard from Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, USDA; and William B. Shear, Director, GAO.

FANNIE MAE MORTGAGE REPURCHASES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Due Diligence in Mortgage Repurchases and Fannie: The First Beneficial Case." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., Inspector General; John P. Kennedy,

Associate General Counsel, Office of Finance and Regulatory Compliance; and Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 185, Program Assessment and Results Act; and S. 384, To extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years.

DRUG CONTROL BUDGET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “FY 2006 Drug Control Budget and the Byrne Grant, HIDTA, and Other Law Enforcement Programs: Are We Jeopardizing Federal, State and Local Cooperation?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Tracy A. Henke, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; and Catherine M. O’Neil, Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces; John Horton, Associate Deputy Director, State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider funding requests for the following Committees: International Relations; Judiciary; Budget; Financial Services; Small Business; Rules; Agriculture; and Armed Services.

KOREAN PENINSULA: SIX PARTY TALKS AND THE NUCLEAR ISSUE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on The Korean Peninsula: Six Party Talks and the Nuclear Issue. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of State: William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and James R. Lilley, Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H. Con. Res. 88, Remembering the victims of the genocide that occurred in 1994 in Rwanda and pledging to work to ensure that such an atrocity does not take place again.

INDONESIA IN TRANSITION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Indonesia in Transition: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Marie Huhtala, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELIMINATING TERRORIST SANCTUARIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Eliminating Terrorist Sanctuaries: The Role of Security Assistance. Testimony was heard from William P. Pope, Acting Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and RADM Hamlin B. Tallent, USN, Director of Operations, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division: A Review of the Civil Rights Division for the Purpose of the Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Alexander Acosta, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Interior Immigration Enforcement Resources.” Testimony was heard from Paul Martin, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERIOR BUDGET FY 2006—ENERGY AND MINERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “The Interior Budget for FY 2006 in Energy and Mineral Programs.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service; Jeff Jarret, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management.

OVERSIGHT—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND NOAA BUDGET REQUEST FY 2006

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year

2006 Budget Request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and NOAA. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Steven A. Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—AGENCY BUDGET BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2006, with emphasis on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the TVA, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG Carl A. Strock, USA, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Chairman, TVA; Albert S. Jacquez, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

BUDGET BRIEFING AND HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to continue hearings on the Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Budget. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MIDDLE EAST DEMOCRACY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Wednesday, March 9, 2005, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Russian-Syrian connection and threats to democracy in the Middle East and the great OSCE region, after receiving testimony from Senator Sam Brownback; Representatives Christopher H. Smith and Benjamin

L. Cardin; Walid Phares, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, on behalf of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies; Farid N. Ghadry, Reform Party of Syria, Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, and Steven Emerson, The Investigative Project, all of Washington, D.C.; and Entifadh K. Qanbar, United Iraqi Alliance, Baghdad, Iraq.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Robert N. Lichtenberger, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Springfield, Virginia; Randy L. Pleva, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Louis Abramson, Jewish War Veterans, and Neil Appleby, Blinded Veterans Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and H. Gene Overstreet, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, San Antonio, Texas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State, C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, and John B. Bellinger, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on the NSF; National Science Board; and Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10 a.m., and on the SEC, 12 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Getting the Lead Out: The Ongoing Quest for Safe Drinking Water in the Nation's Capital," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.