

cases recommended to the Secretary for equitable relief due to administrative error and to provide improved benefits and procedures for the transition of members of the Armed Forces from combat zones to noncombat zones and for the transition of veterans from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life, S. 1271, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, after receiving testimony from Senators Pryor and Allard; Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; Steve Smithson, The American Legion, Quentin

Kinderman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3043–3055; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 188–190; and H. Res. 338 were introduced. **Pages H5100–01**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5101**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 362, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, amended (H. Rept. 109–149) ;

H.R. 1797, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam (H. Rept. 109–150); and

H.R. 2364, to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs, amended (H. Rept. 109–151). **Page H5100**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act for FY 2006:** H.R. 3010 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Pages H5000–73**

Agreed to limit further amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on such amendments. **Pages H5069–70**

Agreed to:

Obey amendment that restored \$100 million for the corporation for Public Broadcasting by a recorded vote of 284 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 305. **Pages H5040–47, H5070**

Rejected:

Owens amendment that sought to strike the proviso in the bill which prohibits funds in the bill from enforcing annual fit testing (after the initial fit testing) of respirators for occupational exposure to tuberculosis by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 306; **Pages H5053–59, H5071**

Bradley amendment that sought to increase funding for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by \$50,000,000 for use as Part B grants to states and offset by taking administrative and program management funds from OSHA and the Department of Education by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 262 nays, Roll No. 307. **Pages H5059–62, H5071–72**

Withdrawn:

Fosella amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to eliminate the rescission of \$125 million in workers' compensation and worker-retraining funds intended to aid 9/11 first responders. The amendment designated this \$125 million as emergency funding. **Pages H5047–49**

Peterson (PA) (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 22) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase the bill's appropriation for the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$37,336,000. The amendment offsets this increase by cutting the bill's appropriation for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration by \$37,336,000. **Pages H5051–53**

Johnson (CT) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase

funds for Health Resources and Services by \$11,200,000. **Pages H5062–63**

Capuano amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase by \$5,000,000 and decrease by the same amount funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Disease Control, Research, and Training.

**Pages H5063–64**

H. Res. 337, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 304.

**Pages H4991–H5000**

**Late Reports:** Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight on June 24 to file a report to accompany the bill H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

**Page H5073**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and 3 Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4999–H5000, H5070, H5071, and H5071–72.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### IRAQI SECURITY FORCES PROGRESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Progress of the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; GEN John Abizaid, USA, Commander, Central Command; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq.

### NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### BANKING ON RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Banking on Retirement Security: A

Guaranteed Rate of Return.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FIRST RESPONDERS ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “The National Training Program: Is Anti-Terrorism Training for First Responders Efficient and Effective.” Testimony was heard from Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, Police Department, City of New York; Shawn Reese, Analyst in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations hearing on Implementing the 1998 Torture Victims Relief Act. Testimony was heard from Lloyd Feinberg, Manager, Victims of Torture Fund, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 168, amended, Condemning the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea for the abductions and continue captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations; and H. Res. 333, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 184, Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 869, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patent limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices; and H.R. 3020, United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005.

### POTENTIAL OIL SOURCES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “The Vast North American Resource Potential of