

Waters amendment that sought to express the sense of Congress that national elections should not be held in the Republic of Haiti until conditions have been established to ensure that the elections will be free and fair; and  
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Capuano amendment that sought to authorize the President to use all necessary means to stop genocide in Darfur, Sudan.  
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H. Res. 341, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 325.

**Pages H5265–73, H5274**

**Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 342, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 328, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 327.

**Pages H5275–81, H5300–01**

**National Council on the Arts—Appointments:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the National Council on the Arts: Representatives McKeon and Tiberi.

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Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to the National Council on the Arts.

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**Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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**Private Calendar:** Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be in order tomorrow, June 29.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5258.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 260 was referred to the Committee on Resources; and S. 1316 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5273, H5274, H5299–H5300, H5300–01, H5301,

H5350, H5351, H5351–52, H5352, H5353, H5353–54, and H5354–55. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: R. James Nicholson, Secretary; Jonathan B. Perline, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and Tim S. McClain, General Counsel; and Stephen L. Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

### **AIR FORCE ACADEMY—RELIGIOUS CLIMATE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the religious climate at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Testimony was heard from LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

### **PRIVATE SECTOR AID TO HIGH SCHOOLS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "How the Private Sector is Helping States and Communities Improve High School Education." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **HEALTH CARE CHOICE ACT OF 1995**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2355, Health Care Choice Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **D.C. GUN BAN**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Under Fire: Does the District of Columbia's Gun Ban Help or Hurt the Fight Against Crime?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; and Charles H. Ramsey, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department; and public witnesses.

### **MANUFACTURING REGULATION IMPACT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing: Spotlight on Department of Labor and Department of Transportation." Testimony was heard from Veronica

Stidvent, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; Jeffrey A. Rosen, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### FISSILE MATERIALS SECURITY ABROAD

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Pathways to the Bomb: Security of Fissile Materials Abroad." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION: LEASING CHOICES AND LANDLORD RELATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation: A Review of Leasing Choices and Landlord Relations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Frank B. Strickland, Chairman, Board of Directors; and R. Kirk West, Inspector General; and a public witness.

#### PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY JURISDICTION CLARIFICATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2791, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2005; and H.R. 2955, Intellectual Property Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2005.

#### ALIEN GANG REMOVAL ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2933, Alien Gang Removal Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representative Forbes; and public witnesses.

#### FUTURE OF NASA

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on The Future of NASA. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

#### SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standard held a hearing on Small Business Innovation and Research: What is the Optimal role of Venture Capital?" Testimony was heard from Representative Graves; and public witnesses.

#### CLEAN AIR ACT/AUTO REPAIR

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs held a hearing entitled "How the Clean Air Act Affects Auto Repair," focusing on H.R. 2048, Motor Vehi-

cle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representative Barton of Texas; and public witnesses.

#### MULTI-EMPLOYER PENSION PLAN RULES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Funding Rules for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plans in H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Peter Pace, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing regarding detention operations and interrogation procedures at Guantanamo Bay, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine national weather service-severe weather, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to continue markup of S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine threatening the health care safety net regarding Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Ross Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.