

a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 425. **Pages H6506–08**

Rejected the Kind amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–183) in the nature of a substitute regarding the establishment of a Small Employer Health Benefits Plan (SEHB), by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 424; and

Pages H6497–H6506

H. Res. 379, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H6466–72

Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act: The House passed H.R. 22, to reform the postal laws of the United States, by a recorded vote of 410 yeas to 20 noes, Roll No. 430. **Pages H6511–49**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H6522**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–184) that sought to reduce the bill's cost by ensuring that 100% of the Civil Service Retirement System saving released will be directed to pay the Postal Service's unfunded healthcare liability;

Pages H6544–47

Pence amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–184) that sought to remove the requirement that the first vacant slot on the Board of Governors is to be filled by an individual with unanimous backing by the labor unions, (by a recorded vote of 82 yeas to 345 noes, Roll No. 428); and

Pages H6538–41, H6547–48

Flake amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–184) that sought to establish a domestic pilot program to empower local postmasters to employ their experience and management expertise to test certain fundamental assumptions relating to the provisions of universal mail service in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 51 yeas to 379 noes, Roll No. 429).

Pages H6541–44, H6548

H. Res. 380, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H6472–77

Late Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, July 26, to file conference reports to accompany H.R. 2361, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006 and H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2006. **Pages H6509–10**

Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 3423,

to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees.

Pages H6510–11

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6510.

Quorum Calls—Votes: 9 yea-and-nay votes and 3 recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H6464, H6464–65, H6465, H6466, H6506, H6508, H6508–09, H6509, H6547–48, H6548, H6549, and H6549–50. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FDA FISCAL YEAR 2006 APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FDA Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Lester M. Crawford, D.V.M., Commissioner, and Kathleen D. Heuer, Associate Commissioner of Management, both with the FDA; and Lester Cash, Director, Division of Budget Policy, Execution and Review, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget.

WEST BANK/GAZA ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies held a hearing on West Bank/Gaza Assistance. Testimony was heard from James Wolfensohn, Quartet Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement; the following officials of the Department of State: David C. Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and James Bever, Mission Director, West Bank/Gaza Operations, U.S. Agency for International Development; and LTG William E. Ward, Deputy Commander, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Europe, Coordinate for Security, Department of Defense.

MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on mental health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Kevin C. Kiley, USA, Surgeon General; VADM Donald C. Arthur, USN, Surgeon General; LTG George P. Taylor, Jr., USAF, Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force; COL Virgil J. Patterson, USA, Chief, Soldier and Family Support Branch, Army Medical Department Center and School;

CAPT Kristiaan C. Hughes, USA, C Company, 1/46 IN, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Specialist Stephanie Stretch, 233rd Military Police Company, Illinois Army National Guard; Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary of Health, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and a public witness.

FIGHTING METH IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Fighting Meth in America's Heartland: Assessing the Impact on Local Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Agencies." Testimony was heard from Scott Burns, Deputy Director, State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Joseph Rannazzisi, Deputy Chief, Office of Enforcement, DEA, Department of Justice; Freida S. Baker, Deputy Director, Family and Children's Services, Department of Human Resources, State of Alabama; and public witnesses.

DOE/ESE SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "DOE/ESE Security: How Ready is the Protective Force?" Testimony was heard from Eugene E. Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance; and Robert Walsh, Security Manager, Office of Energy, Science and Environment; Lawrence Brede, Wackenhut DOE Operations; and a public witness.

LONDON ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled "The London Attacks: Training to Respond in a Mass Transit Environment." Testimony was heard from Tim Beres, Director, Preparedness Programs Division, Office for Domestic Preparedness, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration Department of Transportation; Polly Hanson, Chief of Metro Police, Washington Metro Area Transit Authority; Paul Lennon, Director, Intelligence and Emergency Preparedness Management, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority; William A. Morange, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Security, New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and a public witness.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005 IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing entitled "Implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005." Testimony was heard from Clifford J. White, III, Acting Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees; A. Thomas Small, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of North Carolina, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the National Trails System Act. Testimony was heard from Chris Jarvi, Associate Director, Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers and Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 3045, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974. The rule provides that a motion to proceed to consideration of the bill under section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall be in order only if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw and Cardin.

HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW-COST, TIMELY HEALTHCARE (HEALTH) ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives

all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Smith of Texas, Shadegg, Berman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Costello, Baird, Emanuel, Berry, Davis of Tennessee and Lipinski.

UNITED STATES TRADE RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 3283, to enhance resources to enforce United States trade rights, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives English, Cardin, and Ryan of Ohio.

HONORING PROTECTORS OF THE CAPITOL—PASSENGERS AND CREW OF FLIGHT 93

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Honoring the Protectors of the Capitol: The Passengers and Crew of Flight 93. Testimony was heard from Brent Glass, member, Flight 93 Memorial Advisory Commission, Director, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution; Hamilton Peterson, President, Families of Flight 93; and public witnesses.

RESULTS—FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE RED TEAM REVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on the results of the Future Imagery Architecture Red Team Review. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Conservation Reserve Program, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine all-hazards alert systems, focusing on the need for a national all-hazards alert and public warning system, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1372, to provide for the accuracy of television ratings services, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine recent progress in hydrogen and fuel cell research sponsored by the Department of Energy and by private industry, including challenges to the development of these technologies, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the role of value-based purchasing relating to improving quality in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to Israel, and Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas A. Fuentes, of California, and Bernice Phillips, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the