

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

**ELDERLY VICTIMIZATION**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the victimization of the elderly through scams, focusing on internet fraud, prize and sweepstakes fraud, health-related fraud, identity

theft, and consumer education, after receiving testimony from Lois C. Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Planning and Information, Federal Trade Commission; Zane M. Hill, Acting Assistant Chief Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Anthony R. Pratkanis, University of California at Santa Cruz; Denise C. Park, University of Illinois Beckman Institute, Urbana-Champaign; Helen Marks Dicks, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Madison; and Vicki Hersen, Elders in Action, Portland, Oregon.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 45 public bills, H.R. 3449–3493; 2 private bills, H.R. 3494–3495; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 219–223; and H. Res. 391, 397 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

Conference Report on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy (H. Rept. 109–190);

H.R. 1132, to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State, amended (H. Rept. 109–191);

H.R. 3204, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to extend Federal funding for the establishment and operation of State high risk health insurance pools, amended (H. Rept. 109–192);

H. Con. Res. 208, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society (H. Rept. 109–193);

H. Res. 336, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in "National Night Out", which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security (H. Rept. 109–194);

H. Con. Res. 216, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as Congress observes the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and encourages all Americans to do the same, it will advance the legacy of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by ensuring the continued effectiveness of the Act to

protect the voting rights of all Americans (H. Rept. 109–195);

H. Res. 378, recognizing and honoring the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (H. Rept. 109–196, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3205, amending title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, amended (H. Rept. 109–197);

H. Res. 392, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2361) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–198);

H. Res. 393, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–199);

H. Res. 394, waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy (H. Rept. 109–200);

H. Res. 395, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–201); and

H. Res. 396, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2985) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–202).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bonilla to act as speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Lawrence Hargrave, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York.

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**United States Trade Rights Enforcement Act:** The House passed H.R. 3283, to enhance resources to enforce United States trade rights, by a yea and nay vote of 255 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 437.

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Rejected the Cardin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea and nay vote of 195 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 436.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 109–187, was adopted.

H. Res. 387, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 433, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 432.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005:** H.R. 3204, amended, to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to extend Federal funding for the establishment and operation of State high risk health insurance pools;

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**Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005:** S. 1395, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority for the Attorney General to authorize the export of controlled substances from the United States to another country for subsequent export from that country to a second country, if certain conditions and safeguards are satisfied;—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005:** S. 544, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 428 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 434;—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Amending the Controlled Substances Act with regard to patient limitations on prescribing drug addiction treatments:** S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 435;—clearing the measure for the President;

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**National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005:** H.R. 1132, amended, to

provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State;

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**Encouraging the Transnational Assembly of Iraq to adopt a constitution that grants women equal rights:** H. Res. 383, encouraging the Transitional National Assembly of Iraq to adopt a constitution that grants women equal rights under the law and to work to protect such rights, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 438;

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**Condemning the terrorist attacks in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt on July 23, 2005:** H. Res. 384, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on July 23, 2005, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 439;

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**Supporting the goals of National Marina Day:** Debated on Monday, July 25: H. Res. 308, supporting the goals of National Marina Day and urging marinas continue providing environmentally friendly gateways to boating, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 444.

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**Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 385, the rule providing for consideration of 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, by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 200 noes with one voting “present”, Roll No. 441, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 440.

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**Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act:** The House passed H.R. 3045, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 443.

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H. Res. 386, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 227 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 442.

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**Surface Transportation Extension Act:** The House passed H.R. 3453, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway

Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.  
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**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics—Reappointment:** The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Jeffrey S. Blair of Albuquerque, New Mexico to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics.  
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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H6884.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 264, S. 1480, S. 243, S. 1481, S. 1482, S. 203, S. 1484, S. 1485, S. 178, S. 207, S. 229, S. 231, S. 232, S. 253, S. 276, S. 54, S. 128, S. 152, S. 182, S. 205, S. 214, S. 301, S. 47, S. 52, S. 56, S. 97, S. 101, S. 153, S. 212, S. 252, and S. 279 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 706 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1483 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; S. 176, S. 285, and S. 244 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 442 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 225 was referred to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture and Government Reform; S. 263 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture; S. 136 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Education and the Workforce; and S. 272, S. 55, S. 156, and S. 161, were held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 10 yea and nay votes and 3 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6839, H6840, H6840–41, H6841, H6857, H6858, H6858–59, H6859, H6882–83, H6883, H6884, H6927–28 and H6928. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered favorably reported the following bills: H.R. 3421, To reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, to facilitate the official inspection at export locations of grain required or authorized to be inspected under such Act; and H.R. 3408, To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act.

### CHINESE MILITARY POWER

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Chinese military power. Testimony was heard from Franklin Kramer, former Assistant Secretary, Inter-

national Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### TERRORISM INSURANCE FUTURE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Future of Terrorism Insurance. Testimony was heard from Howard Mills, Superintendent, New York Insurance Department; Lawrence H. Mirel, Commissioner, Department of Insurance and Securities, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### BRAC AND BEYOND

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "BRAC and Beyond: An Examination of the Rationale Behind Federal Security Standards for Leased Space." Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Virginia; Dwight M. Williams, Chief Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security; F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; John Jester; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Jester, Director, Pentagon Force Protection Agency; and Get Moy, Director, Installation Requirements and Management.

### HYDROGEN ECONOMY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "The Hydrogen Economy: Is it Attainable? When?" Testimony was heard from Douglas L. Faulkner, Acting Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Richard M. Russell, Associate Director, Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Alan Lloyd, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

### IMPROVE HEALTHCARE USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Is There a Doctor in the Mouse?: Using Information Technology to Improve Healthcare." Testimony was heard from Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island; Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Brailer, M.D., National Health Information Technology Coordinator; and Caroline Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality; and public witnesses.