

of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; Polly L. Hanson, Chief, Metro Transit Police Department, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; Michael Brown, London Underground, London, England; and Rafi Ron, New Age Security Solutions, McLean, Virginia.

REGULATION OF CLASS III GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, focusing on a decision issued by the Washington, D.C. District Court relative to the National Indian Gaming Commission's Minimum Internal Control Standards regulations as applied to Class III gaming, and tribal government efforts to regulate gaming, receiving testimony from Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; Mark Van Norman, National Indian Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin K. Washburn, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the operations of Able Danger, a small

highly-classified United States Army intelligence unit that searched for al Qaeda terrorists, and the status of intelligence information sharing between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Representative Curt Weldon; William R. Dugan, Jr., Acting Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight; Gary M. Bald, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mark S. Zaid, Krieger and Zaid, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; and Erik Kleinsmith, Lockheed Martin, Newington, Virginia, former Major, USA, Chief of Intelligence, Land Information Warfare Activity.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3841–3855; 1 private bill, H.R. 3856; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66–67; and H. Res. 454, 456–457 were introduced. **Pages H8247–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8248–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 418, to request the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, adversely (Rept. 109–228); and H. Res. 455, to provide for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2123) to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children (Rept. 109–229). **Page H8247**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8165**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Monsignor Kenneth Velo, Office of Catholic Collaboration, Depaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Providing for acceptance of a statue of Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall: H. Con. Res. 242, to provide for acceptance of a statue of Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall; **Pages H8169–71**

United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005: S. 1368, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission—clearing the measure for the President;

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Immigration Relief for Hurricane Katrina Victims Act of 2005: H.R. 3827, to preserve certain immigration benefits for victims of Hurricane Katrina; **Pages H8172–76**

Karl Malden Station Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3667, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Karl Malden Station”; **Pages H8176–77**

Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building”; **Pages H8177–78**

Congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series: H. Res. 429, to congratulate the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series; **Pages H8178–80**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day: H.J. Res. 61, to support the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day, by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 479; and **Pages H8180–82, H8196–97**

Providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3768: H. Res. 454, to provide for the concurrence by the House with an amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3768, by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 480. **Pages H8189–95, H8197–98**

Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 454, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3768 with a further amendment. **Pages H8189–92**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H8195**

Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 250, to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 485. **Pages H8182–89, H8198–H8216**

Rejected the Honda motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 484. **Pages H8214–16**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill is considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Page H8214**

Agreed to:

Boehlert Manager’s amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept 109–227) that requires the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program to assist businesses

affected by Hurricane Katrina, and requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study the effects of Katrina on buildings to determine whether to recommend any changes in the building codes; **Pages H8206–07**

Gordon amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept 109–227) that requires the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to provide to the House Science Committee and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation a 3-year programmatic and operational plan for the MEP. It requires the plan to include comments of the MEP National Advisory Board and of the State partners; and **Page H8207**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–227) which make funds under the section entitled “Scientific and Technical Research and Services” available to the maximum extent practicable, to diverse institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority serving institutions for Technical Workforce Education and Development, by a recorded vote 416 yeas to 8 noes, Roll No. 481. **Pages H8207–08, H8212**

Rejected:

Larson of Connecticut amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–227) which sought to re-orient the current Technology Administration (TA), the Undersecretary of Technology, and Office of Technology Policy (OTP) towards manufacturing and competitiveness issues. Also requires the Manufacturing Administration to conduct broad-based manufacturing and technology policy analysis; and to coordinate with States, local governments, and universities on manufacturing and technology activities, by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 482; and **Pages H8208–10, H8212–13**

Udall of Colorado amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–227) that increases the authorization levels of NSF’s Advanced Technological Education Program for FY06, FY07, and for FY08, by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 483. **Pages H8210–12, H8213–14**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 109–227, was adopted. **Page H8214**

H. Res. 451, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 478, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **Page H8196**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on

International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–57). Pages H8216–17

Quorum Calls—Votes: 4 yea-and-nay votes and 4 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8196, H8196–97, H8197–98, H8212, H8213, H8213–14, H8215–16, H8216. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The house met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THREATS IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Threat Panel held a hearing on threats in Latin America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS AFFAIRS/LABOR DEPARTMENTS' COST ACCOUNTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Implementing Cost Accounting at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Labor.” Testimony was heard from Samuel Mok, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor; Tim S. McClain, General Counsel and Acting Chief Management Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Robert Martin, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

U.S.-SOUTHEAST ASIA POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “The United States and Southeast Asia: Developments, Trends, and Policy Choices.” Testimony was heard from Eric John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing entitled “The Middle East Peace Process and U.S. Strategic Priorities Post-Disengagement.” Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; LTG William E. Ward, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Europe, U.S. Coordinator for Security to the Palestinians.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3824, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SCHOOL READINESS ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2123, School Readiness Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

TAX CODE REFORM—TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Reforming the Tax Code to Assist Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Representative Fortenberry; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AMTRAK REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Amtrak Reform Proposals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jeffrey Rosen, General Counsel; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; David M. Laney, Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL MISSILE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a joint hearing on Global Missile Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.