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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.