

under certain housing assistance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina in obtaining housing, by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 511; **Pages H8663–68, H8694–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to provide for waivers under certain housing assistance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in obtaining housing.”

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Rural Housing Hurricane Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3895, amended, to amend title V of the Housing Act of 1949 to provide rural housing assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, by a yea-and-nay vote of 335 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 513;

Pages H8668–70, H8706–07

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to amend title V of the Housing Act of 1949 to provide rural housing assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.”

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Hurricane Katrina Emergency Relief CDBG Flexibility Act of 2005: H.R. 3896, to temporarily suspend, for communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, certain requirements under the community development block grant program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 514;

Pages H8670–74, H8707

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to temporarily suspend, for communities affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, certain requirements under the community development block grant program.”

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Social Security Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2005: H.R. 3971, Social Security Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2005; and **Pages H8678–83**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project, at least through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications: H. Res. 261, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project, at least through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications.

Pages H8683–85

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications.” **Page H8685**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, October 7th.

Honoring the life and work of Simon Wiesenthal and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the fight against anti-Semitism and intolerance in all forms, in all forums, and in all nations: H. Con. Res 248, to honor the life and work of Simon Wiesenthal and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the fight against anti-Semitism and intolerance in all forms, in all forums, and in all nations.

Pages H8674–78

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 512;

Pages H8695–H8706

H. Res. 474, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to the previous question.

Pages H8685–93

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8649.

Senate Referrals: S. 392 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1197 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Pages H8693–94, H8694, H8695, H8705–06, H8706–07, H8707

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

HURRICANE KATRINA—OVERSIGHT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Financial Oversight of Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; Andy B. Maner, Chief, Financial Officer; and R. David Paulison, Acting Director, FEMA.

HURRICANE KATRINA— TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

AFTER THE HURRICANES: IMPACT ON FY 2007 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on After the Hurricanes: Impact on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

FCC'S E-RATE PLANS—ASSIST GULF COAST RECOVERY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "FCC's E-rate Plans to Assist Gulf Coast Recovery." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Thomas Navin, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; and H. Walker Feaster III, Inspector General; Gary Rawson, State E-rate Coordinator, Department of Information Technology Services, State of Mississippi; and a public witness.

SIX-PARTY TALKS—NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Held an oversight hearing entitled "The Six-Party Talks and the North Korean Nuclear Issues: Old Wine in New Bottles?" Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

INDIA'S UNFINISHED AGENDA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held an oversight hearing entitled "India's Unfinished Agenda: Equality and Justice for 200 Million Victims of the Caste System." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROPERTY— PREVENT DISCRIMINATORY TAXATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1369, To prevent certain discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPROVING FEDERAL COURT ADJUDICATION OF PATENT CASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Improving Federal Court Adjudication of Patent Cases. Testimony was heard from T.S. Ellis III, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 122, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 2341, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; and H.R. 3929, To amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California. Testimony was heard from Jack Garner, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 3893, to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part B of the Rule Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Stupak of Michigan or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and which shall be debatable for 40 minutes

equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton of Texas, Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Peterson of Pennsylvania, Flake, Tiahrt, Gutknecht, Dingell, Stupak, Inslee, Bishop of New York, Abercrombie, Larson of Connecticut, Edwards, and Dicks.

OVERSIGHT—KATRINA RECOVERY ENSURING FEMA IS UP TO THE TASK

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing entitled "Recovering after Katrina: Ensuring that FEMA is up to the task." Testimony was heard from Representative Baker; from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ken Burris, Chief, Operating Officer, FEMA; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and an original bill to repeal the increased micro-purchase threshold, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider the following: a motion to adopt a bipartisan staff report regarding the E-rate program; and a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for testimony in connection with the Sub-

committee's investigation into the health and welfare of jockeys and other workers in the thoroughbred horse-racing industry; followed by a hearing to review GAO's findings and recommendations regarding the Department of Energy's efforts to consolidate Surplus Plutonium Inventories, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 252, Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; H. Res. 192, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities; H. Res. 368, Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly; and H. Res. 472, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing entitled "Restoration after Recent Hurricanes and Other Natural Disasters: Federal Role in Recovery after Catastrophic Events Affecting Forest Lands," 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NOAA Hurricane Forecasting, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Small Businesses and Hurricane Katrina: Rebuilding the Economy," 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Gainsharing, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.