

Agreed to:

Stearns managers amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–295) which clarifies that fees authorized to be collected shall be available to fund the operations of the Commission and the administration of the Act. The amendment also clarifies that offsetting collections are available to the Commission subject to appropriation; **Page H10353**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–295) that adds additional protections for professional boxers by also requiring the Boxing Commission to: (1) require a copy of any contract for a boxing match; (2) establish minimum standards for the availability of medical services at professional boxing matches; (3) encourage a life, accident, and health insurance fund for professional boxers and other members of the professional boxing community; (4) conduct discussions and enter into agreements with foreign boxing entities on methods of applying minimum health standards to foreign boxing events and foreign boxers, trainers, cut men, referees, ringside physicians, and other professional boxing personnel; **Pages H10353–54**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–295) that requires the Boxing Commission to establish guidelines for rating boxers; these guidelines must be followed by organizations that sanction boxing events; and **Pages H10354–55**

Sodrel amendment, as modified (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–295) that strikes section 14 in its entirety. As modified, amendment inserts provisions for receipts credited as offsetting collections in lieu of provisions relating to authorization of appropriations. **Page H10355**

H. Res. 553, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 589, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **Pages H10339–42**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1234, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10357–60**

**Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Gulf tax credit bonds and advance refundings of certain tax-exempt bonds, and to provide a Federal guarantee of certain State bonds:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 4337, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Gulf tax credit bonds and advance refundings of certain tax-exempt bonds, and to provide a Federal guarantee of certain State bonds. **Pages H10363–65**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United

Staes-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (House Doc. 109–71). **Page H10496**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10299, H10356, H10383.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 62 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Pages H10499–H10500**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H10341–42, H10342, H10342–43, H10355–56, H10356–57 and H10357. There were no quorum calls.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 a.m. on Thursday, November 17th.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 17th.

## Committee Meetings

### AVIAN INFLUENZA ISSUES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review issues related to the prevention, detection, and eradication of avian influenza. Testimony was heard from W. Ron DeHaven, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

### U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY—IMPACT ON AMERICAN ECONOMY

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on U.S. Immigration Policy and Its Impact on the American Economy. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### COPYRIGHT USE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Fair Use: Its Effects on Consumers and Industry.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUPERFUND LAWS AND ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Superfund Laws and Animal Agriculture.” Testimony was heard from Barry Breen, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Kelly Hunter Burch, Chief of Environmental Protection Unit and Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3422, Small Public Housing Authority Act; H.R. 2695, Safe Housing Identity Exception for the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims Act; H.R. 4320, National

Flood Insurance Program Commitment to Policyholders and Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 4314, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005; and H.R. 3505, Financial Services, Regulatory Relief Act.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES;  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT—RAFAEL  
PALMEIRO'S TESTIMONY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3934, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the "Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office;" H.R. 4101, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building;" H.R. 4107, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building;" H.R. 4108, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building;" H.R. 4109, amended, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office;" H.R. 4152, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 218, Recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Phillippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century; H.R. 4295, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12760 South Park Avenue in Riverton, Utah, as the "Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 289, Supporting the goal and mission of American Recycles Day; and H. Res. 487, Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day.

The Committee also approved an Investigative Report, Investigation into Rafael Palmeiro's March 17, 2005 Testimony at the Committee on Government Reform's Hearing: "Restoring Faith in America's Pastime: Evaluating Major League Baseball's Efforts to Eradicate Steroid Use."

**HIGH GAS PRICES—AMERICAN  
WORKFORCE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Mitigating the Impact of High Gas Prices on the American Workforce." Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf and Moran of Virginia; Daniel A. Green, Deputy Associate Director, Employee and Family Support Policy, OPM;

Dan Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**BORDER SECURITY AND TERRORISM  
PREVENTION ACT OF 2005**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Began markup of H.R. 4312, Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S.-INDIA  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP**

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 190, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards; H. Con. Res. 275, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; H. Con. Res. 280, Mourning the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities; H. Con. Res. 284, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt; H. Con. Res. 294, Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government; H. Res. 438, amended, Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East; H. Res. 456, Expressing support for the memorandum of understanding signed by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement on August 15, 2005, to end the conflict in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia; H. Res. 458, Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the armed forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980; H. Res. 479, amended, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary; H. Res. 499, Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation; H. Res. 529, amended, Recommending the integration

of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and H. Res. 535, Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death.

The Committee also held a hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: How Significant for American Interests? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 479, amended, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary; H. Res. 499, Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation; and H. Res. 529, amended, Recommending the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1071, amended, Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1090, amended, To designate a Forest Service trail at Walso Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; H.R. 1190, amended, San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2005; H.R. 1595, amended, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 1728, amended, French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; H.R. 3124, amended, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline Enlargement Act; H.R. 3153, Upper Colorado and San Juan Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Implementation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 3626, amended, Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005; H.R. 3897, amended, Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project Act; H.R. 3929, amended, Dana Point Desalination Project Authorization Act; H.R. 4192, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4195, Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005; H.R. 4292, To amend Public Law 107-153 to further encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal

claims; and S. 362, amended, Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act.

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FY 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.J. Res. 72, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 542 is laid on the table.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3010, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

#### DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate in the House on H.R. 4241, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. 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 that after passage of H.R. 4241, it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table S. 1932 and to consider the Senate bill in the House. The rule waives all points of order against S. 1932 and against its consideration. The rule provides for a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of S. 1932 and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4241 as passed by the House. The rule waives all points of order against the motion to strike and insert.

#### NOAA WEATHER SATELLITES

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Ongoing Problems and Future Plans for NOAA Weather Satellites. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (ret.), Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Ronald M. Sega, Under Secretary, Air Force, Department of Defense; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

## INDIVIDUAL TAX PROPOSALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on individuals tax proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin, Foley, Tom Davis of Virginia, Ryun of Kansas, Stearns, Fattah, Fossella, Baird, Simmons, Conway, Baldwin, Keller, Garrett, Fortuno, Wolf, Gingrey, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Rohrabacher and Wilson of South Carolina.

## Joint Meetings

### COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the role of United States agriculture in the control and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine a Government Accountability Office report on the sale of financial products to military personnel, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, J. Thomas Rosch, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, a Coast Guard Promotion List, S. 1110, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable, proposed Polar Bear Treaty, S. 687, to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, S. 1052, to improve transportation security, S. 1102, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program for 3 years, S. 65, to amend the age restrictions for pilots, and S. 517, to establish a

Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 1708, to modify requirements relating to the authority of the Administrator of General Services to enter into emergency leases during major disasters and other emergencies, S. 1714, to modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, and proposed Army Corps Assessment Authorization for the State of Louisiana, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the degree to which the preliminary findings on the failure of the levees are being incorporated into the restoration of hurricane protection, 9:35 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine cross-continental progress relating to African organizations and institutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine regulations for the National Security Personnel System, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Frank Bianco, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Timothy Mark Burgess, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Eric Nicholas Vitaliano, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, James F. X. O'Gara, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Catherine Lucille Hanaway, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, Carol E. Dinkins, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Alan Charles Raul, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, S. 1967, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to certain activities of the Secret Service, S. 1961, Extending the Child Safety Pilot Program Act of 2005,