

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF NATURAL GAS RELIEF ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the Outer Continental Shelf Natural Gas Relief Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUG FARMS IN NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the National Parks Service's Efforts to Combat the Growth of Illegal Drug Farms in National Parks. Testimony was heard from Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 18, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, any amendment thereto, or any conference report thereon. (2) A conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes. (3) A bill or joint resolution relating to flood insurance. (4) A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2528, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Walsh.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report

to accompany H.R. 3058, Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

NANOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: What Research is Needed? Testimony was heard from David Rejeski, Director, Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, The Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

PASSPORTS TO AND FROM CANADA

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Building a Wall Between Friends: Passports to and from Canada? Testimony was heard from Representative Slaughter; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2528, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of science, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 4340, United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.