

the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H11859–67**

The House debated the Skelton motion to instruct conferees, the Chair announced that further consideration will be postponed. **Pages H11859–67**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President in accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261). Certifying the export of 36 accelerometers to the People's Republic of China—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–74). **Page H11868**

**Succession of the Speaker of the House:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Blunt to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker, to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly. **Page H11875**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11845 and H11867–68.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1390 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 2116 was held at the desk. **Page H11878**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11678, H11797, H11798, H11798–99, H11799, H11800, H11857, H11858, and H11858–59. There were no quorum calls.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:04 a.m. and reconvened at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, December 16th. **Pages H11875, H11877**

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 a.m. on Friday, December 16th.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005; and without recommendation H.R. 3699, amended, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005.

### OVERSIGHT—DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight and Administration of the 340B Drug Discount Program: Improving Efficiency and Transparency." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Stuart Wright, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluation and Inspections; and Dennis Williams, Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and public witnesses.

### LOUISIANA RECOVERY CORPORATION ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act.

### INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Approved the following Investigative Reports "Bringing Communities into the 21st Century: A Report on Improving the Community Development Block Grant Program;" and "The Methamphetamine Epidemic: International Roots of the Problem, and Recommended Solutions."

The Committee also approved other pending Committee business.

### RESOLUTION—IRAQ WAR DOCUMENT REQUEST

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, without recommendation H. Res. 549, Requesting the President of the United States provide to the House of Representatives all documents in his possession relating to his October 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his January 28, 2003, State of the Union address.

### OVERSIGHT—HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA EFFECTS ON GULF FISHING

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Fishing Resources, the Fishing Industry and Fishing Communities in the Gulf of Mexico. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### RESOLUTION—EXPRESSING HOUSE COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING VICTORY IN IRAQ

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 612, Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit, which may not contain instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides that on the first legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, the House shall not conduct organization or legislative business. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Lantos.

## BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. The rule provides that no further general debate is in order, and the remaining proceedings under House Resolution 610 shall be considered as subsumed by this resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying this resolution may be offered only in the order printed 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 division of the questions in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

## 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 December 16, 2005, or December 17, 2005.

## OVERSIGHT—VETERANS AFFAIRS FLU VACCINATION/PANDEMIC PREPARATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' flu vaccination program, and preparations for a possible Avian Flu Pandemic. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Consultant, Public Health Strategic Health Care Group; and Robert Muder, M.D., Staff Physician, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health Care System; and Denise Cardo, M.D.,

Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

## 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.

## RADICAL ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Radical Islam in the United States." Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing regarding future naval force structure requirements, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

### House

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, executive, briefing on announced changes to the prohibited items list that would allow airline passengers to board an aircraft with scissors, pliers and wrenches, 11:30 a.m., HC-9 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Mismanagement of the Border Surveillance System and Lessons for the New Secure Border Initiative," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.