

the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies. **Pages H180–85**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 16 coal miners killed in various mine disasters in West Virginia, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

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Tax Relief Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, and asked for a conference.

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Rejected the Neal motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 7.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Thomas, McCrery, Camp of Michigan, Rangel, and Stark.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative King wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately.

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Election of Majority Leader: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the election of Representative Boehner as the Majority Leader.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 671, electing the following members to the following standing committees:

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Committee on Appropriations: Representative DeLay to rank after Representative Wolf.

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Committee on the Budget: Representative Campbell of California.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Blunt to rank after Representative Fossella.

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Committee on Financial Services: Representative Campbell of California.

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Campbell of California.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 15th.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Côte d'Ivoire: Read a message from the President wherein he declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire—re-

ferred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–88).

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, International Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H202.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 69 and S. Con. Res. 80 were held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H194, H194–95, and H195–96. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and GEN Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

BUILD HOUSES FOR OUR MILITARY'S ENLISTED SERVICEMEMBERS ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3186, Build Houses for Our Military's Enlisted Servicemembers Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryun of Kansas and Green of Texas; and public witnesses.

FLU PANDEMIC

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science

and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Protecting the Homeland: Fighting Pandemic Flu From the Front Lines.” Testimony was heard from David B. Mitchell, Secretary, Department of Safety and Homeland Security, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported adversely the following resolutions: H. Res. 593, Directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General, and requesting the President, to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to extraordinary rendition of certain foreign persons; H. Res. 624, Requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to United States policies under the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Geneva Conventions; and H. Res. 642, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Secretary of State’s trip to Europe in December 2005.

LIBERIA’S ELECTION—IMPACT ON WEST AFRICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on The Impact of Liberia’s Election on West Africa. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jendayi E. Frazier, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Lloyd Pierson, Assistant Administrator, Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

SECOND CHANCE ACT—OFFENDER RE-ENTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1704, Second Chance Act of 2005 (Part 2): An Examination of Drug Treatment Programs Needed to Ensure Successful Re-entry. Testimony was heard from Nora Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Ken Batten, Director, Office of Substance Abuse Services, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

BIOMASS ENERGY USAGE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint oversight hearing on

the Effects of High Energy Costs on Jobs and the Potential for Expanded Use of Biomass for Energy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4204, American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005; and H.R. 4301, Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Reed Murray, Program Director, Central Utah Completion Act Office; and Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Administration and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

INTERNET SALES TAX

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Internet Sales Tax: Headaches Ahead for Small Business?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-E.U. AIR TRAVEL CONTROL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled “U.S.-E.U. Open Skies Agreement: with a focus on DOT’s NPRM regarding ‘actual control’ of U.S. air carriers.” Testimony was heard from Jeff Shane, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; John Byerly, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VA’S BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the VA’s Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2007. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Held hearings on the President’s Fiscal Year 2007 Budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services and OMB. Testimony was heard from Michael Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services and Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

INTELLIGENCE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from Ambassador John D. Negroponte, Director, National Intelligence.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the D.C. Courts, D.C. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and the D.C. Public Defender Service, 1 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine commercial aviation security, focusing on Transportation Security Administration's aviation passenger screening programs, Secure Flight and Registered Traveler, to discuss issues that have prevented these programs from being launched, and to determine their future, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request

for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the impact of clean air regulations on natural gas prices, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine new initiatives in cooperative threat reduction, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the role of education in global competitiveness, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on the Defense Department's role in the response, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Sharpening Our Edge—Staying Competitive in the 21st Century Marketplace," 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.