

MINE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety met to discuss communication and mine safety technology issues, receiving testimony from Starnes Walker, Technical Director, Office of Naval Research, U.S. Navy; Bob Campman, Grace Industries, Fredonia, Pennsylvania; Pat Droppleman, Ocenco Corporation, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; R. Larry Grayson, University of Missouri-Rolla Department of Mining and Nuclear Engineering, Rolla; Wes Kenneweg, Draeger Industries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Roy Nutter, West Virginia University College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, Morgantown; Dennis O'Dell, UMWA, Fairfax, Virginia; Sam Shearer, CSE Corporation, Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Gary Zamel, Mine Site Technologies Pty. Ltd, Artarmon, NSW, Australia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen G. Larson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, Jack Zouhary, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator DeWine, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R.4754–4766; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 341–344; and H. Res. 678–685 were introduced. **Pages H332–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H333**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–377). **Pages H331–32**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel: S. Con. Res. 79, to express the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 10; **Pages H280–88, H297–98**

Paying tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture: H. Con. Res. 300, amended, to pay tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture; **Pages H288–90**

National Flood Insurance Program Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2006: S. 2275, amended, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program; and **Pages H290–93**

Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program: H.R. 4745, to make supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 11. **Pages H293–97, H298**

Condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council—Order of Business: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 341, to condemn the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing

support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and preamble to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations and one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. **Page H297**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 678, electing the following members to the following standing committees: **Page H298**

Committee on International Relations: Representative Carnahan. **Page H298**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Barrow. **Page H298**

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Representative Salazar. **Page H298**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 679, electing the following member to the following standing committee: **Page H300**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representative McKeon, Chairman. **Page H300**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H312.

Referrals: S. 1777 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H330**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 5:46 p.m. **Page H297**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H297 and H298. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA. Testimony was heard from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on DHS Management

and Operations. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Testimony was heard from Lee H. Hamilton, President and Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOD Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Quality of Life—Senior Enlisted. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: SMA Major Kenneth O. Prestion, U.S. Army; Sgt. Major John L. Estrada, U.S. Marine Corps; Master Chief Petty Officer Terry D. Scott, Submarines/Aviation Warfare, Department of the Navy; and Chief CMSgt. Gerald R. Murray, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis J. Harvey, Secretary; and GEN Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

ABLE DANGER PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a joint hearing on the Able Danger program. Testimony was heard from Stephen Cambone, Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC ENTITLEMENTS AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Domestic Entitlements and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General,