

the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971: S. 449, to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H393–94**

Act Commemorating the LITE: H.R. 1096, amended, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 14; **Pages H394–97, H414–15**

French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study Act of 2005: H.R. 1728, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System; **Page H397**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of Ste. Genevieve Country in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.” **Page H397**

Recognizing the creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium: H. Res. 677, to recognize the creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium; **Pages H397–H400**

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Texas Western’s 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and recognizing the groundbreaking impact of the title game victory on diversity in sports and civil rights in America: H. Res. 668, amended, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Texas Western’s 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and recognizing the groundbreaking impact of the title game victory on diversity in sports and civil rights in America, by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 15; **Pages H400–03, H415–16**

Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2872, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille; and **Pages H403–07**

Authorizing the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces: H.R. 1259, amended, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on

behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces, by a yea and nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 16.

Pages H407–14, H416

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.” **Page H416**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–93). **Page H414**

Discharge Petition: Representative Barrow moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 614, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2429, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H414**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H391, H393.

Senate Referral: S. 2141 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H414–15, H415–16, H416. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE AIR REFUELING RECAPITALIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Protection Forces held a hearing on the U.S. Air Force on Aerial Refueling Recapitalization Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: LTG Christopher Kelly, USAF, Vice Commander, Air Mobility Command; LTG Donald Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Acquisition); and LTG Donald J. Wetekam, USAF,

Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support; and a public witness.

HURRICANE RECOVERY/FAIR HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Fair Housing Issues in the Gulf Coast in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” Testimony was heard from Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

PROGRESS SINCE 9/11—HEALTH RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Progress Since 9/11: Protecting Public Health and Safety Against Terrorist Attacks.” Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3189, amended, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 320, amended, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; H. Res. 578, Concerning the Government of Romania’s ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania; and H. Res. 675, Expressing disapproval of the Arab League’s decision to hold its 2006 summit in Khartoum, Sudan and calling on the Arab League, the Government of Sudan, the Sudanese rebels, and the world community to do all they can to end acts of genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

OVERSIGHT—AFT GUN SHOW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security continued oversight hearings on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Part 2: Gun Show Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Bouchard, Assistant Director (Field Operations), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

DOD’S INTELLIGENCE BUDGET; ACCORDANCE WITH THE FRAMEWORK

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense’s Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from Stephen Cambone, Under Secretary (Intelligence), Department of Defense.

The Committee also met in executive session concerning Accordance with the Framework.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 125)

S. 1989, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the “Holly A. Charette Post Office”. Signed on February 27, 2006. (Public Law 109–175)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Council, and Government Accountability Office, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Education, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the future combat systems acquisition strategy in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 4 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulatory relief proposals, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s budgetary proposals for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction, to hold hearings to examine winter storms, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the state of the economies