

University Energy Modeling Forum, Stanford, California; and Gary W. Yohe, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine securing the global supply chain relating to neutralizing the nuclear and radiological threat, focusing on programs that form the defense against nuclear terrorism including the Container Security Initiative, the Megaports Initiative, the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, and the role of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, a new office created within DHS to coordinate global nuclear detection architecture, receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Schumer; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Christopher L. Koch, World Shipping Council, Washington, D.C.; Gary D. Gilbert, Hutchison Port Holdings, Oakton, Virginia; and John P. Clancey, Maersk, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Government's implementation of veterans' preference in the hiring of employees, including an evaluation of the laws designed to protect and promote the employment of veterans, the impact of workforce flexibilities on veterans, and how veterans' redress mechanisms are working, after receiving testimony from Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; James McVay, Deputy

Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Joseph C. Sharpe, Jr., The American Legion, and Brian E. Lawrence, Disabled American Veterans, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings;

S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings; and

The nominations of Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Gray Hampton Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, both of the Department of Justice.

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans' organizations, after receiving testimony from George Basher, National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, Albany, New York; Gerald S. Harvey, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Edward W. Kemp, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5050–5072; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 371–375; and H. Res. 746–752 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 746, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 193 noes with 7 voting “present”, Roll No. 76.

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College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 609, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 by a recorded

vote of 221 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 81. Consideration of the bill began yesterday, March 29th.

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Agreed to:

Biggert amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) allows unaccompanied homeless youth to be considered as independent students upon verification of their living situation by a McKinney-Vento Act school district liaison, a shelter director, or a financial aid administrator;

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Larsen of Washington amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) expresses the sense of Congress that student exchange and language education programs should focus on Chinese and Arabic, in light of the global importance of China and the Middle East;

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Souder amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) removes language in the bill that prohibits schools from denying transfers of credit based solely on the accreditation of the sending institution. The amendment maintains the requirement that schools publicly disclose their transfer policies, and would also require a school to disclose any policy that would deny transfers of credit solely on the accreditation of the institution where the credit was earned;

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Gohmert amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) strikes certain reporting requirements for colleges and universities within Sec. 131(f). The amendment also strikes Sec. 495(a)(1) that would allow states to apply to the Secretary of Education to become recognized accreditors (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 77); and

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Kennedy of Rhode Island amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) makes child and adolescent mental health professionals eligible for loan forgiveness for high need professions under Sec. 421 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 380 ayes to 38 noes, Roll No. 78).

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Rejected:

King of Iowa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) that sought to require institutions that receive any federal funding (including grants and scholarships) to submit to the U.S. Department of Education an annual report answering two questions. First, the report must state whether race, color, or national origin is considered in the student admissions process. If race, color, or nation origin is considered in the student admissions process, then the report must contain a subsequent analysis of how these factors are considered in the process (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 79); and

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Miller of California amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) in the nature of a substitute that

sought to lower student loan interest rates; establish a new Predominantly Black Serving Institution program to boost college participation rates of low-income, black students; establish a new graduate Hispanic Serving Institution program; provide for year-round Pell grants; and repeal the Single Lender rule (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 80).

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Committee of the Whole proceeded with a pro forma amendment for the purposes of an additional 10 minutes of debate.

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H. Res. 742, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 75, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3rd, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Congressional Award Board—appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Chocola.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1363–64.

Senate Referrals: S. 2349 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1331–34, H1334–35, H1360, H1361, H1361–62, H1362 and H1363. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review the Rural Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Mark Drabenstott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank,