

METHAMPHETAMINE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the impact methamphetamine use is having in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; William P. Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director, Jon Perez, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, and Anthony Dekker, Associate Director, Clinical Services, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, all of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew H. Mead, United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Chey-

enne, Department of Justice; Kathleen W. Kitcheyan, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, Arizona; Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians, and Gary L. Edwards, National Native American Law Enforcement Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karrie Azure, United Tribes Technical College, Bismark, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5091–5111; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 378–380; and H. Res. 762–765, 768 were introduced. **Pages H1561–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1563–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 (H. Rept. 109–405);

H. Res. 767, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–406);

H.R. 2955, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has exclusive jurisdiction of appeals relating to patents, plant variety protection, or copyrights, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–407);

H.R. 4742, to amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies (H. Rept. 109–408); and

H. Con. Res. 319, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were enacted in 1980 (Public Law 96–517; commonly known as the “Bayh-Dole Act”), on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its enactment (H. Rept. 109–409). **Page H1561**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1455**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Clyde P. Thomas, Pastor, Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina. **Page H1455**

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

Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006: H.R. 3127, amended, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 90; **Pages H1461–75, H1530**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel: H. Res. 370, to express the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel; **Pages H1482–85**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”: H.R. 4688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the “Mayor John Thompson ‘Tom’ Garrison Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H1485–86**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the “Francisco ‘Pancho’ Medrano Post Office Building”: H.R. 4561, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the “Francisco ‘Pancho’ Medrano Post Office Building”;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”: H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”;

Pages H1494–95

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 360, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service;

Pages H1500–01

Honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation’s citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation: H. Con. Res. 371, to honor and congratulate the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation’s citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation; and

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Honoring Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005: H. Res. 541, to honor Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 762, relating to a question of the privileges

of the House, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 198 noes with 5 voting “present,” Roll No. 87.

Pages H1513–14

527 Reform Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees by a ye-and-nay vote 218 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 88, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 109–404, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1506**

H. Res. 755, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 86.

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Agreed to the Dreier amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 85.

Pages H1512–13

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, April 4th:

Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands: H. Res. 692, amended, to commend the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, by a ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 89.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, April 6th.

Concerning the Government of Romania’s ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania: H.

Res. 578, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania;

Pages H1475–79

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. Con. Res. 320, amended, to call 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;

Pages H1479–82

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 737, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month;

Pages H1486–92

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic: H. Res. 556, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic; and

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Congratulating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people: H. Con. Res. 366, to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages 1564.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H1512–13, H1513, H1514, H1528–29, H1529–30, H1530. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Julia Smith Gibbons, U.S. Circuit Court Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District; and Leoniodas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOE Energy Supply and Conservation, Fossil Energy. Testimony was heard from David Garman, Under Secretary, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Fran Mainella, Director, Steve Martin, Deputy Director; and Bruce Shaeffer, Comptroller.