

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

Pages H1495–H1500

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.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC 2005 Implementation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the State International Organizations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Kristen L. Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs; and John R. Bolton, Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORMS INITIATIVES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing to review major defense acquisition reform initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; David Patterson, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Kenneth Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

U.S. SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the U.S. Shipbuilding Industrial Base. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary Powell, Acting Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Policy); Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ships, Department of the Navy; VADM Paul E. Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and RADM Charles S. Hamilton, II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command; Mark L. Montroll, Professor, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University; and public witnesses.

MILITARY READINESS—SERVICES CONTRACTING'S IMPACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on service contracting's impact on military readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; LG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Ronald Poussard, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Combat Mission Support.

DOE NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on future plans for the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Tom D'Agostino, Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Charles Anderson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management; and public witnesses.

WMD THREAT REDUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on implementing the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendations to combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Flory, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy; and James A. Tegnalia, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Director, U.S. Strategic Command Center, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (SCC—WMD).

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006.

DUBAI PORTS WORLD DOCUMENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 718, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Dubai Ports World acquisition of six United States ports leases.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.” Testimony was heard from James H. Lambright, Chairman and Acting President, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

FHA TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Transforming the Federal Housing Administration for the 21st Century.” Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

WESTERN STATES WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled: “Conjunctive Water Management: A Solution to the West’s Growing Water Demand?” Testimony was heard from Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL AGENCY PAYMENTS OVERSIGHT.

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “The Improper Payments Information Act—Are Agencies Meeting the Requirements of the Law?” Testimony was heard from Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; Charles E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Budget, Technology, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services; and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Sarbanes-Oxley Act Four Years Later: What Have We Learned?” Testimony was heard from Representatives Feeny, Kirk and Meeks of New York; and public witnesses.

U.S.-INDIA GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended;: H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

PATENT QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Patent Quality Enhancement in the Information-Based Economy.” Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Bruce Ohr, Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

INDIAN GAMING RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming. Testimony was heard from Fulton Sheen, Representative, State of Michigan, JoAnn D. Osmond, Representative State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5025, Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act; H.R. 5016, Las Cienegas Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3534, Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe and Capps; Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Matt Garrett, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “The Bureau of Reclamation’s 21st Century Challenges in Managing, Protecting and Developing Water and Power Supplies.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mark A. Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary, Water and

Science; and John Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for general debate only on H. Con. Res. 376, a concurrent resolution 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. The rule provides 4 hours of general debate, with 3 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and 1 hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that after general debate the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of April 6, 2006, 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.

WORKPLACE GLOBALIZATION REPORT

Committee on Science: Ordered adversely reported without recommendation H. Res. 717, Directing the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of a workforce globalization final draft report produced by the Technology Administration.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "IRS Latest Enforcement: Is the Bulls-eye on Small Businesses?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Everson, Commissioner; and Kevin Brown, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division Internal; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 235, Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 372, amended, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System; H.R. 3858, Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005; H.R. 4880, amended, Maritime Terminal Security Enhancement Act of 2006; H.R. 5076, National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006; and H.R. 5074, Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions.

U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on implementation of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Susan Schwab, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAM TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the use of technology to improve public benefit programs. Testimony was heard from Diane Ruth, Chair and Commissioner, Public Workforce Commission, State of Texas; Marketa Gautreau, Assistant Secretary, Community Services, Department of Social Services, State of Louisiana; Don Winstead, Deputy Secretary, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; Lisa Henley, Project Director, EBT Project, Department of Human Services, State of Oklahoma; and

Dennis Fecci, former Chief Information Officer, Human Resources Administration, New York City.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine health care in the District of Columbia, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy Shipbuilding in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study, to hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability

and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and Timothy Anthony Junker, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, both of the Department of Justice, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, and S. Res. 398, relating to the censure of George W. Bush, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the VA's 5-year capital construction plan, 2 p.m., SR-418.