

will not. The Army must submit to Congress within 30 days after enactment a report specifying how many soldiers, both active and reserve, were affected by this pay disparity and proposed remedies or courses of action to correct the inequity.

Pages H2470–72

Rejected:

Andrews amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) which sought to lift the current ban on privately funded abortions at U.S. military facilities overseas (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 136).

Pages H2448–51, H2466–67

Postponed proceedings:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) that clarifies the factors that must be taken into consideration when recalling a reservist to service to include the frequency of assignment over the duration of a reservist's career was offered and debated. The Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment.

Pages H2451–52

H. Res. 806, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 133, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H2360–66, H2368

**Tax Relief Act of 2005—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a recorded vote 244 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 135, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H2453–66

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 134.

Pages H2464–65

H. Res. 805, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 132, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H2354–60, H2367–68

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure will resume tomorrow, May 11th:

*Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage:* H.R. 802, Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage.

Pages H2472–79

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2366–67, H2367–68, H2368, H2465, H2465–66 and H2466–67. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007—MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

### SENIOR INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006.

### FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amend, a measure to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles based on one or more vehicle attributes.

### GASOLINE SUPPLY AND PRICE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications." Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; William Wehrum, Acting-Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled "Public Housing Management: Do the Public Housing Authorities Have the Flexibility They Need to Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PREVENTING KATRINA FRAUD

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability held a hearing entitled "After Katrina: The Role of the Department of Justice Katrina Fraud Task Force and Agency Inspectors General in Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse." Testimony was heard from Alice Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and Chair, Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force; Matt Jadacki,

Special Inspector General, Gulf Hurricane Recovery, Department of Homeland Security; Ken Donohue, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Eric Thorson, Inspector General, SBA; and Thomas Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense.

#### INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SHARING

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Building the Information Sharing Environment: Addressing the Challenges of Implementation." Testimony was heard from Ambassador Ted McNamara, Information Sharing Program Manager, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

#### DHS INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE— PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment continued hearings entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise." Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### CHINA'S RESURGENCE

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on A Resurgent China: Responsible Stakeholder or Robust Rival? Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

#### U.S. REFUGEE PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Current Issues in U.S. Refugee Protection and Resettlement. Testimony was heard from Ellen R. Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; Rachel Brand, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Paul Rosenzweig, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION; PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Corretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; and H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

#### WILD REFUGE MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4947, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; and H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Bachus; William

Hartwig, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4588, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 5079, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; and S. 214 / H.R. 469, United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and P. Patrick Leahy, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report (except as specified in section 4 of the resolution), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, and shall be considered as may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, and shall be considered as read. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of further debate on any pending amendment), and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report and those amendments en bloc as described in Section 3 of the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, or his designee, to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the *Congressional Record* immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to

recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report, out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### **WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE 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 May 11, 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.

#### **ENTREPRENEURS CAPITAL ACCESS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Bridging the Equity Gap: Examining the Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Act of 2006." Testimony was heard from Lorrie Keating-Heinemann, Secretary, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—HIGHWAY CAPACITY AND FREIGHT MOBILITY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Highway Capacity and Freight Mobility: The Current Status and Future Challenges. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and Tim Martin, Secretary of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—RAILROAD RETIREMENT REFORM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Operational Experience Under the 2001 Railroad Retirement Reform Law. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Schwartz, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; and public witnesses.

#### **VETERANS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5220, Veterans Certification and Licensure Act of 2006.

#### **DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL—U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **HEALTH INFORMATION TOOLS**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers, focusing on healthcare delivery system reform, medical treatment decisions, and the affordability and quality of medicare care, after receiving testimony from Carolyn M. Clancy, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Arnold Milstein, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California; Michael D. Parkinson, Lumenos, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Paul B. Ginsburg, Center for Studying Health System Change, Washington, D.C.; Douglas G. Cave, Cave Consulting Group, Foster City, California; Donald W. Kemper, Healthwise, Inc., Boise, Idaho; and Walton Francis, Fairfax, Virginia.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine Department of Agriculture's national response plan to detect and control the potential spread of Avian Influenza into the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold a closed briefing on Iran's nuclear program and the impact of potential sanctions, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel S. Sullivan, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Sean F. Cox, and Thomas L. Ludington, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 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