

Security concluded a hearing to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment by Federal agencies and how they impact their budgeting and programming process, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Treasury, and the agencies treat them, after receiving testimony from Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer; Lee J. Lofthus, Deputy Assistant Attorney General/Controller, Department of Justice; John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller for Program Budget, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Charles E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology and Finance; and Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the

nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine caring for seniors during a national emergency, including issues that surfaced as a result of the 2005 hurricanes, focusing on challenges faced by hospital and nursing home administrators that are related to hurricane evacuations, the Federal program that supports the evacuation of patients needing hospital care and nursing home residents, and challenges States and localities face in preparing for and carrying out the evacuation of transportation-disadvantaged populations and efforts to address evacuation needs, after receiving testimony from Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Chair, Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities, Department of Homeland Security; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Amy B. Aiken, Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management, Miami, Florida; Carmel Bitondo Dyer, Baylor College of Medicine Geriatrics Program at the Harris County Hospital District, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society; Maurice Frisella, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jean Cefalu, Slidell, Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5416–5425; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 820–822 were introduced. **Pages H2832–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2833–34, H2890–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–471); and

H. Res. 821, providing for consideration H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–472). **Pages H2832, H2889**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bonner to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2761**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Blaine Maurice Stout, Jr., Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains, Arlington, Virginia. **Page H2761**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 16th:

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dabab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006: H. Res. 795, to condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006, by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 162. **Pages H2773–74**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5386, to make appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 128 noes, Roll No. 172.

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Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment.

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Agreed to:

Slaughter amendment that increases funding (by transfer) for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million each;

Pages H2792–96

Maloney amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th) to increase funding (by transfer) for royalty and offshore minerals management in order to facilitate audits;

Pages H2805–08

Cannon amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th) adds \$16 million to Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) by redirecting funds from Interior Department overhead (agreed to extend and limit the time for debate on the amendment);

Pages H2808–09

Sanders amendment that redirects \$1.8 million in funding to the EPA's Energy Star Programs;

Pages H2809–11

Taylor of North Carolina amendment increases environmental programs and infrastructure assistance, including capitalization grants for State revolving funds and performance partnership grants by \$2 million;

Pages H2815–16

Rahall amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th) prohibits any funds made available by this Act to be used for the sale or slaughter of wild free-roaming horses or burros;

Pages H2837–39

Gordon amendment to prohibit any of the funds made available by this Act from being used in contravention of the Federal buildings performance and reporting requirements of Executive Order 13123, part 3 of title V of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 et seq.), or subtitle A of title I of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (including the amendments made thereby);

Pages H2817, H2839

Weiner amendment to increase funding (by transfer) by \$1 million for the National Park Service in order to address the continued closure of the Statue of Liberty (by a recorded vote of 266 yeas to 152 noes, Roll No. 163);

Pages H2798, H2802, H2843

Pallone amendment to insert provisions prohibiting use of funds for enforcement of EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Proposed Rule published in the Federal Register, or to follow the Toxics Release Inventory 2006 Burden Reduction Proposed Rule also published in the Federal Register (by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 165);

Pages H2816–17, H2844–45

Hinchey amendment to limit funds for suspension of royalty relief (by a recorded vote of 252 yeas to 165 noes, Roll No. 167);

Pages H2817, H2830, H2845–46

Chabot amendment that prohibits the Forest Service from spending taxpayer dollars to build logging roads for private interests in the Tongass National Forest;

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Garrett amendment to prohibit any of the funds made available in the Act from being used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States;

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Miller of California amendment to prohibit any funds made available in the Act from being obligated or expended to conduct the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study;

Pages H2817, H2849–50

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment to prohibit any funds made available in the Act from being used to eliminate or restrict programs that are for the reforestation of urban areas;

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Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment to prohibit any funds made available in the Act from being used to limit outreach programs administered by the Smithsonian Institution;

Pages H2817, H2866–68

Oberstar amendment to prohibit funds in the Act from being used by the administrator of the EPA to implement or enforce the Joint Memorandum published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 1995) (by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 169); and

Pages H2817, H2850–55, H2870–71

Putnam amendment prohibits use of funds in the Act to conduct activities in violation of the moratorium on drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf (by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 170).

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Rejected:

Obey amendment that sought to address global climate change by modifying the amount provided for EPA Programs and Management;

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Poe en bloc amendments that sought to strike sections 104, 105, and 106 from the bill. Sections 104, 105, and 106 provide that no funds provided in this title may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore oil preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico south of 26 degrees north latitude and east of 86 degrees west longitude; no funds provided in this title may be expended by the Department of the Interior to conduct offshore oil preleasing, leasing and related activities

in the eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area for any lands located outside Sale 181, as identified in the final Outer Continental Shelf 5-Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 1997–2002; and, no funds provided in this title may be expended by the Department of the Interior to conduct oil preleasing, leasing and related activities in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic planning areas (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 164);

Pages H2812–15, H2843–44

Beauprez amendment that sought to reduce the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$30 million, and redirects the money to the Wildland Fire Management budget of the U.S. Forest Service (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 166); and

Pages H2818, H2845

Hefley amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th) that sought to reduce funding by 1% across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 171).

Pages H2868–69, H2871–72

Withdrawn:

Putnam amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding (by transfer) by \$500,000 for State and Tribal Wildlife grants in order to direct attention to alligator control programs in Florida;

Pages H2796–98, H2855

Tancredo amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to strike language added in committee that would prevent the U.S. Geological Survey from consolidating four mapping centers into one central operations center;

Pages H2802–05

Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to strike section 104 from the bill. Section 104 prohibits use of funds for the conduct of offshore oil preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998 in specified areas;

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Tiaht amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any of the funds made available in the Act from being used to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses;

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Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to direct attention to EPA drinking water regulations for arsenic; and

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Dent amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any funds made available in the Act from being used to implement, administer, or enforce section 20(b)(1) of

the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)).

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Point of Order sustained against:

The Chair sustained the point of order raised against the content of the measure beginning on page 73, line 3 and ending on page 73, line 8 that constituted legislation in an appropriations bill;

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The Chair sustained the point of order raised against section 425, page 125, lines 3–25 stating that it constituted legislation in an appropriations bill in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI;

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The Chair sustained the point of order raised against section 501 stating that it violated clause 2b of rule XXI; and

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Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for various accounts with a tax offset.

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H. Res. 818, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 161, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 160.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–110); and

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–112).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2834, H2891.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2772–73, H2773, H2774, H2843, H2843–44, H2844, H2845, H2845–46, H2846, H2870–71, H2871, H2871–72, H2872–73. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on No Child Left Behind: How Innovative Educators Are Integrating Subject Matter To Improve