

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### STEM CELL RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the potential impact of S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos (referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), after receiving testimony from Senator Santorum; James F. Battey, Jr., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and Chair, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen Strom, University of Pittsburgh Department of Pathology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Alan I. Leshner, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

### APPROPRIATIONS: INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NORTH KOREA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on recent North Korean ballistic missile developments from Brian Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Forces Policy, Patricia Sanders, Executive Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Brad Ahlskog, Senior Intelligence Officer, Ko-

rean Branch, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael L. Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and a list of 979 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### SAFETEA-LU IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded an oversight hearing to examine the current state of progress and future outlook relating to SAFETEA-LU implementation, including changes SAFETEA-LU made to the New Starts program, changes SAFETEA-LU made to the JARC program, and issues that may be important as FTA moves forward with implementing the Act, after receiving testimony from Sandra Bushue, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and William W. Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee continued markup of H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, June 28.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Energy Policy Act provisions on enhancing oil and gas production on Federal lands in the Rocky Mountain Region, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Flanderka, Wyoming Office of the Governor, Cheyenne; Jeffrey Eppink, Advanced Resources International, Inc., and Tom Reed, Trout Unlimited, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Duane Zavadil, Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, Denver, Colorado.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

*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 Office of Personnel Management, focusing on whether the Office of Personnel Management is positioned to be the Federal government's leader in personnel policy today and in the future, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

**PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the purpose, history, and legal significance of presidential signing statements, which are mainly issued when a President signs new legislation into law, after receiving testimony from Michelle E. Boardman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Harvard Law School; Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Christopher S.

Yoo, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; and Bruce Fein, Fein & Fein LLC, and Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

**HEALTHCARE GLOBALIZATION**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if medical tourism can reduce health care costs relating to the globalization of health care, after receiving testimony from Arnold Milstein, Mercer Health & Benefits, San Francisco, California; Bonnie Grissom Blackley, Blue Ridge Paper Products Inc., Canton, North Carolina; Rajesh Rao, IndUShealth, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina; Bruce Cunningham, University of Minnesota Department of Plastic Surgery, Minneapolis, on behalf of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons; and Howard Staab and Maggi Ann Grace, both of Carrboro, North Carolina.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 5688–5692; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 436–438 and H. Res. 894, were introduced.

**Pages H4679–80**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H4680–81**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4125, to permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita (H. Rept. 109–532).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wilson of New Mexico to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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

*Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005:* H.R. 42, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged; **Pages H4574–76**

*Seasoned Customer CTR Exemption Act of 2006:* H.R. 5341, amended, to amend section 5313 of title 31, United States Code, to reform certain requirements for reporting cash transactions; and

**Pages H4576–82**

*Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States:* H. Res. 854, to recognize National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States. **Pages H4282–86**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Monday, June 26th:

*Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006:* Conference report on H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, by a (2/3) yeas-and-