

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H4796.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4689, H4692–93, H4739, H4739–40, H4740–41, H4741, H4741–42, H4742–43, H4743, H4774–75, H4775, H4775–76, H4776–77, H4777, H4777–78, and H4778–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:27 a.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN SECURITY AND STABILITY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of security and stability in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Karl Eikenberry, USA, Commanding General, Combined Forces Command–Afghanistan; and Mary Beth Long, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and James Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

CHARACTER BUILDING IN EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on The First Tee and Schools: Working To Build Character Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MENTAL ILLNESS AND BRAIN DISEASE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Mental Illness and Brain Disease: Dispelling Myths and Promoting Recovery Through Awareness and Treatment. Testimony was heard from Thomas Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MAKING THE INTERNET SAFE FOR KIDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “Making the Internet Safe for Kids: The Role of ISPs and Social Networking Sites.” Testimony was heard from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, FTC; Diego Ruiz, Deputy Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, FCC; and public witnesses.

INVESTOR PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Investor Protec-

tion: A Review of Plaintiffs’ Attorney Abuses in Securities Litigation and Legislative Remedies.” Testimony was heard from Vaughan R. Walker, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; William F. Galvin, Secretary, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

HOUSING MARKET AND NEXT NATURAL CATASTROPHE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Is America’s Housing Market Prepared for the Next Natural Catastrophe?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TREAT METHAMPHETAMINE VICTIMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Availability and Effectiveness of Programs To Treat Victims of the Methamphetamine Epidemic.” Testimony was heard from Bertha Madras, Deputy Director, Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and public witnesses.

OMB’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LINE OF BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability held a hearing entitled “OMB’s Financial Management Line of Business Initiative: Do Recent Changes to the Implementation Guidance Clarify the Rules?” Testimony was heard from Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; Mary Mitchell, Deputy Associate Administrator, GSA; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT BORDER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “DHS Intelligence and Border Security: Delivering Operational Intelligence.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Charles E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Office of Intelligence Analysis; James Sloan, Assistant Commandant, Intelligence, U.S. Coast Guard; Cynthia O’Connell, Acting Director, Office of Intelligence, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and L. Thomas Bortmes, Director, Office of Intelligence,

Customs and Border Protection; and public witnesses.

EAST TIMOR: INSTABILITY AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on East Timor: Instability and Future Prospects. Testimony was heard from Eric John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

HURRICANE RECONSTRUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Hurricane Reconstruction and Preparedness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State: Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean; and Timothy M. Callaghan, Senior Regional Advisor, Latin America and the Caribbean, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1856, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005.

The Committee also began consideration of H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2692, Acadia National Park Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 3871, 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; and H.R. 5145, to authorize the National War Dogs Monument, Inc. to establish a national monument in honor of military working dog teams. Testimony was heard from Representatives Michaud, Fortenberry, Osborne, and Terry; Sue Masica, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4761, Domestic Energy Production through

Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, 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, 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 the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolutions 162, 163, 181, 182, 393, 395, 400, 401, 468, and 620 are laid upon the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pombo, Chairman Boehlert, Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives Calvert, Flake, Bartlett of Maryland, Udall of New Mexico, Markey, Inslee, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

RESOLUTION—CONDEMNING DISCLOSURE AND PUBLICATION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 895, supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists and terrorist finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the international fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced through their finances, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representative Frank of Massachusetts.

HIGH NATURAL GAS PRICE EFFECTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports held a hearing entitled "The Effects of the High Cost of Natural Gas on Small Businesses and Future Energy Technologies." Testimony was heard from James Kendell, Director, Natural Gas Division, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service; and Tom Lonnie, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection Directorate; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act; H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005; and H.R. 5681, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

VA OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on What VA IT Organizational Structure would have best prevented VA's "Meltdown" in Information Management. Testimony was heard from MG Robert Howard, USA (Ret.), Acting Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology and Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and the following former Assistant Secretaries, Information Technology and Former Chief Information Officers, Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert McFarland and John A. Gauss; and public witnesses.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Health Savings Accounts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REPORT: AL QAEDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and approved the following: "Report: 'al Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamic Extremist Threat.'"

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee met and agreed to certain committee procedural matters.

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE)

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine Belgium's Chairmanship of the OSCE, focusing on developments in Central Asia and neighboring Afghanistan, the emergence of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the political situation in the Caucasus, and human rights trends in the Russian Federation, after receiving testimony from Karel De Gucht, Foreign Minister of Belgium, Brussels.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine how to increase worker coverage relating to small business pension plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Russia, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel, signed at Jerusalem on July 6, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-3), an original bill, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 U.S. exports to India of nuclear materials, equipment and technology to India, and to implement the U.S. Additional Protocol, S. Res. 460, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should