

## GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POVERTY REDUCTION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Importance of Agricultural Development in Sustainable Global Poverty Reduction.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act. Testimony was heard from John Eisenberg, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Vito Potenza, Acting General Counsel, NSA, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

## FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2965, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers’ dollars, to provide a 5-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. 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 the Judiciary 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 makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Feeney, Rohrabacher and Hoekstra.

## EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 4 hours of debate in the House on H. Res. 994, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the resolution to a time designated by the speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative King of New York.

## *Joint Meetings*

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings to examine the housing bubble and its implications for the economy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nominations of David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor, John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, all of the Department of the Interior, and other pending legislation, 11:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider H.R. 5689, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, S. 1848, to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, S. 3630, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, H.R. 3929, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, S. 3617, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, H.R. 5061, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and Wytheville National Fish Hatchery to the State of Virginia, S. 3551, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Tylersville division of the Lamar National Fish Hatchery and Fish Technology Center to the State of Pennsylvania, S. 3867, to designate the Federal courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush H. Limbaugh, Sr., Federal Courthouse", H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007, proposed Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage Contingent Cost Allocation Act, proposed legislation to amend the Clean Air Act to encourage the most polluted areas in the United States to attain clean air standards, S. 2348, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require a licensee to notify the Atomic Energy Commission, and the State and county in which a facility is located, whenever there is an unplanned release of fission products in excess of allowable limits, S. 3591, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and the nominations of William B. Wark, of Maine, and William E. Wright, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, and Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and other committee matters; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine charitable care and community benefits at nonprofit hospitals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine securing a permanent cease-fire relating to Lebanon, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider 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, and S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing today's federal prosecutors, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine managed care relating to securing Medicaid's future, 10 a.m., SD-562.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to Review Federal Farm Policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on Nuclear Energy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to mark up a measure to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on How Budgetary Choices Affect Work, Saving, and Growth, The Real Purpose of "Dynamic" Estimating, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on nuclear waste storage and disposal policy, and hydroelectric license extension and energy efficiency legislation, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Continuing Ethics and Management Concerns at NIH and the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “CyberSecurity: Protecting America’s Critical Infrastructure, Economy, and Consumers,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Stabilizing Insurance Markets for Coastal Consumers,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled “Interior Department: A Culture of Managerial Irresponsibility and Lack of Accountability?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, to consider H.R. 4859, Federal Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled “DHS Financial Management: Evaluating Progress in Improving Internal Controls,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, to continue hearings entitled “Iraq: Democracy or Civil War?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled “The Future of Cyber and Telecommunications Security at the Department of Homeland Security,” 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “The Homeland Security Information Network: An Update on DHS Information Sharing Efforts,” 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Helping Business Protect the Homeland: Is the Department of Homeland Security Effectively Implementing the SAFETY Act?” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 611, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 1476, Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 1996, Coral Reef and Coastal Marine Conservation Act of 2005; H.R. 5805, North Korea Non-proliferation Act of 2006; H.R. 5966, Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2006; a measure State Authorities; H. Res. 415, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam needs to do more to resolve claims for confiscated real and personal property; H. Res. 622, To recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II; H. Res. 723, calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection; H. Res. 759, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge and accept responsibility for its sexual enslavement of young women, known to the world as “comfort women,” during its colonial occupation

of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; H. Res. 940, Recognizing the 185th anniversary of the independence of Peru on July 28, 2006; H. Res. 942, Recognizing the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906; H. Res. 965, Commending the people of Montenegro on the conduct of the referendum on independence, welcoming United States recognition of the sovereignty and independence of the republic of Montenegro, and welcoming Montenegro membership in the United Nations and other international organizations; H. Res. 992, Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan; H. Res. 976, Condemning human rights abuses by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and expressing solidarity with the Iranian people; H.R. 985, Directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in the possession of the Secretary of State relating to the report submitted to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives on July 28, 2006, pursuant to the Iran and Syria Non-proliferation Act; H. Con. Res. 317, Requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing; H. Con. Res. 415, Condemning the repression of the Iranian Baha’i community and calling for the emancipation of Iranian Baha’is; S. 2125, Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Recovery, Security, and Democracy; and S. 3836, United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Reauthorization Act of 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 5418, To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges; H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act; H.R. 5830, Wright Amendment Reform Act; the Copyright Modernization Act of 2006; and H.R. 4239, Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act; and to consider a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Americans with Disabilities Act: Sixteen Years Later, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5617, 13th Regional Corporation Land Entitlement Act; and H.R. 5781, Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing entitled “Visitation Trends in the National Park System—Part II,” 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to mark up a resolution Providing for Earmarking Reform in the House of Representatives, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on How Can Technologies Help Secure Our Borders? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, oversight hearing on Low Pressure Liquid Pipelines: In the North Slope, Greater Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy—Can it be implemented to restore and protect the Great Lakes? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, oversight hearing on the training provided to Veterans Benefits Administration claims adjudicators and the standards used to measure their proficiency and performance, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on the National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and the Evolving Terrorist Threat, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Romanian governmental and non-governmental perspectives on the current state of care of persons with disabilities in Romania, 2 p.m., SD-562.