

**LEBANON**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing a permanent cease-fire relating to Lebanon, focusing on what the United States and others can do to secure lasting calm on Israel's northern border, strengthen the Lebanese Government so that it can fully control its territory, and assist in meeting Lebanon's urgent humanitarian and reconstruction needs, including the impact of this conflict on broader U.S. interests in the region, and achieving a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, after receiving testimony from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Carlos Pascual, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Paul Salem, Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon; and Augustus Richard Norton, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, and Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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; 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee failed to approve for reporting 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.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

**MEDICAID: MANAGED CARE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine managed care relating to securing Medicaid's future, after receiving testimony from Anthony Rodgers, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Phoenix; Ron Pollack, Families USA, and Jeffrey S. Crowley, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Greg Nycz, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., Marshfield, Wisconsin; David Ford, CareOregon, Portland, Oregon; and Daniel J. Hilferty, AmeriHealth Mercy and Keystone Mercy Health Plans, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Medicaid Health Plans of America.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 6060–6069; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 470–472; and H. Res. 1000–1001, 1004–1009 were introduced. **Pages H6534–35**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6535–36**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4893, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation

gaming, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–650); and

H.R. 5835, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve information management within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–651, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1167, to amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–652);

H. Res. 1002, providing for consideration of H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States (H. Rept. 109–653);

H. Res. 1003, providing for the adoption of H. Res. 1000, providing for earmarking reform in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 109–654); and

H. Res. 1000, providing for earmarking reform in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 109–655).

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Louis V. Iasiello, President, Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C.

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**Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2006—Rule for Consideration:**

The House agreed to H. Res. 997, the rule providing for consideration of 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, by voice vote after ordering the previous question.

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

**Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006:** H.R. 5815, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007;

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**Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006:** S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Fourteenth Dalai Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act:** S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding

contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding—clearing the measure for the President; and

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**Extending the thanks of Congress and the Nation to the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command of the Department of Defense, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, the Air Force Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, and the military departments and to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for their efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam War:** H. Con. Res. 444, to extend the thanks of Congress and the Nation to the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command of the Department of Defense, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, the Air Force Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, and the military departments and to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for their efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam War.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Extending the appreciation of Congress and the Nation to the Department of Defense organizations, military departments, and personnel engaged in the mission to achieve the fullest possible accounting for all Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Nation’s wars, to the POW/MIA families and veterans who support the mission, and to foreign nations that assist in the mission.”

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**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Amending section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming:** H.R. 4893, amended, to amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 247 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 439.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure is scheduled to resume tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th:

**Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39–25 61st Street in Woodside, New York, as the “Thomas J. Manton Post Office Building”:** H.R. 6033, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39–25 61st Street in Woodside, New York, as the “Thomas J. Manton Post Office Building”.

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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: The House agreed to H. Res. 994, to express the sense of the House of Representatives on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 22 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 440.

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H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 438.

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**Providing for corrections to the enrollment of S. 2590:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 114, to provide for corrections to the enrollment of the bill S. 2590.

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**Water Resources Development Act of 2006—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

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The House began consideration of the Melancon motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th.

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**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Rules have until 2 a.m. on September 14th to file their report to accompany H. Res. 1000.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6431 and H6498.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 114 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H6560, H6460–61 and H6497. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL FARM POLICY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to Review Federal Farm Policy. Testimony was heard from agricultural processors and suppliers.

### OVERSIGHT—NUCLEAR ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Nuclear Energy. Testimony was heard from Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; Stan Wise, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Georgia; Nils Diaz, former Chairman, NRC; and public witnesses.

### MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6054, Military Commissions Act of 2006.

### FEDERAL BUDGETARY CHOICES

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on How Budgetary Choices Affect Work, Saving, and Growth, The Real Purpose of 'Dynamic' Estimating. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### NUCLEAR WASTE/HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on nuclear waste storage and disposal policy, and hydroelectric license extension and energy efficiency legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Otter and Mollohan; from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Luis A. Reyes, Executive Director, Operations, NRC; Stan Wise, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

### NIH ETHICS/MANAGEMENT CULTURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Continuing Ethics and Management Concerns at NIH and the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Agwunobi, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health; Raynard Kington, M.D., Deputy Director, NIH; John Niederhuber, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director; and William Fitzsimmons, Executive Officer,