

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Iraqi Reconstruction: Reliance on Private Military Contractors and Status Report.” Testimony was heard from Tina Ballard, Assistant Under Secretary, Procurement and Policy, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

ADVANCED FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the Committee on Science and Technology amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered for amendment by section with each section considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon; and Representatives Hall of Texas, Burgess and King of Iowa.

The Committee adopted an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress, and authorized its transmission to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 720, Water Quality Financing Act of 2007; H.R. 569, Water Quality Investment Act of 2007; H.R. 700, Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007; H.R. 798, To direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy; H.R. 799, amended, Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 802, amended, Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 342, amended, To designate the United States courthouse

located at 555 Independent Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse;” H.R. 399, To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse;” H.R. 429, To designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse;” H.R. 430, amended, To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York as the “Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse;” H.R. 478, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the “Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 544, To designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Sante Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;” and H.R. 584, amended, To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

OMB FY 2008 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2008 for the OMB. Testimony was heard from Ronald J. Portman, Director, OMB.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President’s budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007”, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s Fiscal Year 2008 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the present and future of public safety communications, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's foreign affairs budget; there is a possibility of a business meeting to consider the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 9:15 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind reauthorization, focusing on strategies that promote school improvement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 322, to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project, S. 375, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, S. 398, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and S. 481, to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities; to be followed by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, focusing on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. Res. 36, honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard, S. Res. 37, designating March 26, 2007 as "National Support the Troops Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, and the nominations of Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara

Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety: Shedding Light on a Broken System, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on oversight of Assistance Programs in Iraq, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on acquisition oversight of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat System, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class Through the Employee Free Choice Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing on the Department of Energy's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on The Escalating Crisis in Darfur: Are There Any Prospects for Peace? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Management of Massive Homeland Security Contracts: Deepwater and SBInet," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on The State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group I Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing entitled "FY 2008 President's Budget Request for Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the VA's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the President's budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.