

SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, focusing on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Director, and Kelly Moore, Clinical Specialty Consultant, Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, both of the Indian Health Service, William C. Knowler, Chief, Diabetes Epidemiology and Clinical Research Section, Division of Intramural Research, and Judith Fradkin, Director, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases, both of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Buford Rolin, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, and the National Indian Health Board; James D. Brosseau, Altru Health System, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Biron Baker, Medcenter One, Bismarck, North Dakota; Sam McCracken, Nike, Beaverton, Oregon; and Donna Vandall, Winnebago Tribal Whirling Thunder Wellness Programs, Winnebago, Nebraska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with amendments;

S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 65 public bills, H.R. 909–973; 2 private bills, H.R. 974–975; and 16 resolutions, H.J. Res. 24; H. Con. Res. 61–62; and H. Res. 139–151 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Capuano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 139, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on House Administration: Representatives Brady (PA), Zoe Lofgren (CA), Capuano, Gonzalez, and Davis (CA). Committee on Standards

of Official Conduct: Representatives Gene Green (TX), Roybal-Allard, Doyle, and Delahunt.

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Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act: The House passed H.R. 547, to facilitate the development of markets for alternative fuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research, development, and demonstration and data collection, by a Recorded vote of 400 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 92.

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Rejected the Shimkus motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a Recorded vote of 200 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 91.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To facilitate the development of markets for biofuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel through research and development and data collection."

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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On a demand for a separate vote on certain amendments agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a Recorded vote of 417 ayes to 0 noes, Roll No. 87, agreed to the Hastings amendment that includes language which encourages the Assistant Administrator to utilize Land Grant Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and other minority serving institutions among other resources to undertake research for programs covered by the bill (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a Recorded vote of 424 ayes to 0 noes, Roll No. 82);

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By a Recorded vote of 354 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 88, agreed to the Rogers (MI) amendment that adds a new paragraph to section 3 to include issues with respect to where in the fuel supply chain additives optimally should be added to fuels (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a Recorded vote of 419 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 85);

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 89, agreed to the Weller amendment that adds a new paragraph to section 3 which includes issues with respect to certification by a nationally recognized testing laboratory of components for fuel dispensing devices that specifically reference compatibility with alcohol blended and biofuels that contain greater than 15 percent alcohol (agreed to in the

Committee of the Whole by a Recorded vote of 424 ayes to 0 noes, Roll No. 83); and

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 90, agreed to the Cantor amendment that adds a new section 7 entitled "Additional Funding" (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a by a Recorded vote of 422 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 86).

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Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

Roskam amendment that makes authorization of appropriations subject to pay as you go provisions;

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Brown-Waite amendment that requires a report to Congress;

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Eshoo amendment to the Burgess amendment, that inserts a new paragraph (regarding strategies to minimize emissions from infrastructure) in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Burgess amendment to section 3 (by a Recorded vote of 242 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 81);

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Burgess amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of February 7, 2007) that adds a paragraph to section 3 to include provisions with respect to increased volatile emissions or increased nitrogen oxide emissions;

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Dent amendment that adds provisions which allow fuel distributors and retailers to transform their businesses by dispensing hydrogen, reformed on site from various feedstocks, or delivered by pipeline or tube trucks, resulting in new storage, handling, and equipment challenges necessary beyond that carried out under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (by a Recorded vote of 226 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 84); and

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Burgess amendment that adds a new section at the end of the bill providing that research and development under the Act shall address issues with respect to increased volatile emissions or increased nitrogen oxide emissions.

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Withdrawn in the Committee of the Whole:

Rogers (MI) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section 7 providing for the establishment of an energy security fund and an alternative fuel grant program; and

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Ferguson amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have served as a substitute to the Burgess amendment, that adds a new section at the end of the bill providing that research and development under the Act shall address issues with respect to increased volatile emissions or increased nitrogen oxide emissions, and strategies to minimize such emissions from infrastructure.

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Point of Order sustained against in the Committee of the Whole:

Burgess amendment that sought to add a new section providing for an increase in per gallon rates for biodiesel credit. **Page H1370**

H. Res. 133, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 9; that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1393**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 14. **Page H1394**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and ten Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1382, H1383, H1383–84, H1384–85, H1385, H1385–86, H1388, H1388–89, H1389–90, H1390–91, H1391–92, H1392–93. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety: Shedding Light on a Broken System. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the Secretary of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on oversight of Assistance Programs in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General; and Donald Gambatesa, Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

NAVY LITTORAL COMBAT SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on acquisition oversight of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Delores Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; VADM Paul Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; RADM Charles Hamilton, USN, Program Executive Officer (Ships); and RADM Barry McCullough, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING THE MIDDLE CLASS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class Through the Employee Free Choice Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

DARFUR CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on The Escalating Crisis in Darfur: Are There Any Prospects for Peace? Testimony was heard from Andrew Natsios, Special Envoy to Sudan and former Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—HOMELAND SECURITY CONTRACTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Management of Massive Homeland Security Contracts: Deepwater and SBI.net." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Elaine Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; Greg Giddens, Director, SBI Program Executive Office; and ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a 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. Testimony was heard