

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine recommendations on policies and programs to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to expand the role of electric and gas utilities in energy efficiency programs, after receiving testimony from Kim Christianson, North Dakota Department of Commerce, Bismarck, on behalf of the National As-

sociation of State Energy Officials; R. K. Stewart, American Institute of Architects, and Kateri Callahan, Alliance to Save Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles R. Zimmerman, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; Jack Hebert, Cold Climate Housing Research Center, Fairbanks, Alaska; and James E. Rogers, Duke Energy, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 979–1004; 1 private bill, H.R. 1005; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 63–64 and H. Res. 152–156, were introduced. **Pages H1470–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1471–72**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse”, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–10);

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. Rept. 110–11); and

H. Res. 157, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 63, disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq (H. Rept. 110–12). **Page H1470**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Inslee to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1425**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1425**

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

Recognizing and honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security for their efforts and contributions to protect and secure the Nation: H. Res. 134, to recognize and honor the employees of the Department of Homeland Security for their efforts and contributions to protect and secure the Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 93;

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Establishing a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges: H.R. 34, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges; **Pages H1430–33**

Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 44, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 94;

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Recognizing the historical significance of the Pinedale Assembly Center, the reporting site for 4,823 Japanese Americans who were unjustly interned during World War II: H. Res. 109, to recognize the historical significance of the Pinedale Assembly Center, the reporting site for 4,823 Japanese Americans who were unjustly interned during World War II; **Pages H1440–41**

Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building”; **Pages H1442–43**

Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr., United States Courthouse”; and **Pages H1443–44**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as

the ‘Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse’.” **Page H1444**

Directing the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy: H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President certifying that export of certain items to the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–14) and **Page H1446**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the 2007 Economic Report of the President—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–2).

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1447**

Suspensions: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until a later date:

Recognizing the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt: H. Res. 122, to recognize the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and to support the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II and **Pages H1436–39**

Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the “Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office”. **Pages H1441–42**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 153, electing the following Members to serve on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives: Representatives Bonner, Barrett (SC), Kline, and McCaul (TX). **Page H1449**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1453.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1447–48 and H1448–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Air Force Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Michael W. Wynnee, Secretary; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USMC, Chief of Staff.

RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL U.S. TROOPS TO IRAQ

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides for the following general debate in the House on H. Con. Res. 63, disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq: (1) not beyond midnight on Tuesday, February 13, 2007; (2) not beyond midnight on Wednesday, February 14, 2007; and (3) 12 hours beginning on Thursday, February 15, 2007. All debate is equally divided and controlled by the Majority and Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read.

The rule provides that the Majority Leader at any time, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may extend debate time for an additional hour. The rule also provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule contains one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton, Chairman Lantos, Representatives Jones of North Carolina, Pence, Wolf, Shays, Gilchrest, and Sam Johnson of Texas.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 976, Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D138)

H.R. 188, to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105–331. Signed on February 8, 2007 (Public Law 110–3)