

makes a number of technical and clarifying changes to the bill; **Pages H1997–98**

King (IA) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that requires the President to consider the potential effects of a covered transaction on the efforts of the United States to curtail human smuggling; and

**Pages H1998–99**

Barrow amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that includes in the reporting requirements Senators representing States and Members of Congress representing congressional districts that would be significantly affected by a covered transaction.

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Rejected:

McCaul (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that sought to insert a new paragraph entitled Contents of Report Related to Barriers to Investment Into the United States relating to the effective rate of taxation on entrepreneurs and businesses and other sources of capital in the U.S. as compared to other countries (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 106); **Pages H2000–01, H2005–06**

McCaul (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that sought to insert a new paragraph entitled Contents of Report Related to Barriers to Investment Into the United States relating to the amount of burdensome regulation in the United States as compared to other countries (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 107); and **Pages H2001–02, H2006**

McCaul (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of February 27, 2007) that sought to insert a new paragraph entitled Contents of Report Related to Barriers to Investment Into the United States relating to trend information on the number of jobs in the United States related to foreign investment resulting from covered transactions (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 108). **Pages H2002–05, H2006–07**

H. Res. 195, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H1982–86**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, February 27th:

*Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month:* H. Con. Res. 52, to support the goals and ideals of American Heart Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 111. **Page H2010**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–16). **Page H2035**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. **Page H2036**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2005–06, H2006, H2006–07, H2008–09, H2009–10, and H2010. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FARM BILL—SPECIALTY AND ORGANIC CROPS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the proposals of the Department of Agriculture for the 2007 Farm Bill with respect to specialty crops and organic agriculture. Testimony was heard from Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

### 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 FDA. Testimony was heard from the Department of Health and Human Services: Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA; John R. Dyer, Deputy Commissioner, Operations and Chief Operating Officer; and Norris W. Cochran, Director, Division of Discretionary Programs, Office of Budget.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Science Board. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Beering, Chairman, National Science Board.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Science Funding. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Energy Outlook—the Next Decade. Testimony was heard from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Issues. Testimony was heard from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; Nancy Nord, Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on the EPA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator; Marcus C. Peacock, Deputy Administrator; Lyon Gray, Chief Financial Officer; Roger R. Martella, Acting General Counsel; Bill Roderick, Acting Inspector General; Judith E. Ayers, Assistant Administrator, Office of International Affairs; William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation; George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; James B. Gulliford, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances; Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Molly O'Neill, Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Information; and Luis A. Luna, Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resource Management.

### **LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth M. Duke, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jones, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and MG Brian I. Geehan, Director, Logistics, Central Command.

### **TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Transportation and Housing: Trends and Challenges over the Next Decade. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST— DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Michael W. Wynne, Secretary; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff.

### **RESERVISTS G.I. BILL—IMPACT OF CHANGES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the impact of changes to the Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and Keith Wilson, Director of Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **LONG TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Fiscal Challenges and the Economy in the Long Term. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### **IMPROVING HEAD START**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Improving Head Start for America's Children. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## NCAA COACHING AND LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “The Lack of Diversity in Leadership Positions in NCAA Collegiate Sports.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TRANSPORTATION FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Administration’s Energy Proposal for the Transportation Sector.” Testimony was heard from Nicole Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

## CALLER ID MANIPULATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 251, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Kris Montieth, Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

## KATRINA INSURANCE ISSUES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Insurance Claims Payment Processes in the Gulf Coast after the 2005 Hurricanes.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor, Jefferson and Jindal; David Maurstad, Director and Federal Insurance Administrator, Mitigation Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Jim Hood, Attorney General, State of Mississippi; and a public witness.

## IRAQ AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Iraq and U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from Richard C. Holbrooke, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; and a public witness.

## NORTH KOREA: THE FEBRUARY 13TH AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on North Korea: The February 13th Agreement. Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

## FEMA REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “Reforming FEMA: Are We Making Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: R. David Paulison, Under Secretary, Federal Emergency Management, FEMA; George Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness; and Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General.

## COMMITTEE FUNDING

*Committee on House Administration:* Met to consider Committee funding requests for the following Committees: Foreign Affairs; Judiciary; Financial Services; Homeland Security; Transportation and Infrastructure; Armed Services; Education and the Workforce; Oversight and Government Reform; Rules; Ways and Means; Small Business; Veterans’ Affairs; Energy and Commerce; Agriculture, Science and Technology; Budget; Intelligence; Standards; and Natural Resources.

## JUDICIAL DISCLOSURE RESPONSIBILITY ACT; ESTABLISHED ANTITRUST TASK FORCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported H.R. 1130, Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act.

The Committee also approved the following: a resolution establishing the Antitrust Task Force; and other pending Committee business.

## COMPETITION AND THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL MUSIC

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Antitrust Task Force held a hearing on Competition and the Future of Digital Music. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—EVOLVING WEST

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on the Evolving West. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walden of Oregon, Nunes, Herger and Rehberg; Governor Brian Schweitzer of Montana; former Representative Pat Williams of Montana; and public witnesses.

## BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY FUNDING

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 180, Honoring the life and achievements of Leo T. McCarthy and expressing profound sorrow on his death; H. Res. 162, Recognizing the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players; and H.

Con. Res. 62, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Reforming the Presidential Library Funding Disclosure Process." Testimony was heard from Sharon Fawcett, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives and Records Administration; and public witnesses.

### 9/11 FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled "9/11 Health Effects: Federal Monitoring and Treatment of Residents and Responders." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Agwunobi, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Health and Chair of HHS 9/11 Task Force; and John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Federal 9/11 Health Coordinator; the following officials of the City of New York: Linda I. Gibbs, Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services; and Edward Skyler, Deputy Mayor, Administration; and public witnesses.

### EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 800, Employee Free Choice Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clause 9 and 10 in Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor 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 except for clause 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of CA, Representatives Andrews, McKeon, Kline, Price of GA, Boustany, Foxx, Davis of TN, Shays and Musgrave.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 85, amended, Energy Technology Transfer Act; H.R. 1068, To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991; H.R. 1126, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 363, amended, Sowing the Seeds through Science and Engineering Research Act.

### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Small Business:* Approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### VA INFORMATION AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Information and Security Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary; Robert Howard, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; James Bagian, M.D., Chief Patient Safety Officer; Maureen Regan, Counselor for the Inspector General; and Arnaldo Claudio, Oversight and Compliance Representative; Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Technology Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; ENERGY AND TAX POLICY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on Energy and Tax Policy, focusing on climate change. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INCOME INSTABILITY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine meeting the challenge of income instability, after receiving testimony from Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution, and Bradley R. Schiller, American University, both of Washington, D.C.; Maurice Emsellem, National Employment Law Project, Oakland, California; and Lily Batchelder, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for defense and war costs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine universal service, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook 2007, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 380, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine state, local, and regional government approaches to address global warming, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine Medicare payments for physician services, focusing on new approaches, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine asbestos, focusing on efforts to better protect the health of American workers and their families, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving federal financial management, focusing on the progress that has been made and the challenges ahead, 3 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, vic-

tims, and their family members, S. 442, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. Res. 78, designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism, S. Res. 81, recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth, and the nominations of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, John Preston Bailey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Otis D. Wright II, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and George H. Wu, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting and hearing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider Committee's Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA's Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Financial Services for Disadvantaged Communities, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Meeting Boarder Patrol Training Needs, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration/National Institute of Drug Abuse/National Institute of Mental Health/and National Institute of Alcohol and Alcoholism, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol: Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Global HIV/AIDS, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.