

Agreed to:

Conaway amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that adds a new subsection relating to the selection of projects.

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Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that sought to add a new section to the bill relating to the requirement of offsets (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 128)

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Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that sought to add a new subsection on eligibility and

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Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that sought to insert “for fiscal years ending before October 1, 2008” on page 2, line 9 after the dollar amount.

Pages H2326–27

H. Res. 215, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H2307–09

Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 202, to provide for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 131.

Pages H2309–21, H2330–31

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution and modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–34 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 219, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 127.

Pages H2309–16

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–17).

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2315–16, H2327–28, H2329, H2330 and H2330–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK FEED COSTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the impact of feed costs on the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary, USDA; and public witnesses.

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 the Food and Nutrition Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Nancy Montanez Johner, Under Secretary, and Kate Coler, Deputy Under Secretary, both with Food Nutrition and Consumer Services; Roberto Salazar, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Eric Hentges, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from William A. Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration/Patent and Trademark Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John M. R. Kneurer, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information; and Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property, and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Energy: Environmental Management, Legacy Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Legacy Management.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

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 Administration for Children and Families. Testimony was heard from Wade Horn, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Dan Nichols, Assistant Chief.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the VA Mental Health Programs and Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, Acting Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on VA Homeless Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Program; and Philip F. Mangano, Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Foreign Assistance Budget, Foreign Affairs Restructuring. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development and Director, Foreign Assistance, Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Building Sustainable Communities: Sensible Links between Housing and Transportation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOVERY OBSTACLES FOR WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on challenges and obstacles wounded and injured service members face during recovery. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; William Winkenwerder, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and LTG Kevin C. Kiley, USA, The Surgeon General, U.S. Army.

SUBMARINE FORCE STRUCTURE AND ACQUISITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on submarine force structure and acquisition policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM John J. Donnelly, USN, Commander, Submarine Forces; RADM Carl V. Mauney, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division N87; RADM William H. Hilarides, USN, Program Executive Officer, Submarines; and Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Programs, all with the Department of the Navy; Ron O'Rourke, Senior Naval Analyst, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the posture of the U.S. Strategic Command. Testimony was heard from GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, U.S. Command, Department of Defense.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND FINANCING

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on the State of Higher Education: How Students Access and Finance a College Education." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA's BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a joint hearing entitled "The Environmental Protection Agency's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2008." Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

**GENETIC INFORMATION
NONDISCRIMINATION ACT**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH; and Susan McAndrew, Deputy Director, Health Information Privacy, Office for Civil Rights; Christopher J. Kuczynski, Assistant Legal Council and Director, Americans with Disabilities Act Policy Division, EEOC; Frank Swain, former Chief Counsel, Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Empowering Shareholders on Executive Compensation: H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform. Testimony was heard from Randall L. Tobias, Director, U.S. Foreign Assistance and Administrator, U. S. Agency for International Developmental, Department of State.

LATIN AMERICAN'S OPINIONS OF THE U.S.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing on Polling Data on Latin American Opinion of the United States Policies, Values and People. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism continued hearings entitled "Border Security: Infrastructure, Technology, and the Human Element, Part II." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PIRACY ON UNIVERSITY NETWORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, hearing on

"An Update- Piracy on University Networks." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN CORPORATE
INVESTIGATIONS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the McNulty Memorandum's Effect on the Right to Counsel in Corporate Investigations. Testimony was heard from Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

WATER AND POWER BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the fiscal year 2008 budget requests for the Bureau of Reclamation, the Federal Power Marketing Administrations, and the Water Resources division of the U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Robert Hirsch, Associate Director, Water, Water Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey; and the following Administrators of the Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Steven J. Wright, Bonneville; Timothy J. Meeks, Western Area; Jon Worthington, Southeastern; and Michael A. Deihl, Southwestern.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1255, amended, Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 1254, amended, Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 1309, amended, To promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (Commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act); H.R. 1362, amended, Accountability in Contracting Act; H. Res. 198, Recognizing the significance of Black History Month; H.R. 89, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as Dutch-American Friendship Day to celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands; and H. Res. 136, Commending the Girls Scouts of the United States of America on the occasion of their 95th anniversary, for providing quality age-appropriate experiences that prepare girls to become the leaders of tomorrow and for raising issues important to girls.

FEDERAL PERSONNEL REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Status of Federal Personnel Reform. Testimony was

heard from Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 720, Water Quality Financing Act of 2007. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended, and no further amendments shall be in order except those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.

The rule provides that the further amendments made in order in Part B 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 clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Hirono, Stupak, Mica, Baker, Gary G. Miller of California, Boustany, Tom Davis of Virginia, Kirk, and King of Iowa.

HIGH SCHOOL LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Improving the Laboratory Experience for America's High School Students. Testimony was heard from Representative Hinojosa; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the

Department of Homeland Security's R&D Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and public witnesses.

DISASTER AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to review legislation affecting the SBA's Disaster and Access to Capital programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Herbert L. Mitchell, Associate Administrator, Disaster Relief; and Michael Hager, Associate Deputy Administrator, Capital Access; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard Budget and Authorization for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant; and Charles W. Bowen, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer, both with the U.S. Coast Guard; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and Steven Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

SERVICE MEMBERS TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Service Members Seamless Transition into Civilian Life—The Heroes Return. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health; William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health for Operations and Management; Edward Huycke M.D., Veterans Health Administration/Department of Defense Coordination Office; Ira Katz, M.D., Director, Mental Health Services; Shane McNamee, M.D., Director, Polytrauma Center, VA Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia; Steven Scott, M.D., Director, Polytrauma Center, VA Medical Center, Tampa, Florida; and Kathy Dinagar and Sherry Edmonds-Clemons, both Socialworker Liaisons for Seamless Transition, Walter Reed Medical Center/Bethesda Naval Hospital; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight held a

joint hearing on Medicare Program Integrity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General; and Tim Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and R. Alexander Acosta, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Military Intelligence Program (MIP) Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Norman Rosenshein, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Randy L. Pleva, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Larry Belote, Blinded Veterans Association, all of Washington, D.C.; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; Master Sergeant Morgan D. Brown (Ret.), United States Air Force, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Sergeant Major H. Gene Overstreet (Ret.), United States Marine Corps, Non Commissioned Officers Association, San Antonio, Texas.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the problem of African-American male unemployment, after receiving testimony from Ronald B. Mincy, Columbia University, and Robert Carmona, STRIVE, both of New York, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D223)

H.R. 49, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building" Signed on March 7, 2007 (Public Law 110-7)

H.R. 335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street

in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office". Signed on March 7, 2007 (Public Law 110-8)

H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building". Signed on March 7, 2007 (Public Law 110-9)

H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office". Signed on March 7, 2007 (Public Law 110-10)

H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building". Signed on March 7, 2007 (Public Law 110-11)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Small Business Administration, 9 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on NASA Overview, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Preparing for Disasters, Natural or Otherwise, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Geological Survey, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on (Panel I) Centers for Disease Control/(Panel II) Emergency Preparedness: Office of the Secretary, Centers for Disease Control, NIH, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Combating Pretexting: H.R. 936, Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.