

Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah: H. Res. 107, amended, to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury: H. Res. 64, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 139;

Pages H2447–50, H2461

Recognizing the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy: H. Res. 228, to recognize the 186th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 140;

Pages H2450–53, H2461–62

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome signed on March 25, 1957: H. Res. 230, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome signed on March 25, 1957, which was a key step in creating the European Union, and reaffirming the close and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Europe;

Pages H2453–55

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, as a blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland: H. Res. 222, to express the support of the House of Representatives for the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, as a blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland; by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 141;

Pages H2455–57, H2462–63

Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: 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”;

Pages H2457–58

Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse Designation Act: 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”;

Pages H2458–59

Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 430, amended, to designate the United States bankruptcy court-

house located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the ‘Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse’.”

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Neal Smith Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 1045, to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Neal Smith Federal Building”.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2461, H2462, H2462–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REVIEW—IMPACT ON CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the federal food stamp program and its impact on children’s health. Testimony was heard from Nancy Montanez-Johner, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, 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 Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary; Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies on NASA. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held

a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and LTG Carl A. Strock, USA, Chief of Engineers.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the Secret Service. Testimony was heard from Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Arts Panel. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Social and Economic Status of Native Americans, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of the Special Trustee. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

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 Department of Education: Elementary and Secondary Education, and Special Education and Rehabilitation Services. Testimony was heard from Raymond Simon, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Robert Hixon, Project Executive; and Douglas Jacobs, Design Manager, both with the Capitol Visitor Center.

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 Navy Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Veterans' Claims Process. Testimony was heard from William Greene, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals

for Veterans Claims; and Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans' Affairs.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Millennium Challenge Account. Testimony was heard from Ambassador John Danilovich, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corp.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Status of Public Housing and HOPE VI. Testimony was heard from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACCOUNTABILITY IN CONTRACTING ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1362, Accountability in Contracting Act.

MILITARY RESALE PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on overview of military resale programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Paul Essex, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; RADM Robert E. Cowley, III, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Patrick B. Nixon, Director and CEO, Defense Commissary Agency; and Michael P. Downs, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

READINESS NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request to meet readiness needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; GEN John D. W. Corley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; GEN Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee the following

bills: H.R. 477, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act; H.R. 727, amended, Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007; H.R. 545, amended, Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007; H.R. 1132, amended, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 493, amended, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.

POST KATRINA HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Post Katrina Health Care: Continuing Concerns and Immediate Needs in the New Orleans Region." Testimony was heard from Leslie Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Fred Cerise, M.D., Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals, State of Louisiana; and the following officials of the Department of Health, City of New Orleans: Kevin U. Stephens, M.D., Director; and Evangeline R. Franklin, M.D., Director, Clinical Services and Employee Health; and public witnesses.

HEDGE FUNDS AND SYSTEMIC RISK IN FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Hedge Funds and Systemic Risk in the Financial Markets." Testimony was heard from E. Gerald Corrigan, former President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

TIBET; STATE OF SINO-TIBETAN DIALOGUE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Tibet: Status of the Sino-Tibetan Dialogue. Testimony was heard from Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Democracy and Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

HAITI'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Haiti's Development Needs. Testimony was heard from Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State.

RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1401, Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 50, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 465, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Stansell, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1433, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 985, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007. The rule provides 1 hour and 20 minutes of general debate, with 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the bill, modified by the amendments recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waxman and Representatives Tom Davis of Virginia, Shays and King of Iowa.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP IN A 21ST CENTURY GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Science and Technology Leadership in a 21st Century Global Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S./MEXICAN TRUCKING SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on U.S./Mexican Trucking: Safety and the Cross Border Demonstration Project. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 797, Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act; and H.R. 1284, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Impact of OIF/OEF on the VA Claims Process. Testimony was heard from Dan Bertoni, Acting Director—Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 612, Returning Servicemember VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007; and H.R. 327, Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act.

KATRINA REDEVELOPMENT TAX ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Katrina Redevelopment Tax Issues. Testimony was heard from Milton Bailey, President Housing Finance Agency, State of Louisiana; and a public witness.

FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Facilities and Infrastructures. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Education and Labor to examine improving No Child Left Behind to close the achievement gap, relating to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes, Co-Chair, Commission on No Child Left Behind, Marietta; Elizabeth Burmaster, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Madison, on behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers; and Mike Casserly, Council of the Great City Schools, Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Edward J. McElroy, American Federation of Teachers, Arthur J. Rothkopf, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of

the Business Coalition for Student Achievement, Reg Weaver, National Education Association, and Chester E. Finn, Jr., Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine federal funding for the No Child Left Behind Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for the fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine charting a course for health care moving toward universal coverage, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine strategies to end the violence relating to extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, S. 657, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls, and the nomination of W. Craig Vanderwagen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services. (New Position), Time to be announced, SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine enhancing patient access and drug safety relating to Prescription Drug User Fees, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the threat of Islamic radicalism to the homeland, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act relating to open government, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to continue on NASA, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.