

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1530–1556; 1 private bill, H.R. 1557; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92–93; and H. Res. 247–252 were introduced. **Pages H2619–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2621**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (H. Rept. 110–50). **Page H2619**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2573**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Shea Harlig, Chabad of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada. **Page H2573**

Accountability in Contracting Act: The House passed H.R. 1362, to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government, by a recorded vote of 347 ayes to 73 noes, Roll No. 156. **Pages H2575–97**

Agreed to the Representative Tom Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 155. Subsequently, Representative Waxman reported the bill back to the House with an amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2595–97**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–49 shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Page H2575**

Agreed to:

Matheson amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–49) that provides Congress with prior notice of any sole source contract expected to be awarded to a foreign-owned company that is based in or has majority operations in a country known to sponsor terrorist activity, with the intent of allowing Congress to review and comment on the proposed contract and **Pages H2592–93**

Castle amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–49) that requires the Office of Government Ethics to submit recommendations on requiring government contractors and federally funded research and development centers that advise the government to comply with personal financial interest restrictions. **Pages H2593–95**

H. Res. 242, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 154, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H2575–78**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at noon on Friday, March 16th; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19th for Morning Hour debate; and further, when the House adjourns on Thursday, March 22nd, it adjourns to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23rd. **Pages H2598–99**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 21st. **Page H2599**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives, in addition to Representative Hastings (FL), Chairman, to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Slaughter, McIntyre, Solis, Butterfield, Smith (NJ), Aderholt, Pence, and Pitts. **Page H2599**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2578, H2596, H2597. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

The Committee also approved the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007.

EUROPEAN COMMAND; JOINT FORCES COMMAND BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. European Command and Joint Forces Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. European Command, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe; and GEN Lance Smith, USAF, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command,

NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation.

MILITARY ADVOCACY/BENEFICIARY GROUPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on views of military advocacy and beneficiary groups. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHIP CONSTRUCTION LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the Federal ship construction loan guarantee program. Testimony was heard from Sean Connaughton, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Examining Innovative Approaches to Covering the Uninsured Through Employer-Provided Health Benefits. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 251, amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007; H.R. 477, amended, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act; H.R. 727, Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007; H.R. 545, Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007; and H.R. 1132, amended, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.

COMBATING SPYWARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Combating Spyware: The Spy Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE: STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: State and Local Perspectives." Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; Linda Adams, Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; Julie Caruthers Parsley, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Texas; Ron Curry, Secretary, Environment Department, State of New Mex-

ico; and Patrick McCrory, Mayor, City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS—GSE REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals on GSE Reform." Testimony was heard from Robert Steel, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: James B. Lockhart, III, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; and L. Carter Carnick, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward South Pacific Island Nations, Including Australia and New Zealand. Testimony was heard from Glyn Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S.-Turkish Relations and the Challenges Ahead. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and GEN Joseph W. Ralston USAF (Ret.), Special Envoy, Countering the Kurdistan Worker's Party; and Dan Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs, Department of Defense.

IRANIAN NUCLEAR CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Iranian Nuclear Crisis: Latest Developments and Next Steps. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA DISASTER RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Disaster Declarations: Where Is FEMA in a Time of Need?" Testimony was heard from VADM Harvey Johnson, USCG, Deputy Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Mike Beebe, Governor, State of Arkansas; and Bruce Baughman, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Alabama.

BORDER CROSSINGS; IMMIGRANTS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Crossing the Border: Immigrants in Detention and Victims of Trafficking.” Testimony was heard from John P. Torres, Director, Office of Detention and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

ELECTION REFORM

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Election Reform “Machines and Software.” Testimony was heard from Eric Clark, Secretary of State, Mississippi; and a public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 580, amended, To amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General; H.R. 1433, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007; and pending Committee business.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 713, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 754, To designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States; and H.R. 929, Land Between the Rivers Southern Illinois National Heritage Area Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Slaughter and Cubin; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NASA’S FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Michael Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1361, RECOVER Act; H.R. 1332, amended, Small Business Lending Improve-

ments Act of 2007; and H.R. 1468, Disadvantages Business Disaster Eligibility Act.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 327, Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act; H.R. 797, amended, Dr. James Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act; and H.R. 1284, Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN AND POLY-TRAUMA CENTERS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Traumatic Brain and Polytrauma Centers. Testimony was heard from Barbara Sigford, National Program Director, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKERS—ECONOMIC SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Increasing Economic Security for American Workers. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich; and public witnesses.

NONMARKET ECONOMY TRADE REMEDY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on H.R. 1229, Nonmarket Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration; and public witnesses.

CIA BRIEFING; GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a CIA briefing. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Geospatial Intelligence. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.