

H3097–98, H3098, H3098–99, H3139, H3139–40, H3140, H3141, H3145, H3145–46, H3148, and H3149. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL AMERICA CREDIT AVAILABILITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review credit availability in rural America. Testimony was heard from Glen L. Keppy, Associate Administrator, Farm Service Agency, USDA; Nancy C. Pellet, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on State and Local Grants, and on Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Regina B. Schofield, Director, Office of Justice Programs; Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services; and Mary Beth Buchanan, Acting Director, Office of Violence Against Women; John F. Clark, Director United Marshals Service; Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; and Stacia Hylton, Trustee, Office of the Federal Detention Trustee.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the SEC. Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Priorities in Enforcing Immigration Laws and Temporary Worker Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Emilio Gonzalez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and Jim Taylor, Deputy Inspector General.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard

from Mary Bomar, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Printing Office: Budget/Printing Technology in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GPO: William Turri, Acting Public Printer; Michael Wash, Chief Technology Officer; and Robert Tapella, Chief of Staff.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on International Organizations and International Peacekeeping Programs. Testimony was heard from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Housing Needs of Special Populations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Orlando Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner.

ARMY GROUND FORCE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army ground force acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James I. Finley, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; and LTG John M. Curran, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the state of the military health care system. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Gale S. Pollock, USA, Acting Surgeon General of the Army; VADM Donald C. Arthur, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; and LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

ARMY/AIR NATIONAL GUARD READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the readiness of the Army and Air National Guard. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; LTG Clyde A. Vaughn, USA, Director, Army National Guard; and LTG Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Director, Air National Guard.

MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for missile defense programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Henry A. Obering, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; LTG Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command; Charles E. McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Brian Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Capabilities.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CLASSIFICATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Providing Fairness to Workers Who Have Been Misclassified as Independent Contractors. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Climate Change—International Issues, Engaging Developing Countries.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHILDREN’S DENTAL CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Insuring Bright Futures: Improving Access to Dental Care and Providing a Healthy Start for Children.” Testimony was

heard from Christine Farrell, Medicaid Policy Specialist, Department of Community Health, Medical Service Administration, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

SUBPRIME/PREDATORY MORTGAGE LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Subprime and Predatory Lending: New Regulatory Guidance, Current Market Conditions, and Effects on Regulated Financial Institutions.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; John Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; JoAnn Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; E. Wayne Rushtop, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

NATURAL DISASTER INSURANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on Natural Disaster Insurance.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor; Klein of Florida; Mahoney of Florida; and Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 982, ADVANCE Democracy Act of 2007; H.R. 1405, amended, Wildlife GAINS Act of 2007; H.R. 1441, Stop Arming Iran Act; H.R. 1469, Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007; H.R. 1681, amended, American Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1678, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 100, Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; H. Res. 125, amended, Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as “human shields” in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah’s tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel; H. Res. 158, amended, Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the

British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world; H. Res. 196, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day; H. Res. 240, Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) who have yet to ratify the May 2006 Amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords Treaty, to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; and H. Res. 267, Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of British marines and sailors held captive by Iran; and H. Con. Res. 100, Condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S.-China Relations. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION FUNDING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Can Iraq Pay for its Own Reconstruction? Testimony was heard from David Satterfield, Senior Adviser, Coordinator for Iraq, Department of State; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

SECOND CHANCE ACT; CRIMINAL OFFENDERS MENTAL ILLNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 1593, Second Chance Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Criminal Justice Responses to Offenders with Mental Illness. Testimony was heard from Steven Leifman, Judge, Criminal Division, Miami-Dade County Court, Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami, Florida; Lieutenant Richard Wall, Los Angeles Police Department; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LAND RECREATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Access Denied: The Growing Conflict Between Fishing, Hunting, and Energy Development on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from Dan Gibbs, Representative, General Assembly, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT EXTENSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides four hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 99, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, with three hours to be equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Maloney of New York and Representative Saxton of New Jersey or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The Rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule 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 permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spratt and Representatives Cooper, Scott of Virginia, Berkley, Ryan of Wisconsin, Porter, Kirk, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania and Jordan of Ohio.

WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour and twenty minutes of general debate on H.R. 1538, Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007, with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Armed Services and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. 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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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CRUISE SHIP CRIMES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Crimes Against Americans on Cruise Ships. Testimony was heard from Salvador Hernandez, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Response, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FUEL TAX/HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on the Structure of the Federal Fuel Tax and the Long-Term Viability of the Highways Trust Fund.

Testimony was heard from David B. Marron, Deputy Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE PARITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennedy and Ramstad; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE INTEGRATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session held a hearing on Integration of Domestic Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Labor, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Agency for International Development and foreign assistance programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

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

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Treasury, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Strategic Forces Program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the future of the Coast Guard Dive Program, 10 a.m., SR-253.