

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on effective strategies for engaging parents and communities to be involved in schools, after receiving testimony from Anne T. Henderson, Annenberg Institute for School Reform, and Wendy Puriefoy, Public Education Network, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel J. Cardinali, Communities In Schools, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Kathy Patenaude, Rhode Island Parent Teachers Association, Coventry; and Philip J. Ritter, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 223, to require Senate

candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, with an amendment.

AFFORDABLE DRUG COVERAGE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine affordable drug coverage that works for the state of Wisconsin, focusing on preserving Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program, after receiving testimony from Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Tom Frazier, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Patricia FINDER-STONE, AARP Wisconsin, and Bette Linton, all of Madison, Wisconsin.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1725–1751; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 281–282, were introduced. **Pages H3277–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3278–79**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3187**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Paul Silton, Temple Israel, Albany, New York. **Page H3187**

Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, by a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 150 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 205. Debate began on Tuesday, March 27th.

Pages H3190–91, H3205–06

H. Res. 269, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, March 27th.

Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1538, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, by a yea-and-

nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 208. **Pages H3206–36**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H3219**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 207, agreed to the Sestak amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that requires the Secretary of the Department of Defense to develop and implement a plan to help prevent Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other stress-related psychopathologies (including substance abuse conditions) from developing in our military service members (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a recorded vote of 434 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 206).

Pages H3227–28, H3231, H3233–34, H3234–35

Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

Barrow amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that eliminates the deductible and changes the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs;

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Skelton amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that makes technical changes in section 101 to clarify the qualification of military officers who may supervise medical care case managers and in section 107 to require that the tracking system for reports to medical authorities regarding wounded warrior symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder or suicidal tendencies be developed not later than 180 days after the date of enactment and that the results be included in the Congressional reporting requirement; **Page H3225**

Kline (MN) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that \$10,000,000 is directed to support programs, activities, and facilities associated with the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment program from the Medical Support Fund created by this bill; **Pages H3225–26**

Kennedy amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that adds a definition to Sec. 2 to clarify that “medical care” includes mental health care; **Page H3226**

Corrine Brown amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that ensures confidentiality for members of the military who call the hotline for help; **Pages H3226–27**

Eddie Bernice Johnson amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that strengthens language that professionals’ training be “improved” rather than “modified,” and places greater emphasis on adequate training to detect mental health conditions among recovering service members; **Pages H3229–30**

Hooley amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that gives members of the Reserve Component the option to use Military Medical Treatment Facilities closest to home for treatment on an outpatient basis of injuries sustained in theater; **Pages H3230–31**

Hensarling amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that directs the Secretary of Veterans’ Affairs to conduct a study to determine what the average length of time is between the date for which a veteran requests an appointment and the date he is able to receive care and also requires that the Secretary report back to Congress within 180 days with recommendations as to how this time could be decreased to 15 days; **Page H3231**

Bilirakis amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that creates an office of the ombudsman within the Office of the Secretary of Defense which would develop policies for the military departments on providing assistance to recovering service members and their families; **Pages H3231–32**

Buchanan amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that directs the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of

a Soldier Patient Tracking System so any patient can be located in the medical holdover (MHO) process; and **Pages H3232–33**

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–78) that requires that the Secretary concerned provide the medical care managers and service member advocates with all the resources they need to expeditiously carry out their work and also requires the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to inform all service members and their families about the existence of and services available to them by the medical care managers and service member advocates contained in the bill. **Page H3233**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3236**

H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 204, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H3199–S3203, H3204–05**

Older Americans Reauthorization Technical Corrections Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1002, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H3236–27**

Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 99, to revise the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012. Further consideration is expected to continue Thursday, March 29th. **Pages H3237–65**

H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 203, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 202. **Pages H3192–99, H3203–04**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Pastor, Chairman, Representative Linda T. Sánchez, Vice-Chairman, and Representatives Filner, Reyes, Solis, Rodriguez, and Giffords. **Page H3265**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3236.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 21 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3203–04, H3204, H3205, H3205–06, H3233–34, H3235, and H3235–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CROP PROTECTION PROVISIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review proposals to amend the program crop provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from 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 Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Tom Dorr, Under Secretary; Jack Gleason, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Russ Davis, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; James Andrew, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; 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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Nuclear Energy/Office of Civilian Nuclear Waste/Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian

Nuclear Waste; and Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Ensuring that the Department of Homeland Security's Research and Technology Investments Pay Off. Testimony was heard from Jay Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Department of Interior: Office of Insular Affairs/Departmental Management/Office of the Solicitor. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs; R. Thomas Weimer, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management, and Budget; and David Bernhardt, Solicitor.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Army Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Latin America and Caribbean. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Tom Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Adolpho Franco,