

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,

Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration/National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and Alexander Kummant, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

IRAQI SECURITY FORCE TRANSITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on outside perspectives on transitioning security to the Iraqi security forces. Testimony was heard from Robert Perito, Senior Program Officer, U.S. Institute for Peace; and public witnesses.

DOD IT BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on information technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Grimes, Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information Integration and Chief Information Officer; and LTG Charles Croom, USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

COAL MINE SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Protecting the Health and Safety of America's Mine Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Status of the Digital Television Transition." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

BAD AROlsen HOLOCAUST ARCHIVES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Opening up of the Bad Arolsen

Holocaust Archives in Germany. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Florida; J. Christian Kennedy, Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Paul Shapiro, Director, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; and public witnesses.

AFRICAN OPINIONS ON U.S. POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health held a joint hearing on African Opinion on U.S. Policies, Values and People. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

TRADE, FOREIGN POLICY EFFECTS ON AMERICAN WORKERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Trade, Foreign Policy and the American Worker. Testimony was heard from Carla A. Hills, former U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

AMERICAS—POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Poverty and Inequality in the Americas: The Unaddressed Problem. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FY 2008

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1684, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008..

SECOND CHANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 1593, Second Chance Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—ROYALTIES AT RISK

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Royalties at Risk? Testimony was heard from C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; Mark Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Bobby Maxwell, former Auditor, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Dennis Roller, Audit Manager, Auditors Office—Royalty Audit Section, State of North Dakota; Michael Geesey, Director, Department of Audit, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

GSA—ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Allegations of Misconduct at the General Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and the following officials of the

GSA: Lurita A. Doan, Administrator; and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 362, amended, 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds, Science and Math Scholarship Act; H. Con. Res. 76, Honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; and H. Res. 252, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.'s, historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth.

MEDIA INFLUENCING SCIENCE POLICY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Shaping the Message, Distorting the Science: Media Strategies to Influence Science Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL MEDICAL PRACTICES HEALTH IT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Value of Health IT to Solo and Small Medical Practices." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA's Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from D. Kirk Shaffer, Associate Administrator, Airports, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; James E. Bennett, President and CEO, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority; and public witnesses.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1677, Taxpayer Protection Act of 2007.

NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on National Security Letters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; John S. Pistole, Deputy Director, FBI; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic outlook, focusing on economic activity, inflation, and the housing market, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy 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., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 521, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse", S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse", S. 992, to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, and the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence In National Environmental Policy Foundation, 10 a.m., S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine clean energy from the margins to the mainstream, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine eliminating and recovering improper payments, focusing on the Office of Management and Budget report entitled "Improving the Accuracy and Integrity of Improper Payments", 10 a.m., SD-342.