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### AGENCIES' IMPROPER PAYMENTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing 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", including trends in agencies' reporting under the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, from fiscal years 2004 through 2006, challenges in reporting improper payment information and improving internal control, and agencies' reporting of recovery auditing efforts, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; John W. Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David M. Norquist, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Timothy B. Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Terry Bowie, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Lee White, PRG-Schultz International, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

### INDIAN TRUST FUND LITIGATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian trust fund liti-

gation, focusing on settlement legislation relative to pending and potential claims by individual Indians and tribes, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior; William W. Mercer, Acting Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; John Bickerman, Bickerman Dispute Resolution, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; William Martin, Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Elouise C. Cobell, Browning, Montana.

### UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held a hearing to examine Department of Justice hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, receiving testimony from D. Kyle Sampson, former Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 102 public bills, H.R. 1752–1853; 1 private bill, H.R. 1854; and 21 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41; H. Con. Res. 103–110; and H. Res. 283–294, were introduced. **Pages H3356–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3362–64**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors

of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–80);

H.R. 518, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada (H. Rept. 110–81); and

H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110–28, Pt. 3).

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H3281, H3339**

**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 agreed to 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, by a yeand-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 212.

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Rejected:

Kilpatrick amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that sought to balance the budget in FY 2012, and produce a total cumulative deficit that is \$339 billion lower than that of the President's budget (by a recorded vote of 115 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 209);

**Pages H3289–H3300**

Woolsey amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that has a non-defense, domestic discretionary spending number of just over \$483 billion and sought to balance the budget by FY 2010 (by a recorded vote of 81 yeas to 340 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 210); and

**Pages H3300–10, H3311**

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–79) that sought to retain the 2001 and 2003 tax provisions, and provides for one-year extensions of alternative minimum tax [AMT] relief, the State and local sales tax deduction, and the research and experimentation [R&E] tax credit and also sets discretionary spending at \$1,079.6 billion in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,079.8 billion over 5 years (by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 211).

**Pages H3312–27**

H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 28th.

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, providing for an adjournment of the House and a recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 214 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 213.

**Pages H3338–39**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeand-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3299–H3300, H3311, H3327, H3338, and H3339. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### HONEY BEE DECLINE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review colony collapse disorder in honey bee colonies across the United States. Testimony was heard from Caird E. Rexroad, Associate Administrator, Agriculture Research Service, 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 Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Richard Raymond, Under Secretary, Food Safety; David Goldman, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection 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 Commission on Civil Rights/Legal Services Corporation/State Justice Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Helaine M. Barnett, President and Frank B. Strickland, Chairman, Board of Directors; Kevin Linskey, Executive Director, State Justice Institute; and Kenneth L. Marcus, Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Daniel Pearson, Chairman, International Trade Commission.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Secretary of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; and GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Weapons Activities Oversight. Testimony was heard from former Senator Sam Nunn of