

Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:04 p.m. **Page H3435**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, April 16th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 273, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 217 and **Pages H3432–34, H3437–38**

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research: H. Con. Res. 76, to honor the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 218. **Pages H3438–39**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, April 18th:

Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week: H. Res. 293, to support the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week. **Pages H3432–34**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, electing the following Member to serve on the Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Baldwin, to rank immediately after Representative Sherman. **Page H3439**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3478–79.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3435–36, H3436–37, H3437, H3438, H3438–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review the market structure of the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from James E. Link, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administrator, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Force Posture/Acquisition Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and Claude Bolton, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Charles W. Grim, M.D., Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, Central Command, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard Kapka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and James Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act.” Testimony was

heard from Teresa M. Mullin, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

RISING MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES POSSIBLE RESPONSES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Possible Responses to Rising Mortgage Foreclosures." Testimony was heard from Representatives Kaptur and Turner; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Daniel H. Mudd, President and CEO, Fannie Mae; Richard F. Syron, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and public witnesses.

KOSOVA—OUTLOOK FOR INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the Outlook for the Independence of Kosovo. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Europe held a joint hearing on Extraordinary Rendition in the U.S. Counterterrorism Policy: The Impact on Transatlantic Relations. Testimony was heard from the Michael F. Scheuer, former Chief, Bin Laden Unit, CIA; and a public witness.

The Subcommittees also held a joint briefing on this subject. They were briefed by the following Members of the European Parliament: Jonathan Evans, Chairman, European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the United States; Claudio Fava; and Baroness Sarah Ludford, Vice-Chairman, Temporary Committee on the Alleged Use of European Countries by the CIA for the Transportation and Illegal Detention of Prisoners.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Began mark up of H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007.

Committee recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

OVERSIGHT—BANKRUPTCY CASES AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Executive Compensation in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases: How Much Is Too Much? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMPLEMENTING OIL/GAS ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Implementation of Title III, the Oil and Gas provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Abraham Haspel, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Senator Curtis Bramble, Majority Leader, Senate, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE/OCEANS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Wildlife and Oceans in a Changing Climate. Testimony was heard from C. Mark Eakin, Coordinator, NOAA Coral Reef Watch, NOAA Satellite Oceanography and Climate, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 554, Paleontological Resources Preservation Act; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; H. R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision; and H.R. 1285, Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives McGovern, Courtney and Hastings of Washington; Sue Masica, Chief of Staff, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Frederick Norbury, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service: 101. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General/CEO; James C. Miller, III, Chairman, Board of Governors; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WALTER REED

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Is This Any Way to Treat Our Troops—Follow-up on Corrective Measures Taken at Walter Reed and Other Medical Facilities Caring for Wounded Soldiers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); MG Gale S. Pollack, USA, Army Surgeon General (Acting) and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; and MG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Commander, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and the following officials of the Independent Review Group: Togo D. West, Jr., former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former Secretary of the Army; Jack Marsh, former Secretary of the Army; Arnold Fisher; Lawrence Holland, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs; and Charles Roadman, former Air Force Surgeon General.

SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirements. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule also provides that each section of the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to the amendment in the nature of a substitute that have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record on or before Tuesday, April 17, 2007 or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representative Bachus.

RECOVERY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general de-

bate on H.R. 1361, RECOVERY Act, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended, and provides that no further amendments shall be in order except those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.

The rule provides that such further amendments made in order in Part B 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 waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representative Chabot.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group II: Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE CONTRACTING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public-Private Partnerships: Innovating Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: James Ray, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and David B. Horner, Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration; John Njord, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Nonpoint Source Pollution: Atmospheric Deposition and Water Quality. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Arleen O'Donnell, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 67, Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1435, Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007; H.R. 1444, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make interim benefit payments under certain remanded claims; and H.R. 1490, To provide for a presumption of service-connectedness for certain claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntyre, Baca, Donnelly, and Upton; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PERSONNEL AND SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Personnel and Security. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, with the Subcommittee on

Personnel, to hold joint hearings to examine the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine if "Free Trade" is working, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold oversight hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr. to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's plan for reducing the tax gap, focusing on goals, benchmarks, and timetables, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, 9:30

p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S.1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and the nominations of Douglas G. Myers, of California, Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, all to be Members of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and promotion lists for the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine repealing the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Public Law 107-204 (Sarbanes Oxley Act) and small business addressing proposed regulatory changes and their impact on capital markets, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), 10 a.m., Room to be announced.