

2007, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2007, regardless of whether the Senate has received the papers from the House of Representatives, that the time until 12:45 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that Senate vote, provided that the message has been received in the Senate, on adoption of the conference report at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007. **Page S5120**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—146) **Pages S5023, S5057, S5063–64, S5066, S5068–69**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5121.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers, focusing on farm programs and the commodity title of the farm bill, after receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, David Beckmann, Bread for the World, and Larry Mitchell, American Corn Growers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Bill Flory, American Farmland Trust, Winchester, Idaho; John Hoffman, American Soybean Association, Waterloo, Iowa; John Pucheu, National Cotton Council, Tranquility, California; Ken McCauley, National Corn Growers Association, White Cloud, Kansas; Everett Tallman, National Association of Wheat Growers, Brandon, Colorado; Paul T. Combs, USA Rice Federation, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the U.S.

Rice Producers Association; Evan Hayes, National Barley Growers Association, American Falls, Idaho; Dale Murden, National Sorghum Producers, Monte Alto, Texas; Armond Morris, Georgia Peanut Commission, Ocilla, on behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation; Lynn Rundle, 21st Century Grain Processing Cooperative, Manhattan, Kansas, on behalf of the North American Millers' Association; John Swanson, National Sunflower Association, Mentor, Minnesota, on behalf of the U.S. Canola Association; and Jim Evans, USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, Genessee, Idaho.

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/United States Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, both of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine whether the Army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Preston M. Geren, III, Acting Secretary, General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Coll S. Haddon, Deputy Director of Operations, Program Manager of the Future Combat Systems, Brigade Combat Team, and Sergeant Major Thomas W. Coleman, Program Executive Officer, all of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL AWARENESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine language and cultural awareness capabilities for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Andre Van Tilborg, Deputy Secretary for Science and Technology, and Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, both of the Department of Defense; and Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr., (Ret.) USA, Colgen, Inc., Dayton, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,303 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1178, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, with amendments;

S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, with amendments;

S. 675, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with amendments;

S. 428, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1142, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development,

S. 311, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption; and certain nomination lists in the U.S. Coast Guard.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico, S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, S. 752, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir, S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 1116 and H.R. 902, bills to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources, S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served

by the District, S. 1112 and H.R. 235, bills to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, after receiving testimony from Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Mike Purcell, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, Cheyenne; David R. Stewart, Stewart Environmental Consultants, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado; Joe Glode, Upper North Platte Valley Water Users Association, Saratoga, Wyoming; and Nicholas R. Tibbetts, Redwood Valley County Water District, Santa Rosa, California.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the Commission's budget and programs, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, and Ed McGaffigan, Jeff Merrifield, and Greg Jaczko, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, with an amendment;

S. 735, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute;

H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 879, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal;

S. Res. 125, designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide;

S. Res. 116, designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research;

S. Res. 146, designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States;

S. Res. 162, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and

women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; and

The nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, John Roberts Hackman, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington Department of Justice, both of the Department of Justice.

Also, Committee approved the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the investigation into replacement of U.S. attorneys.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of

Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues, including S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, after receiving testimony from David Oslin, Director, VISN 4, and Jan Kemp, Associate Director for Education, VISN 19, both of the Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center, and Patricia Resick, Director, Women's Division, National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Connie Lee Best, Medical University of South Carolina National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Charleston; Ralph Ibson, Mental Health America, Alexandria, Virginia; Tony Bailey, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Randall and Ellen Omvig, Grundy Center, Iowa.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2025–2045; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 128–131; and H. Res. 337–338 were introduced. **Pages H4174–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4175–77**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Mark E. Harris, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. **Page H4053**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, effective immediately. **Page H4053**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately. **Page H4054**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Calling on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur: H. Con. Res. 7, amended, to call on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur, by

a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 259; **Pages H4057–65, H4106–07**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur." **Page H4107**

Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007: H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 260; **Pages H4065–68, H4107–08**

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 of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel: H. Res. 125, amended, to express 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 of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as 'human