

forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 268. **Pages H4190–91**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of April 25, 2007) that sought to add a new section relating to requirement of off-sets (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 267). **Pages H4187–90**

H. Res. 331, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H4180–82**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 2nd. **Page H4194**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4189–90, H4191, and H4192. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM CROP PROVISIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, 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.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Climate Change. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Tom Armstrong, Senior Advisor, Global Change Programs, U.S. Geological Survey; Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary; Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Kimball, Superintendent, Everglades National Park, and Don L. Neubacher, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, both with the National Park Service; Ron Huntsinger, National Science Coordinator, and Mike Pellant, Great Basin Restoration Initiative Coordinator, both with the Bureau of Land Management; and Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing of the Secretary of Labor.

Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Office of Compliance/Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; Tamara Chrisler, Acting Executive Director; and Peter Eveleth, General Counsel, both with the Office of Compliance.

CREDIT CARD PRACTICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Credit Card Practices: Current Consumer and Regulatory Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “The SAFE Port Act: A Six-Month Review.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Craig E. Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard; Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and Maurine S. Fanguy, Program Director, Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, Transportation Security Administration; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; George P. Cummings, Director, Homeland Security, Port of Los Angeles, California; Richard A. Wainio, Port Director and CEO, Tampa Port Authority, Florida; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SHARING/CLASSIFICATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “The Over-Classification and Pseudo-Classification of Government Information: The Response of the Program Manager of the Information Sharing Environment.” Testimony was heard from Ambassador Thomas E. McNamara, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Carter Morris, Director, Informational

Sharing and Knowledge Management, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Wayne M. Murphy, Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice; COL Bart R. Johnson, New York State Police; and Mark Zadra, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Law Enforcement, Florida.

PATIENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMPLOYER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ACCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; and H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Employer Access to Criminal Background Checks: The Need for Efficiency and Accuracy. Testimony was heard from Frank Campbell, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION AND WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Proposals for Improving the Electronic Employment Verification and Worksite Enforcement System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Calvert, Dreier, Reyes, Gutierrez, and Flake; and public witnesses.

OCEANS CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR 21ST CENTURY ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Allen; Jack Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint oversight hearing on Land-use Issues Associated

with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Development. Testimony was heard from Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania; Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Tony L. Ferguson, Director, Minerals and Geology Management, Forest Service, USDA; John Emmerich, Deputy Director, Department of Game and Fish, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior; Ann Bleed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Nebraska; Ted Kowalski, Program Manager, Water Conservation Board, State of Colorado; Mike Purcell, Director, Water Development Commission, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy—H.R. 364, To provide for the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL REGULATORY SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory Usurpation? Part II. Testimony was heard from Steve Aitken, General Counsel, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Small Business Innovation Reauthorization on the 25th Program Anniversary. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRS TAX GAP PROPOSALS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Closing the Tax Gap Without Creating Burdens for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEMA'S PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on FEMA's Preparedness and Response to All Hazards. Testimony was heard from VADM Harvey Johnson, USCG (Ret.) Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 92, Veterans' Timely Access Health Care Act; H.R. 315, Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare for Your Veterans (Healthy Vets) Act of 2007; H.R. 339, Veterans' Outpatient Care Access Act of 2007; H.R. 463, Honor Our Commitment to Veterans Act; H.R. 538, South Texas Veterans' Access to Care Act of 2007; H.R. 542, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mental health services in languages other than English, as needed, for veterans with limited English proficiency; H.R. 1426, Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1471, Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep Our Veterans' Health Act (BACK Veterans' Health Act); H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans' Access to Care Act; and a draft discussion on the Rural Health Care bill and a proposed TBI bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Filner; and Representatives Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida; Pearce, Rothman, Ortiz, Solis, Latham, Moran of Kansas and Altmire; Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

POVERTY REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Poverty Reduction. Testimony was heard from Linda Gibbs, Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services, City of New York; and public witnesses.

R&D AND SYSTEMS ACQUISITION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on R&D and Systems Acquisition. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Dangerous Climate Change." Testimony was heard from James

Hansen, Director, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Joint Economic Committee: On April 5, 2007, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 30 through May 5, 2007

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 4:15 p.m. Senate will begin consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 1, to hold hearings to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on federally-funded entities, 3 p.m., SD-192.

May 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., SD-124.