

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7th for Morning Hour debate; and further, when the House adjourns on Thursday, May 10th, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 11th.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 9th.

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Reception of Former Members of Congress: Agreed that the House will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 10th, 2007, for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress, and that the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for such purpose.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4428–29, H4429, H4451, H4451–52, H4463, and H4463–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Mobility Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue C. Payton, Assistant Secretary, Air Force Acquisition; and GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command; and Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Joint Strike Fighter and Tactical Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; BG Charles R. Davis, USAF, Program Executive Officer, F–35 Lightning II Program; LTG John G. Castellaw, USAF, Deputy Commandant, Aviation; and Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Director, Air Warfare.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

PENSION PROTECTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Retirement Security: Strengthening Pension Protections. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ELECTRIC GRID TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Facilitating the Transition to a Smart Electric Grid.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kevin Kolevar, Director, Office of Energy Delivery and Electricity Reliability; and Jon Wellinghoff, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Robert F. Lieberman, Commissioner, Commerce Commission, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

EXPANDING AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.

U.S.-EUROPE MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing on Do the United States and Europe Need A Missile Defense System? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and John C. Rood, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation.

ARAB OPINION ON AMERICAN POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Arab Opinion on American Policies, Values, and People. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Met to discuss pending Committee business.

U.S. ATTORNEYS CONTROVERSY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on the Continuing Investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, former Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 660, Court Security Improvement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from John F. Clark, U.S. Marshal, Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice; David Bryan Sentelle, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia; Chairman, Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security; and Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, State of Maryland.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on the U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative King of Iowa; Patricia Buckley, Senior Economic Adviser to the Secretary, Department of Commerce; Leon R. Sequeira, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a precursor to the Conference of the Parties. Testimony was heard from Todd Willens, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Osborne Earl Baker III, Department of Natural Resources, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Lisa Shames, Acting Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule to provide for consideration in the House of S. Con Res. 21, Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 99, as adopted by the House, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the concurrent resolution, as amended, and provides that, if the concurrent resolution, as amended, is adopted then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment and request a conference with the Senate.

GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Reorienting the U.S. Global Change Research Program Toward a user-driven research endeavor, H.R. 906, Global Change Research Data Management Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from James R. Mahoney, former Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TRANSITING ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENTS LABORATORY TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Transitioning the Environmental Measurements Laboratory to the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John F. Clarke, Deputy Director, Office of National Laboratories, Science and Technology Directorate; Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Tony Feinberg, former Program Manager, Radiological and Nuclear Countermeasures, Office of Research and Development, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Lynn Albin, Radiation Health Physicist, Office of Radiation Protection, Department of Health, State of Washington; and a public witness..

RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION RURAL IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Renewable Energy Production in

Rural America.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on The Southeast Crescent Authority, The Northern Border Economic Development Commission, and the Southwest Regional Border Authority. Testimony was heard from Senator Dole; and Representatives Hodes, Welch of Vermont; McIntyre, Hayes, Butterfield, Reyes, Filner, Hinojosa, Rodriguez and Cuellar.

VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Accelerated Education Benefits for Veterans. Testimony was heard from Representative Michaud; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Bombard, Chairman, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; and Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education Service; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY MEDICARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on financial assistance programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doggett and Altmire; S. Lawrence Kocot, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Beatrice Disman, Regional Commissioner, New York Region, SSA; J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Deputy

Director, Department of Health and Hospitals, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Economic Impacts of Global Warming: Part I—Insurance.” Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Mike Kreidler, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Washington; and a public witness.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D559)

H.R. 753, to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building”. Signed on May 2, 2007 (Public Law 110–20)

H.R. 1003, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. Signed on May 2, 2007 (Public Law 110–21)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.