

business community, after receiving testimony from Calvin Jenkins Deputy Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Jon S. Wainwright, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas; Anthony W. Robinson, Minority Business Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Largo, Maryland; Bill M. Miera, Fiore Industries, Inc., Albu-

querque, New Mexico; and Fernando V. Galaviz, Small Businesses Association in Technology, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veteran's Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael K. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2419–2446; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 151–154; and H. Res. 426–428, 430 were introduced. **Pages H5620–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5621–23**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 957, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–163, Pt. 1);

H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–164); and

H. Res. 429, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1100 to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina (H. Rept. 110–165).

Pages H5585, H5619–20

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5535**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5536**

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

Honoring the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth: H. Res. 171, amended, to honor the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth;

Pages H5539–42

Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas, over the devastating tornado of May 4, 2007: H. Res. 400, to express the sympathy of the House of

Representatives to the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas, over the devastating tornado of May 4, 2007;

Pages H5542–44

Recognizing the service of United States Merchant Marine veterans: H. Res. 413, to recognize the service of United States Merchant Marine veterans;

Pages H5544–47

Authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford: H. Con. Res. 128, to authorize the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford;

Pages H5547–48

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007: H.R. 1525, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware;

Pages H5548–51

Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007: H.R. 1615, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes;

Pages H5551–53

Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act of 2007: S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 306 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 397—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H5553–56, H5580–81

Amending the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal: H.R. 2264, amended, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 345 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 398;

Pages H5556–60, H5581–82

Increasing the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants: S. 1104, amended, to increase the number of Iraqi and

Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 399; and **Pages H5572–76, H5582**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, and for other purposes.” **Page H5582**

Amending the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities: H.R. 2399, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay” and 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 400. **Pages H5576–80, H5582–83**

Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1427, amended, to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises by a recorded vote of 313 yeas to 104 noes, Roll No. 396. Consideration of the bill began on Thursday, May 17th. **Pages H5560–72**

Rejected the Cantor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 395. **Pages H5569–71**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a recorded vote of 383 yeas to 36 noes, Roll No. 394, agreed to the Neugebauer amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that gives the regulator the authority to limit the size of growth of a GSEs portfolio only to specifically address the safety and soundness concerns with respect to the institution (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on May 17th by voice vote). **Page H5569**

Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

Agreed to:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that prevents illegal immigrants from owning or renting housing built by funds from the affordable housing fund by requiring adult occupants of that housing to establish their legal residency through the use of secure forms of identification (by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 387) and **Pages H5562–63**

Doolittle amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on

Thursday, May 17th, that prohibits all three mortgage lending government-sponsored enterprises (GSE's) from obtaining primary residential mortgages being granted to any person who does not have a valid Social Security number (by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 391).

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Rejected:

Feeney modified amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that sought to strike low income housing grants from the affordable housing fund and inserts housing assistance provisions for the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, strike language outlining affordable housing grant formulas for Indian tribal members and directs funds to be allocated “based on the formula used for the Continuum of Care competition of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”, and insert language requiring that affordable housing grants after 2007 be reserved only for rental housing voucher assistance in accordance with the Housing act of 1937 (by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 386); **Pages H5561–62**

Sessions amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that sought to require the Director of the new GSE Regulator to provide information to mortgage originators about any added mortgage costs to consumers associated with the new Housing Fund; in turn, originators would have to furnish this written information to homebuyers at or before closing to qualify their mortgages for purchase, service, holding, lending on the security of or selling by the GSE's (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 388); **Pages H5563–64**

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that sought to redistribute the affordable housing grants for use in disaster areas from a ratio of 75% for Louisiana and 25% for Mississippi to create 10% for Texas by taking 5% each from the allotment for Louisiana and Mississippi (by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 389); **Pages H5564–65**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that sought to require the director of a GSE to study and certify to Congress that its contributions to the affordable housing fund wouldn't contribute to its financial instability or impair its safety and soundness (by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 390); **Page H5565**

Hensarling amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that sought to strike the

Affordable Housing Trust Fund budgetary placeholder language in the bill (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 392); and

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Neugebauer amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 14th) that was debated on Thursday, May 17th, that pertained to allocations of amounts by enterprise (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 393).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 404, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, May 17th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 21st:

Leonard W. Herman Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the “Leonard W. Herman Post Office” by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 401.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 428, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 189 noes, with 13 voting “present”, Roll No. 402.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5536.

Senate Referrals: S. 254 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5561–62, H5562–63, H5563–64, H5564–65, H5565, H5565–66, H5567, H5567–68, H5569, H5571, H5571–72, H5580–81, H5581–82, H5582, H5582–83, H5583–84, and H5584–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

2007 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research approved for full Committee action H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2008.

IRAQI SECURITY FORCE TRAINING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on training of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and employment of transition teams. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Velz, Office of the Secretary, Iraq Directorate; and BG Michael D. Jones, USA, Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs (Middle East), J5, The Joint Staff.

FEDERAL-STATE HEALTH CARE COORDINATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Health Care Reform: Recommendations to Improve Coordination of Federal and State Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tierney, Price of Georgia, and Baldwin; John Colmers, Secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland; Steven Goldman, Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance, State of New Jersey; John Morrison, Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance and Securities, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

PEDIATRIC THERAPIES SAFETY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Programs Affecting Safety and Innovation in Pediatric Therapies.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: RADM Sandra L. Kweder, USN, M.D., Deputy Director, Office of New Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and Donald Mattison, M.D., Chief Obstetric and Pediatric Pharmacology Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

GASOLINE PRICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Gasoline Prices, Oil Company Profits, and the American Consumer.” Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Commissioner, FTC; Guy F.