

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-a-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-a-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.

Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; Stanley F. Pruss, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

WORLD BANK COMBATING GLOBAL POVERTY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Role and Effectiveness of the World Bank in Combating Global Poverty." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAQ: IS RECONSTRUCTION FAILING?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iraq: Is Reconstruction Failing? Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

AFRICA DEBT RELIEF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Vulture Funds and the Threat to Debt Relief in Africa: A Call to Action at the G8 and Beyond. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL GULF COAST REBUILDING EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on The Role of the Department of Homeland Security in Gulf Coast Rebuilding and Recovery Efforts. Testimony was heard from Bryan McDonald, Director, Office of Recovery and Renewal, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws held an oversight hearing on the Internet Tax Freedom Act: Internet Tax Moratorium. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1943, Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2007; and H.R. 1199, Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Cardoza; RADM Newton E. Kendig, M.D., USN, Assistant Director, Health Services Division, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Devon Brown, Director, Department of Corrections, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Perspectives from Faith-Based and Immigration Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CARL SANDBURG HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BOUNDARY REVISION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grijalva and Shuler.

FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007.

COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Challenges Facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from William P. Greene, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

MEDICARE FEE-FOR-SERVICE PLANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Advantage Private Fee-For-Service Plans. Testimony was heard from Abby L. Block, Center for Beneficiary Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Sean Dilweg, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL WARMING—ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Economic Impacts of Global Warming: Green Collar Jobs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

GAO REFORMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a joint hearing with the House Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine Government Accountability Office Personnel reforms, focusing on expectations, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Ann Wagner, General Counsel, Personnel Appeals Board, Ronald Stroman, Managing Director, Office of Opportunity and Inclusiveness, Office of the General Counsel, Barry J. Seltser, former Director, Center for Design, Newton, Massachusetts, and Janice M. Reece, former General Council, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, all of the Government Accountability Office; Curtis Copeland, and Jon Shimabukuro, both of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jane K. Weizmann, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Arlington, Virginia; Charles H. Fay, Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, Piscataway, New Jersey; Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.; and Greg Junemann, International

Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Silver Spring, Maryland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine United States economic relations with China, focusing on strategies and options on exchange rates and market access, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine communications, taxation and federalism, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, 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. 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. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States", S. 580, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, S. 686, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail, S. 797, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary