

## WASHINGTON, DC: VOTER REPRESENTATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, and H.R. 1905, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, focusing on ending taxation without representation, after receiving testimony from Representatives Cannon and Norton; John P. Elwood, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Patricia Wald, former Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; Kenneth R. Thomas, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Utah Attorney General Mark L. Shurtleff, Salt Lake City; Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, and Richard B. Bress, Latham and Watkins LLP, both of Washington, DC9y008; and Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care legislation, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principal Deputy, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jerry Reed, Suicide Prevention Action Network USA, and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; Shannon Middleton, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana; Bernard Edelman, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; Meredith Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, New York, New York; and John Booss, American Academy of Neurology, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, 2447–2469; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 155–157; and H. Res. 431–436 were introduced. **Pages H5723–24**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5724–26**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2199, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–166).

H. Res. 437, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2317) to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients and providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2316) to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations (H. Rept. 110–167); and

H. Res. 438, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2206) making

emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–168).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Marc Unger, 1–184th Infantry, California Army National Guard, Exeter, California.

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**Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment:** The Speaker announced her appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Hinchey, Hall (NY), McHugh, and Tiahrt.

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**Point of Personal Privilege:** Representative Kucinich rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized.

**Pages H5638–44**

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

**Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act:** H.R. 1252, amended, to protect consumers from price-

gouging of gasoline and other fuels, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 284 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 404;

**Pages H5628–36, H5647**

*Amending title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces:* H.R. 2429, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 405;

**Pages H5636–38, H5647–48**

*Urging Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the American Cemeteries, Memorials and Markers:* H. Res. 392, to urge Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the American Cemeteries, Memorials and Markers; **Pages H5654–56**

*Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007:* H.R. 67, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 410;

**Pages H5656–60, H5680–81**

*Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region:* H.R. 1660, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; **Pages H5660–62**

*Returning Servicemember VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007:* H.R. 612, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 411;

**Pages H5662–64, H5681**

*Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act:* H.R. 1470, to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 412;

**Pages H5668–71, H5681–82**

*Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act of 2007:* H.R. 2199, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to

direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in the treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 413; and **Pages H5671–78, H5682–83**

*Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits Act:* H.R. 2239, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 414. **Pages H5678–80, H5683**

*Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007:* The House passed H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, by a recorded vote of 268 yeas to 150 noes, Roll No. 409. **Pages H5648–54, H5664–68**

Rejected the Pearce motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 408. **Pages H5666–67**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H5666**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–165) that sought to reduce the total amount of acreage which can be acquired for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site from 115 acres to 5 (for use as a visitor center and parking lot); **Pages H5652–53**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–165) that sought to delay the acquisition of any new land for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site until after deferred maintenance has been completed at the site (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 406); and **Pages H5651–52, H5664–65**

Heller (NV) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–165) that sought to eliminate the use of appropriated funds to acquire 110 acres of land for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, but still allows the land to be acquired by donation, purchase with donated funds, or by exchange with other lands (by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 407). **Pages H5653–54, H5665–66**

H. Res. 429, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 403, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H5644–47**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speakers appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives McCarthy (NV), and King (NV). **Page H5693**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 24th.

**Pages H5717, H5721**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5625.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 375 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 33 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5646–47, H5647, H5648, H5665, H5665–66, H5667, H5667–68, H5680–81, H5681, H5682, H5682–83, and H5683. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 a.m. on Thursday May 24th.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2008.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2008.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2347, amended, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007; H.R. 1980, Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1982, amended, Rural Housing and Economic Development Act of 2007; H.R. 2139, amended, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2007.

The Committee began mark up of H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007. Will continue tomorrow.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 885, amended, International Nuclear Fuel for Peace and Nonproliferation Act 2007; H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2007; H.R. 2420, amended, International Climate Cooperation Re-Engagement Act of 2007.

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: S. 676, To provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; H. Con. Res. 21, amended, Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel; H. Con. Res. 80, amended, Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community; H. Con. Res. 151, amended, Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of dozens of independent journalists in Russia over the last decade, and calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving these murders; H. Con. Res. 152, Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; H. Res. 137, amended, Honoring the life and six decades of public service of Jacob Birnbaum and especially his commitment freeing Soviet Jews from religious, cultural and communal extinction; H. Res. 226, amended, To recognize John Pehle for his contributions to the Nation in helping rescue Jews and other minorities from the Holocaust during World War II; H. Res. 233, amended, Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its relationship with that country; H. Res. 295, amended, Recognizing the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expressing appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its efforts in the global war against terrorism; H. Res. 395, Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement; H. Res. 397, amended, Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia; H. Res.