

## Committee Meetings

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008; REVISED SUBALLOCATIONS OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported amended the following appropriations for fiscal year 2008: State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs; and Legislative Branch.

The Committee also approved Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2008.

### SECURITY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the development of the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Martin Dempsey, USA, Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Mark T. Kimmit, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary.

### SUPREME COURT'S EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION DECISION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing entitled "Justice Denied? The Implications of the Supreme Court's *Ledbetter v. Goodyear* Employment Discrimination Decision." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HEALTH LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Discussion Drafts concerning Prescription Drug User Fee Act Reauthorization, Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act Reauthorization, Drug Safety, and Certain Pediatric Pharmaceutical and Device legislation. Testimony was heard from Randall L. Lutter, Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CAMP LEJEUNE CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Poisoned Patriots: Contaminated Drinking Water at Camp Lejeune." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert C. Dickerson, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Camp Lejeune; and Pat Leonard, Director, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Claims, Investigations, Department of the Navy; Thomas

Sinks, Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Health/ATSDR, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the EPA: Peter J. Murtha, Director, Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and Franklin Hill, Director, Superfund Division; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Public Health and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATIONS ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1682, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Edward L. Connor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Insurance, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing on National Flood Insurance Program: Issues Exposed by the 2005 Hurricanes. Testimony was heard from Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General, Disaster Assistance Oversight, Department of Homeland Security; and Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO.

### MANDATORY ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Mandatory Arbitration Agreements: Are They Fair For Consumers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS CRIME ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint hearing on H.R. 923, Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act. Testimony was heard from Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS CRIME ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 923, Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

**BAIL BOND FAIRNESS ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 2286, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2007.

**WATER RECYCLING MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 31, Elisnore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007; H.R. 716, amended, Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan Act; H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act; H.R. 1503, amended, Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; H.R. 1526, amended, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1725, Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2007.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2635, amended, Carbon-Neutral Government Act of 2007; H.R. 404, amended, Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act; H.R. 2127, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the “Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building;” H.R. 2309, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building;” S. 1352, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the “Dr. Frances Townsend Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 87, Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; H. Res. 361, Recognizing and Honoring Jack Valenti and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death; H. Con. Res. 155, Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; H. Con. Res. 148, Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; H. Res. 189, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” should be established; H. Res. 257, Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 142, Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet

Week; H.R. 2570, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building;” and H.R. 2563, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisley Post Office.”

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky and Hobson.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment

has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Wicker.

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GLOBALIZATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on the Globalization of R&D and Innovation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### DUPONT AEROSPACE DP-2 AIRCRAFT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the duPont Aerospace DP-2 Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Kinzer, DP-2 Program Manager, Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and LTC Michael Tremper, USAF, Defense Contract Management Agency; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD DEEPWATER PROGRAM UPDATE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Deepwater: 120-Day Update. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General.

#### AMTRAK STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Amtrak Strategic Initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of AMTRAK: David Laney, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Alexander Kummant, President and CEO.

#### VA SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BONUSES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the process of awarding SES bonuses at the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Management Team, GAO; Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

#### HEALTH CARE SERVICES EFFECTIVENESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Strategies to Increase Information on Comparative Clinical Effectiveness. Testi-

mony was heard from Representative Allen; Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—ICM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on ICM. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM: OVERSEAS THREATS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Chemical/Biological Terrorism: Overseas Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, S. 274, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. Res. 22, reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, S. 1099, to amend