

McCaul amendment (No. 99 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that seeks to strike section 531 relating to the MAX-HR project;

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Rogers (KY) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that relates to a limitation on total number of airport screeners;

Pages H6461–63

Poe amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan that permits travel into the United States from foreign countries using any document other than a passport;

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LaTourette amendment (No. 113 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop any plan under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 before June 1, 2009;

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Tancredo amendment that seeks to prohibit funds in this Act from being used to carry out a visa waiver program;

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Tancredo amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996;

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Royce amendment that seeks to prohibit funds made available for customs and border protection fencing, infrastructure, and technology from being used for anything but at least two layers of reinforced fencing and roads;

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Forbes amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to extend the designation of any foreign state under the Immigration and Nationality Act;

Pages H6471–72

Rogers (KY) amendment that seeks to require that this Act comply with the Davis-Bacon Act; and

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Rogers (KY) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to reduce funding for the Department of Homeland Security by 5.7 percent over the next year.

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H. Res. 473, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 12th.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6440–41 and H6477–78.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:30 a.m. on Friday, June 15th.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

U.S. TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Deal or No Deal: The State of the Trans-Atlantic Relationship. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY DOUBLE STANDARD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Operations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Is There a Human Rights Double Standard? U.S. Policy Toward Saudi Arabia, Iran and Uzbekistan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMEGROWN TERRORISM PREVENTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Assessing and Addressing the Threat: Defining the Role of a National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAO ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on House Administration: Election Task Force approved a motion to adopt the GAO engagement plan with a target date of July 27, 2007. The engagement plan as approved is a plan to determine to what extent voting machines could have contributed to the large undervote in Florida’s 13th Congressional District in the 2006 General Election, and to ascertain whether additional testing is needed to determine whether the voting systems contributed to the undervote.

FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Rachel Brand, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing

on the following bills: H.R. 442, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 761, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretative Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as a historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1625, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1835, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; and H.R. 2197, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives LaHood, Berry, Schiff, Sherman, Fortenberry and Space; William Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

FEDERAL BIOFUELS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on A Path Toward the Broader Use of Biofuels: Enhancing the Federal Commitment to Research and Development to Meet Growing Needs. Testimony was heard from Thomas Foust, Director, Biofuels Research, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

FAA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action H.R. 2698, Federal Aviation Research and Development Act of 2007.

SBA'S MICROLOAN PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's Microloan Program. Testimony was heard from James Tasker, Deputy Associate Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT; TRANSPORTATION ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act.

The Committee began consideration of H.R. 2701, Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007, but further proceedings were postponed until June 21st.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1448, VA Hospital Quality Report Card Act of 2007; H.R. 1853, Jose Medina Veterans' Affairs Police Training Act of 2007; H.R. 1925, To direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a separate Veterans' Integrated Service Network for the Gulf Coast region of the United States; H.R. 2005, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 2172, Amputee Veterans Assistance Act; H.R. 2173, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize additional funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase the capacity for provision of mental health service through contracts with community mental health centers; H.R. 2219, Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline Act of 2007; H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and draft and discussion on Mental Health and Homelessness. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herseth Sandlin; Rodriguez, Moran of Virginia; Watson, Reyes, Salazar, Miller of Florida, Hodes, and Lowey; Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

U.S. WORKER COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Promoting U.S. Worker Competitiveness in a Globalized Economy. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Washington; Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Mason M. Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; David R. Williams, Director, Electronic Tax Administration and Refundable Credits, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Tammy Flynn, Trade Adjustment Assistance Coordinator, Bureau of Workforce Programs, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State of Michigan; Curtis Morrow, Workforce Development Unit Manager, Employment Security Commission, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FISA. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, former Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Joint Meetings

WOMEN AND LOW-SKILLED WORKERS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine work-family policies in other countries that make economic sense for the United States, including practices implemented in other developed nations that may help women and low-wage/low-skilled workers enter and remain in the labor force, the change in the targeted groups' employment following the implementation of the policies and practices, and identifying the factors that affect employees' use of workplace benefits and the resulting workplace implications, after receiving testimony from Kay E. Brown, Acting Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Janet Gornick, City University of New York Baruch College, New York, New York; Laura Kellison Wallace, SAS Institute, Cary, North Carolina; Tim Kane, Heritage Foundation,

Washington, D.C.; and Ellen Bravo, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Public and Private Responsibility for Maintaining Our National Treasures: The Smithsonian Institution and the John F. Kennedy Center, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.