

**Withdrawn:**

Space amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$30 million; **Pages H6757–58**

Schmidt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds by the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership initiative for transfer or storage of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste; **Pages H6765–66**

Wilson (NM) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section designating \$37 million from the Science heading under Title III for the Medical Applications and Measurement Science Program; **Pages H6766–67**

Murphy (CT) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for issuance of a permit or other authorization for any action that may affect land use; and **Page H6767**

Conaway amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section stating that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction. **Page H6773**

H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 19th.

**Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, June 21st. **Pages H6795–H6809**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2764 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 498, no amendments to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Pages H6818–19**

H. Res. 498, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6749–53**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6753.

**Senate Referral:** S. 277 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H6826**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6829–30.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6753–54, H6754–55, H6755–56, H6756, H6786, H6787, H6787–88, H6788, H6789, H6789–90, H6790–91, H6791, H6791–92, H6792–93, H6793. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Organizing the Roles, Missions, and Requirements of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **WORK SAFETY MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007; and H.R. 2693, To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

### **ENERGY MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action the following issues related to energy legislation: as amended, promote energy efficiency; as amended, to facilitate the transition to a smart grid; re: Department of Energy EPCRA Loan Guarantees; as amended, to promote renewable fuel infrastructure; as amended, to promote advanced battery and plug-in hybrid technologies; and, to enhance Energy Information Administration data collection.

### **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing to receive the annual testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the State of the International Financial System. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

### **WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on World Refugee Day 2007. Testimony was heard from William E. Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Judy

Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant High Commissioner, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

#### **EU TERRORIST LIST—HEZBOLLAH**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Adding Hezbollah to the EU Terrorist List. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT'S CYBERSECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Hacking the Homeland: Investigating Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities at the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the GAO: Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues; and Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Director, Center for Technology and Engineering.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—IMPROVED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Has the Department of Homeland Security Improved its Ability to Maintain Situational Awareness Since Hurricane Katrina? Testimony was heard from Frank DiFalco, Director, National Operations Center, Office of Operations Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; Ellen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Darrell Darnell, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, District of Columbia; COL Terry J. Ebbert, USMC (ret.), Director, Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, New Orleans, Louisiana; and James M. Walker, Jr., Director, Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, State of Alabama.

#### **INSPECTORS GENERAL—INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Inspectors General: Independence Accountability. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA; Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General, NSF; Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Vanessa Burrows, Legislative Attorney, CRS, Library of Congress; Eleanor J. Hill, former Inspector General, Department of Defense; Kenneth M. Mead, former Inspec-

tor General, Department of Transportation; and Nikki L. Tinsley, former Inspector General, EPA

#### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2771, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2008. The rule provides for one hour of general debate 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 for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of Rule XXI. The amendments shall be considered as read. 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 Wassermann Schultz; Cardoza, Harman, Cleaver, Wamp, Kingston, Upton, Bilirakis and Jordan.

#### **SMALL BIO-ENERGY BUSINESS WORKFORCE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on meeting the Workforce Demands of Small Bio-Energy Businesses. Testimony was heard from Senator Harkin; and public witnesses.

#### **TRANSPORTATION ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE MITIGATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2701, Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007.

#### **PRIORITY 8 VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on Priority 8 Veterans. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported H.R. 2776, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, and Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to mark up S. 1538, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine health care and the budget, focusing on issues and challenges for reform, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine telephone number porting and caller-ID spoofing, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine energy efficiency technologies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine barriers to work to be overcome for individuals receiving Social Security Disability Benefits, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a strategic assessment of United States and Russia relations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John L. Withers II, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Charles Lewis English, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameron Munter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Roderick W. Moore, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Montenegro, and J. Christian Kennedy, of Indiana, to be Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine the state of public-private collaboration in preparing for and responding to national catastrophes, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to continue oversight hearings to examine law enforcement in Indian Country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 230, designating the month of July 2007, as "National Teen Safe Driver Month", S. Res. 235, designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day", S. Res. 225, designating the month of August 2007 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month", the nomination of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with the investigation of the legal basis for the warrantless wiretap program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine America's aging farming population, focusing on the threat to the future of American agriculture as aging farmers are not being replaced by younger generations, 11 a.m., SR-325.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to consider a Supplemental Report to H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; a report on the Financial Services and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 2008; and a revised Sub-allocation of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2008, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, hearing on Balancing Work and Family: What Policies Best Support American Families? 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to consider the following: as amended, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007 (PDUFA); as amended, the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2007 (MDUFA); the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act of 2007; as amended, the Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2007; as amended, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2007 (BPCA); as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the establishment of the Reagan-Udall Institute for Applied Biomedical Research; to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to conflicts of interest; as amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a clinical trial registry database and a clinical trial results database; and, as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Examining a Legislative Solution to Extend and Revise the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.