

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

JOINT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) from General Montgomery C. Meigs, USA (Ret.), Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, United States Army, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

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, with amendments; and

The nominations of Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army, Michael G. Vickers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy, Vice Adm. Eric T. Olson, USN to be admiral and Commander, U.S. Special Operations, Douglas E. Lute, USA to be lieutenant general and Assistant to the President/Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan and 2,834 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

MORTGAGE ABUSE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine ending mortgage abuse, focusing on safe-

guarding homebuyers, after receiving testimony from David Berenbaum, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, Anthony M. Yezer, George Washington University Department of Economics, John M. Robbins, Mortgage Bankers Association, Pat V. Combs, National Association of Realtors, and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, all of Washington, D.C.; Denise Leonard, Constitution Financial Group Inc., Wakefield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers; Alan E. Hummel, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina.

HEALTH CARE AND THE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care and the federal budget, focusing on the Healthy Americans Act and other options for reform, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Bennett; Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Sara R. Collins, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; and Arnold Milstein, Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH), San Francisco, California.

MEDIA VIOLENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of media violence on children, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Winter, Parents Television Council, Alexandria, Virginia; Peter Liguori, Fox Broadcasting Company, Los Angeles, California; Dale Kunkel, University of Arizona Department of Communication, Tucson; Jeff J. McIntyre, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.; and Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Media Coalition.

WILDFIRE SEASON AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the preparedness of the federal land management agencies for the 2007 wildfire season and efforts to contain the costs of wildfire management activities, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; and Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, Government Accountability Office.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION GOVERNANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Smithsonian Institution governance reform, focusing on a report by the Smithsonian's Independent Review Committee, after receiving testimony from Representative Matsui; and Charles Bowsher, Independent Review Committee, Roger W. Sant, Executive Committee Board of Regents, Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, and Diana Aviv, Governance Committee, all of the Smithsonian Institution.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1662, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize the venture capital program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (as approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates provisions of S. 1663); and

S. 1671, to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business

Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with amendments; and

S. 1548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with amendments.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2857–2873; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 175; and H. Res. 518–519; were introduced. **Pages H7201–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7202–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–212) and

H. Res. 517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2829) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–213). **Page H7201**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7079**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7079**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior,

environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 27th. **Pages H7087–H7197**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2643 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 514, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Pages H7134–35**

Agreed to:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million within the Operation of the National Park System account; **Pages H7100–01**

Weiner amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that increases funding, by offset, for the Operation of the National Park System by \$1 million; **Pages H7101–02**

Shays amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that redirects \$1 million within the Operation of Indian Programs account; **Pages H7105–06**

Dicks amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2007) that increases