

*Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007:* H.R. 2900, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices and to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 617; **Pages H7568–H7606, H7629**

*Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name “America”:* H. Res. 287, amended, to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name “America”; **Pages H7607–09**

*Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia:* H. Res. 426, amended, to recognize 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and to offer support for efforts to ensure that the internally displaced people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully; **Pages H7609–14**

*Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia:* H. Res. 467, amended, to condemn the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay” and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 618; **Pages H7614–16, H7629–30**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the decision by the leadership of the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia.”. **Page H7630**

*Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland:* H. Res. 482, amended, to express support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 619; **Pages H7617–20, S7630–31**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure:* H. Res. 500, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure; **Pages H7620–23**

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the University of Central Arkansas:* H. Res. 436, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the University of Central Arkansas; and **Pages H7623–25**

*Commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I–AA Football Championship:* H. Res. 210, amended, to commend the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I–AA Football Championship. **Pages H7625–27**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Lady Bird Johnson. **Pages H7628–29**

**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself and, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, DC, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself. **Page H7631**

**British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Chandler, Chairman, appointed on March 30, 2007: Representative Wu, Vice Chairman; Representatives Pomeroy, Clyburn, Etheridge, Davis (CA), Bishop (NY), Petri, Boozman, Boustany, Crenshaw, and Wilson (SC). **Page H7638**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eleven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7504, H7504–05, H7505, H7506, H7555, H7557–58, H7558, H7558–59, H7627–28, H7628, H7629, H7629–30, and H7630–31. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES; TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for fiscal year

2008: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; and Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

#### GLOBAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on global security assessment. Testimony was heard from Thomas Fingar, Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Analysis, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert Cardillo, Deputy Director, Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

#### GLOBAL WAR AGAINST TERRORISTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Strategic Communications and Comparative Ideas: Winning the Hearts and Minds in the Global War Against Terrorists. Testimony was heard from Linton Wells II, Distinguished Research Fellow Force Transformation Chair; Frank Kramer, former Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### WIRELESS INNOVATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on Wireless Innovation and Consumer Protection. Testimony was heard from Tony Clark, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

#### HEDGE FUNDS RISKS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Hedge Funds and Systemic Risk: Perspectives of The President's Working Group on Financial Markets. Testimony was heard from Kevin M. Warsh, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert Steel, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Jim Overdahl, Chief Economist, CFTC; and Erik R. Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

#### BANK CUSTOMER OVERDRAFT PROTECTION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of a hearing entitled "Overdraft Protection: Fair Practices for Con-

sumers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### EFFECTS OF PASSPORT DELAYS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Passport Delays: Affecting Security and Disrupting Free Travel and Trade. Testimony was heard from Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and Paul Rosenzweig, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and Counselor to the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

#### KYOTO PROTOCOL UPDATE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: An Update. Testimony was heard from Harlan Watson, Special Representative and Senior Climate Negotiator, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### PRESIDENTIAL CLEMENCY—USE AND ABUSE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on the Use and Misuse of Presidential Clemency Power for Executive Branch Officials. Testimony was heard from Rogert C. Adams, Office of the Pardon Attorney, Department of Justice; former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following measures: S. 375, To waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon; H.R. 1696, To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe; H.R. 2863, To authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; and a measure To authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interest in land owned by the Tribe. Testimony was heard from Representative Reyes; Michael R. Smith, Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### SMALL INVESTOR HEDGE FUND RISKS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on After Blackstone: Should Small Investors Be Exposed to Risks of Hedge Funds? Testimony was heard from

Andrew Donahue, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; and public witnesses.

#### SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of Rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The further amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives Rush, Biggert and Chabot.

#### RESPONSIBLE REDEPLOYMENT FROM IRAQ ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides 4 hours of debate on H.R. 2956, Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act, with 3 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services and 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time des-

ignated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representatives Wolf, Shays and English of Pennsylvania.

#### GREEN CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2850, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2007.

#### GREEN REVOLUTION—SMALL BUSINESSES AT THE FOREFRONT

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Small Businesses at the Forefront of the Green Revolution: What More Needs to Be Done to Keep Them Here. Testimony was heard from the following Mayors: Marty Blum, Santa Barbara, California; and Adrian Fenty, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

#### HIGH RISK MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Motor Carrier Safety: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Oversight of High Risk Carriers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Deborah A. P. Hersman, member, National Transportation Safety Board; Susan A. Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### AMTRAK CAPITAL NEEDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Amtrak Capital Needs. Testimony was heard from Alexander Kummant, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

#### VETERANS' HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2874, Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007.

#### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### FISA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FISA. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine cross-border exchange mergers, focusing on the global view, 10 a.m., SD-538.

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

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Energy, Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 488 and H.R. 1100, bills to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, S. 617, to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans, S. 824 and H.R. 995, bills to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, S. 1380, to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado, and S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, and S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine airport airways trust fund, focusing on the future of aviation financing, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James W. Holsinger, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject

to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine certain vulnerabilities in the government's procedures for licensing radiological materials, focusing on the effectiveness of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's materials licensing policies and procedures, and the vulnerability of those licenses to counterfeiting, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to continue 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 hold an oversight hearing to examine transportation issues in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, an original bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act", S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard", and the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review trading of energy-based derivatives, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2008: supplemental Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and the