

Flake amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, for exhibits, education programs, and an archival project (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 679);

Pages H8135–36, H8164–65

Jordan amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to provide for a 4.6 percent reduction in each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 680);

Pages H8136–41, H8165

Price (GA) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by 1 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 681);

Pages H8141–45, H8165–66

Musgrave amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by .5 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 682);

Pages H8145–49, H8166–67

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by .25 percent across the board (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 683); and

Pages H8149–53, H8167

Pence amendment (No. 67 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being made available to Planned Parenthood for any purpose under title X of the Public Health Services Act (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 684).

Pages H8154–57, H8167–68

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, July 17th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 23rd for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 25th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–48.)

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8123.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8159–68 and H8172–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Bill, Fiscal Year 2008.

MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLE (MRAP) VEHICLE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a joint hearing on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Young, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, MRAP Task Force; BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; LTG John Castelow, USMC, Deputy Commander, Programs and Resources; and LTG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G–8.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: 1 H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; H.R. 2295, ALS Registry Act; and H.R. 507, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007.

NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

BEYOND IRAQ: ENVISIONING A NEW U.S. POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Beyond Iraq: Envisioning a New U.S. Policy in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

PRIVATE SECTOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled “Leveraging the Private Sector To Strengthen Emergency Preparedness and Response.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, Assistant Secretary, Private Sector Office; and Marko Bourne, Director, Policy and Program Analysis, FEMA; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARD INTERCHANGE FEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Task Force held a hearing on Credit Card Interchange Fees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RNC DOCUMENT EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law met and rejected the Executive Privilege claims asserted by White House Counsel in response to the subpoena for the production of documents issued to Joshua Bolten, White House Chief of Staff, or appropriate custodian of records.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PRACTICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a joint oversight hearing on Law Enforcement Confidential Informant Practices. Testimony was heard from Wayne M. Murphy, Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Judiciary; 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. 783, Mesa Verdi National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 1266, Butterfield Overland Trail Study Act; and H.R. 1674, Battle of Camden Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Spratt, Boozman and Salazar; Bill Shaddox, Acting Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FEMA TRAILERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1520, Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Act of 2007; H.R. 1389, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 1664, To authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; H.R. 3034, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the “Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office”; H.R. 2654, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”; H.R. 1384, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Buck Owens Post Office”; H. Res. 471, Congratulating the National Hockey League Champions, the Anaheim Ducks, on their victory in the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals; H. Res. 488, Congratulating the Detroit Tigers for winning the 2006 American League Pennant and for bringing the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan their first trip to the World Series in 22 years; H. Res. 442, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Youth Sports Week should be established; H. Con. Res. 143, Honoring the 50th anniversary of Stan Hywet & Gardens; H.R. 2688, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the “Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Postal Office Building”; H.R. 2467, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”; H.R. 2765, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”; H. Res. 519, Honoring the life and accomplishments of renowned artist Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth; H.R. 2825, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”; H.R. 954, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”; H. Con. Res. 165, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; H. Res. 490, Honoring the 2007 NBA champion San Antonio Spurs; H.R. 3052, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954

Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 2587, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office”; H. Res. 551, Acknowledging the progress made and yet to be made to rebuild the Gulf Coast region after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; H. Res. 501, Commending Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros for reaching 3,000 base hits as a Major League Baseball player and for his outstanding service to baseball and the Houston, Texas, region; H.R. 553, Mourning the passing of former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, and celebrating her life and contributions to the people of the United States; and H. Res. 345, Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York.

The Committee also held a hearing on FEMA Trailers. Testimony was heard from R. David Paulison, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

POSTAL SERVICE CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government: Subcommittee on Federal Work Force, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Inquiring Minds Want To Know: What Is the Postal Service Contracting Out? Testimony was heard from Representative Sires; from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Alan C. Kessler, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors; John E. Potter, Postmaster General/CEO; and David Williams, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 10 to 0, an open rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. 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 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 printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to re-

commit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Olver and Knollenberg.

NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a joint hearing on Tracking the Storm at the National Hurricane Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NOAA, Department of Commerce: VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, (Ret.), Under Secretary, Administrator; Bill Proenza, Director, National Hurricane Center; and Robert M. Atlas, Director, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory; and public witnesses.

SBA TRADE PROGRAMS ACT; MICROLOAN AMENDMENTS AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2992, SBA Trade Programs Act of 2007; and H.R. 3020, Microloan Amendments and Modernization Act.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Concluded hearings on the Status of the Nation's Waters, including Wetlands, Under the Jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, former Administrator, EPA, and public witnesses.

FEDERAL ENERGY CONSERVATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Federal Leadership by Example on Energy Conservation: No Cost Quick and Easy Steps for Immediate Results. Testimony was heard from Representative Lipinski; David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment), Department of Defense; and a public witness.

VET CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Vet Centers. Testimony was heard from Alfonso R. Batres, Chief Readjustment Counseling Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

FOSTER CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on

Health Care for Children in Foster Care. Testimony was heard from Erin Sullivan-Sutton, Director, Chief Safety and Permanency, Department of Human Services, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FISA. Testimony was heard from Alberto Gonzales, The Attorney General, Department of Justice.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 20, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine youth violence, focusing on the efficacy of mentoring children, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.