

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, in which he appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Michaud, Hirono, and Mica. **Page H8606**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:53 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m. on Thursday, July 26th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 8401.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 42 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H8615**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8619.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8417–18, H8418–19, H8419, H8419–20, H8462–63, H8463, H8463–64, H8464–65, H8465, H8465–66, H8467–68, H8492, H8492–93, HJ8493–94, H8494, H8494–95, H8495–96, H8496. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:53 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND AL-QAEDA

Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a joint hearing on Implications of the National Intelligence Estimate regarding Al-Qaeda. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Clapper, Under Secretary, Intelligence; Mary Beth Long, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs (Acting); and Pete Verga, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense (Acting); and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Michael Leiter, Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center and Director, Interagency Task Force on Homeland Threats; and Edward Gistaro, National Intelligence Officer, Transnational Threats.

ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future, Part 3. Testimony was heard from COL Paul Hughes, USA (ret.), Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute of Peace; MG Paul D. Eaton, USA (ret.), former Com-

mander, Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, Iraq; and public witnesses.

RENEWING STATUTORY PAYGO

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Perspectives on Renewing Statutory PAYGO. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Improving Federal Consumer Protection in Financial Services—Consumer and Industry Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIR HOUSING LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Rooting Out Discrimination in Mortgage Lending: Using HMDA as a Tool for Fair Lending Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sandra Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Montrice Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Calvin R. Hagins, Director, Compliance Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; David M. Marquis, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPE DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held as hearing on Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing the Democratic Transition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-MARSHALL ISLANDS FREE ASSOCIATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Overview of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Are Changes Needed? Testimony was heard from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Department of State: Steven McGann, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Francis A. Donovan, Director, Office of East Asia Affairs, Bureau of Asia and the Near East,

U.S. Agency for International Development; and David B. Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

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

HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "An Overview of Department of Homeland Security Federal Advisory Committees." Testimony was heard from Doug Hoelscher, Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Committees, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Flaak, Director, Committee Management Secretariat Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA; the former officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jeff Gaynor, Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Emergency Response Senior Advisory, Committee and Critical Infrastructure Task Force; and Randy Beardsworth, former Assistant Secretary, Strategic Plans; and public witnesses.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Adopted a resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find that former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten be cited for contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas issued by the Committee.

The Committee also ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1943, Stop AIDS In Prison Act of 2007; and H.R. 1199, Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007.

SURFACE RECLAMATION ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Surfacing Reclamation Act of 1977: A 30th Anniversary Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior: Glenda H. Owens, Deputy Director; and Earl Bandy, Chief, Applicant Violator System Office; Stephanie R. Timmermeyer, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of West Virginia; John F. Husted, Deputy Chief, Division of Mineral Resources Management, Department of Natural Resources, State of Ohio; John Corra, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

HOT FUELS STANDARDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on ExxonMobil and Shell Answer Questions about Hot Fuels Double Standards. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE BILL (H.R. 1) TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson (MS).

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. 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 Agriculture now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of this report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this 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. Section 3 of the rule allows the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of this report not earlier disposed of or to offer germane modifications to such. 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. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the

Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Peterson (MN), Representatives Cardoza, Gillibrand, Lincoln Davis (TN), Jackson-Lee (TX), Hastings (FL), Welch, Arcuri, Chairman Waxman, Cooper, Chairman Thompson (MS), Blumenauer, Cummings, Doyle, Davis (IL), Inslee, Kind, Holt, Schakowsky, Weiner, Bishop (NY), Davis (AL), Goodlatte, Boustany, Schmidt, Hastings (WA), Manzullo, Buyer, Whitfield, Wamp, Wilson (NM), Ryan (WI), Kirk, Alexander, Fortuño and Gohmert.

CLINICAL LAB SERVICES BIDDING

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Competitive Bidding for Clinical Lab Services: Where's it Heading and What Small Businesses Can Expect." Testimony was heard from Timothy P. Love, Director, Office of Research, Development and Information, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

VA MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on PTSD and Personality Disorders: Challenges for the VA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Tracie Shea, Psychologist, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Providence, Rhode Island; Ira R. Katz, Deputy Chief PCS Officer, Mental Health, Veterans Health Administration; and COL Bruce Crow, USA, Chief, Department of Behavioral Medicine, Brooke Army Medical Center and Clinical Psychology Consultant to the Army Surgeon General; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

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.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national foreclosure crisis, focusing on subprime mortgage fallout, after receiving testimony from James Rokakis, Cuyahoga County, and Anthony Brancatelli, City Council, both of Cleveland, Ohio; Kenneth D. Wade, Neighbor Works America, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Anderson, Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, Slavic Village, Ohio; and Audrey Sweet, Maple Heights, Ohio.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine preparation taken for digital television transition, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to continue hearings to examine the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 300, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, S. 1258, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities, S. 1477, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, and H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the case for the California waiver, including an update from the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and other pending calendar business, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine extraordinary rendition, extraterritorial detention, and treatment of detainees, focusing on restoring our moral credibility and strengthening our diplomatic standing, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Human Rights Council, focusing on its shortcomings and prospects for reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup