

and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the severely deteriorating human rights situation in Burma.”

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Requiring the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq: H.R. 3087, amended, to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 377 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 927. Pages H11116–25

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on the matters contained in the reports.”

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy (CA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, effective today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11125, H11126, H11126–27 and H11128. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Sub committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Aid Programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Mark Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; Jim

Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme; and public witnesses.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Digital Future of the United States: Part VI: The Future of Telecommunications Competition.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM SYSTEMIC RISKS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Systemic Risk: Examining Regulators’ Ability to React to Threats in the Financial System.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Credit-Based Insurance Scores: Are They Fair?” Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner, FTC; J. P. Schmidt, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Hawaii; Mike Kreidler, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

ETHIOPIA DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health held a hearing on Ethiopia and the State of Democracy: Effects on Human Rights and Humanitarian Conditions in the Ogaden and Somalia. Testimony was heard from Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LEVERAGING REMITTANCES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Leveraging Remittances for Families and Communities. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Bonicelli, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CONTESTED ELECTION—13TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Committee on House Administration: Election Task Force received a briefing on the Status of the Investigation into FL–13 Congressional District Contested Election. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Nabajyoti Barkakati, Senior Level Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering Applied Research and Methods; Gloria Jarmon, Congressional Relations; and Jan Montgomery, Office of the General Counsel.

U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the United States Trustee Program: Watchdog or Attack Dog? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts: A. Jay Cristol, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida; and Eugene R. Wedoff, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois; Clifford J. White, III, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL GANG CRIME PREVENTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Gang Crime Prevention and the Need to Foster Innovative Solutions at the Federal Level. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schiff, Cummings, Baca, Lampson, McNerney, Dent and Reichert; Richard Roper, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK MINING AND MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Jim Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA; Tony L. Ferguson, Director, Minerals Geology Management, Forest Service, USDA; Greg Lind, State Senator, Montana; Salvatore Lazzari, Specialist in Public Finance, Resources, Science and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BLACKWATER USA'S IRAQ MISSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Private Security Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador M. Satterfield, Special Adviser, Coordinator for Iraq; Ambassador Richard J. Griffin, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security and Director, Office of Foreign Missions; and William H. Moser, Assistant Secretary, Logistics Management; and Erik Prince, Chairman and CEO, Blackwater, USA.

MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 3648, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and

ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule considers as adopted the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, modified by the amendment printed in the committee report, and considers the bill, as amended, as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3246, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3246 with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, during consideration of H.R. 3246, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar.

THE IMPROVING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors

General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. 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 Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The 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. Finally, 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 Representatives Towns of New York and Tom Davis of Virginia.

MEJA EXPANSION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2740, to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee

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NANOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Nanotechnology Education. Testimony was heard from David Ucko, Deputy Division Director, Education and Human Resources Division on Research Learning, NSF; and public witnesses.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the United States Fire Administration Reauthorization: Addressing the Priorities of the Nation's Fire Service. Testimony was heard from Gregory B. Cade, Fire Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Shyam-Sunder, Director, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on The Federal Safe Routes to School Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—IRAN

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

CIA ACTIVITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold hearing on CIA Activity, Part I. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.