

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11266, H11267, H11267–68, H11268, H11269, H11269–70, H11286, H11287, H11297 and H11297–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AGRICULTURE LABOR NEEDS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the labor needs of American agriculture. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ROLE OF DOD IN IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan and Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Mitchell Shivers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central Asia Affairs, Office of the Secretary (Policy); MG Bobby J. Wilkes, USAF, Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs (Asia), Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Staff; Mark Kimmitt, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary; and COL (Promotable) Ralph O. Baker, USA, Deputy Director, Politico-Military Affairs (Middle East), Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Staff.

FEDERAL TAB—COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR WASTE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Issues in Federal Government Financial Liabilities: Commercial Nuclear Waste. Testimony was heard from Kim P. Cawley, Unit Chief, Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit, CBO; Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; and Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice.

401(k) FAIR DISCLOSURE FOR RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 3185, 401 (k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Bradford P. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1055, Toxic Right-to-Know Protection Act; and H.R. 1103, Environmental Justice Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Administrator, Office of Environment and Compliance Assurance; Wade Najjum, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation; and Molly O'Neill, Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Information; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment; Nancy Wittenberg, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

U.S. BIO-LABORATORY SAFETY/SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: The Silent Proliferation of Bio-Laboratories in the United States." Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, GAO; from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Richard Besser, M.D., Director, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response; Robbin S. Weyant, Director, Division of Select Agents and Toxins, and Casey Chosewood, M.D., Director, Office of Health and Safety, Office of the Director, all with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Hugh Auchincloss, M.D., Deputy Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION—MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act." Testimony was heard from Senators Reed and Allard; John McKinney, Senator, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

AFGHAN COUNTERNARCOTICS/POLICE TRAINING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Counternarcotics Strategy and Police Training in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Thomas Schweich, Coordinator for Counternarcotics and Justice Reform in Afghanistan, Department of State; and a public witness.

OVERSEAS COUNTERTERRORISM COORDINATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Homeland Security Beyond Our Borders: Examining the Status of Counterterrorism Coordination Overseas.” Testimony was heard from Michael E. Leiter, Principal Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ambassador Marisa R. Lino, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, and Gary L. Cote, Deputy Assistant Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Edgar Moreno, Assistant Director, Domestic Operations, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and Thomas V. Fuentes, Assistant Director, Office of International Operations, Legal Attache Program, FBI, Department of Justice.

EMERGENCY HOME OWNERSHIP AND MORTGAGE EQUITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007.

ADA RESTORATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoyer; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION DETAINEE MEDICAL CARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Detention and Removal: Immigration Detainee Medical Care. Testimony was heard from Gary Mead, Assistant Director, Detention and Removal, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

SPECIES CONSERVATION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; and H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; IRAQI CORRUPTION ASSESSMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3572, To des-

ignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartfield Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 205, Supporting the goal and ideals of National Women’s Friendship Day; H. Res. 588, Recognizing Martha Coffin Wright on the 200th anniversary of her birth and her induction into the National Women’s Hall of Fame; H. Res. 630, Congratulating the Warner Robins Little League Baseball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2007 Little League World Series Championship; H. Res. 654, Congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship; H. Res. 697, Commending Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre for establishing a National Football League record for the most career touchdown passes; and H. Res. 687, amended, Celebrating the 90th birthday of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and honoring his contributions to higher education, the Catholic Church, and the advancement of the humanitarian mission.

The Committee also held a hearing on assessing the state of Iraq corruption. Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Ambassador Larry Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East Affairs, Department of State; Stuart Bowen, Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; Judge Radhi Hamza al-Radhi, Commissioner, Public Integrity in Iraq; and a public witness.

R&D GLOBALIZATION AND INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation continued hearings on The Globalization of R&D and Innovation, Part III: How Do Companies Choose Where To Build R&D Facilities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SBA CONTRACTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on SBA Contracting Programs. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

VA RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Research Programs. Testimony was heard from MAJ David Rozelle, USA, Administrative Officer, Military Advanced Training Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Joel Kupersmith, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

IMPORT SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on import safety. Testimony was heard from Warren H. Maruyama, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protect, Department of Homeland Security; William James, D.V.M., Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of International Affairs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Steven M. Solomon, D.V.D., Deputy Director, Office of Regional Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Marc J. Schoem, Director, Recalls and Compliance, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings**MASS INCARCERATION COSTS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the costs of mass incarceration in the United States, after receiving testimony from Glenn C. Loury, Brown University Department of Economics, Providence, Rhode Island; Bruce Western, Harvard University Department of Sociology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Alphonso Albert, Second Chances, Norfolk, Virginia; Michael P. Jacobson, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, New York; and Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship, Reston, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 8 through October 13, 2007

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 10, hearing on security involving Pakistan and policy implications for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 11, hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 10, hearing on Cases of Child Neglect and Abuse at Private Residential Treatment Facilities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?—Part III," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 10, to mark up the following legislation: H. Res. 106, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution; and a resolution Condemning the terrorist organization known as the PKK and supporting Turkey's struggle against such organization, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 11, full Committee, hearing on The Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule: Its Impact on Family Planning and Reproductive Health, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing on H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 11, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The SAFE Port Act: Status of Implementation One Year Later," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 11, hearing on Jena 6 and the Role of Federal Intervention in Hate Crimes and Race-Related Violence in Public Schools, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on Allegations of Selective Prosecution: The Erosion of Public Confidence in Our Federal Justice System, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 11, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on H.R. 750, Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 9, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Implementation of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act: Has the Promise Been Fulfilled?" 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 10, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 53, Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act; H.R. 767, Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act; H.R. 830, Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 3111, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 783, Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act; H.R. 2094, To provide for certain administrative