

Union, Jamestown, on behalf of sundry organizations.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senators Brown and Voinovich, and Carl B. Kress, of California, and A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GLOBAL WARMING HEALTH IMPACTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the human impacts of global warming, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; Donald R. Roberts, Division of Tropical Health, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Susan R. Cooper, Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; and Michael McCally, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Washington, D.C.

SIX YEARS AFTER ANTHRAX ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the anthrax attacks of September and October 2001, focusing on our preparedness to respond to bioterrorism, after receiving testimony from Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; Gerald W. Parker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Sec-

retary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; and Tara O'Toole, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Center for Biosecurity, Baltimore, Maryland.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICPA), focusing on our Cold War heroes, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Worker's Compensation Programs, Employment Standards Administration, and Malcolm D. Nelson, Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, both of the Department of Labor; John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; John Melius, New York State Laborers Health and Safety Trust Fund, Albany; and Ken Silver, East Tennessee State University Department of Environmental Health, Johnson City.

FBI STRATEGIC PLAN

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) strategic plan, after receiving testimony from Thomas H. Kean, former Chairman, and Lee H. Hamilton, former Vice Chairman, both of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; and Willie T. Hulon, Executive Assistant Director, and Philip Mudd, Associate Executive Assistant Director, both of the National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3927–3950; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 766–771, were introduced. **Pages H11933–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11934–35**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11849**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H11850**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Bobby L. Johnson, First Assembly of God, Van Buren, Arkansas. **Pages H11850**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 767, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 173 nays with 8 voting “present”, Roll No. 986. **Pages H11853–54**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Stark rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Page H11854**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007: H.R. 1955, amended, to prevent homegrown terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 993; **Pages H11854–56, H11899–H11900**

Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007: H.R. 1680, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists; **Pages H11862–66**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, and for other purposes.” **Page H11866**

Eliminating the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges: H.R. 2868, amended, to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges; **Pages H11866–68**

Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 327, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 987—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11868–73, H11886–87**

Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act: H.R. 1808, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 988; **Pages H11873–78, H11887–88**

Milo C. Huempfer Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 2408, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the “Milo C. Huempfer Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”; **Pages H11878–79**

Condemning the actions of September 7, 2007, resulting in damage to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial: H. Res. 680, to condemn the actions of September 7, 2007, resulting in damage to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 989; **Pages H11879–83, H11888**

Supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year: H. Res. 237, to support and encourage greater support for Veterans Day each year; and **Pages H11883–85**

Third Higher Education Extension Act of 2007: H.R. 3927, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages H11385–86**

Amending the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 992, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 991. **Pages H11894–97, H11898–99**

Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, and to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, by voice vote. **Pages H11900–08**

Agreed to the Lamborn motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 994. Subsequently, Representative Rahall reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H11907–08**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H11902**

Accepted:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110-403) that changes the boundary of the Brush Mountain East wilderness area, removing 26 acres which contain a power line; changes the boundaries of the Seng Mountain Scenic Area, removing 1,263 acres from the area to allow continued use of the Barton Gap Motorized trail and wildlife habitat management in key areas; changes trail language for the Raccoon Branch area, removing specific requirements to locate the trail along Rt. 650 and changing the connection road to Forest Development Road 49352. **Pages H11905-07**

H. Res. 763, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 990.

Pages H11888-94, H11897-98

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11853-54, H11886-87, H11887-88, H11888, H11897-98, H11898, H11898-99, H11899-H11900, and H11907-08. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Broadband: Connecting Rural America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2601, To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions, and for other purposes.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Enhancing FTC Consumer Protection in Financing Dealings, with Telemarketers, and on the Internet. Testimony was heard from Lydia B. Barnes, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC.

MARKET TO MARKET EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Service: Held a hearing on H.R. 647, Market to Market Extension Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Theodore K. Toon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Affordable Housing Preservation, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 3887, William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 275, Global Online Freedom Act of 2007; H.R. 3890, Block Burmese JADE Act of 2007; and H.R. 1746, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007.

The Committee favorably considered the following measures and approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 2705, amended, Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 2949, amended, Eurasia Foundation Act; H.R. 3320, Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007; H.R. 3913, To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act; H.R. 3912, Naval Vessel Transfer Act; H. Res. 435, amended, Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America; H. Res. 550, amended, Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia; H. Res. 573, amended, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and Advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan; H. Res. 726, amended, Calling on the President of the United States and the international community to take immediate steps to respond to and prevent the acts of rape and sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur, Sudan, eastern Chad and the Central African Republic; H. Res. 740, amended, Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007; H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; H. Con. Res. 234, Calling on the