

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas H. Shulman,

of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 70 public bills, H.R. 5151–5220; 1 private bill, H.R. 5221; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 284–287; and H. Res. 946–954 were introduced. **Pages H554–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H558–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–521). **Page H554**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H481**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. **Page H483**

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

Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008: H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 35 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 25 and **Pages H485–H509**

Extending the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days: H.R. 5104, amended, to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days. **Pages H510–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.”. **Page H517**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, January 28th:

Commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game: H. Res. 933, amended, to commend the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national cham-

pionship game, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 26.

Pages H509–10

New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act: The House passed H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 122 noes, Roll No. 28. **Pages H517–35**

Rejected the Bishop (UT) 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 183 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 27. **Page H533**

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 an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H531**

Accepted:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that states that State and local laws regarding hunting, fishing, trapping and netting shall be the exclusive laws regarding these activities on the trail. **Pages H532–33**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that sought to delay designation of the trail until all environmental analyses and the review required by Public Law 107–338 have been completed by the Secretary of the Interior. **Pages H531–32**

H. Res. 940, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H517–22**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 6th. **Page H537**

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H508–09, H509–10, H534–35 and H535. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and at 8:20 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con.

Res. 279, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

Committee Meetings

OUTSOURCING—DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session on DOD Inspector General on Outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Claude M. Kicklighter, Inspector General, Department of Defense.

INTERAGENCY REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Interagency Reform: Can the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Case Study Illuminate the Future of Reconstruction and Stabilization Operations? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BOLSTER U.S. ECONOMY—USING FISCAL POLICY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Using Fiscal Policy to Bolster the U.S. Economy. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, former Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT PROTECTIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoyer; and public witnesses.

COVERING UNINSURED KIDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Covering Uninsured Kids: Missed Opportunities for Moving Forward.” Testimony was heard from Dennis G. Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann C. Kohler, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey; Chris L. Peterson, Specialist in Health Care Financing, Domestic Social Policy Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—FDA PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY; FDA SCIENCE MISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations agreed by a roll call vote of 12–0 a motion by Chairman Stupak to issue subpoenas relating to witnesses and documents in connection with the Subcommittee’s ongoing investigation into the adequacy of the efforts of the FDA

to protect the American public from excessive risks from prescription drugs and other matters.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Science and Mission at Risk: FDA’s Self-Assessment.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care; and Lisa Shames, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues; Andrew C. von Esehenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Donna V. Porter, Specialist in Life Sciences, Science Policy Research Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet held a hearing entitled “Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Services in the Digital TV Age.” Testimony was heard from John B. O’Reilly, Jr., Mayor, Dearborn, Michigan; and public witnesses.

WAKE OF DISASTERS—HOUSING PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Safe and Effective Housing Programs in the Wake of Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Carlos Castillo, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Henry Falk, M.D., Director, Coordinating Center, Environmental Health and Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Nelson Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Michael Gerber, Executive Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs, State of Texas; and a public witness.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Growing Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis: Identifying Solutions and Dispelling Myths. Testimony was heard from Jack Kemp, former Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATE SECRETS PRIVILEGE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Reform of the State Secrets Privilege. Testimony was heard from Patricia Wald, Retired Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; and public witnesses.