

on the Surface Transportation Commission report, focusing on current and future transportation needs of the United States, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Debra L. Miller, Kansas Department of Transportation, Topeka, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Janet F. Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from

Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### KOREAN PENINSULA DENUCLEARIZATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Six-Party Talks for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### SUDAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Sudan from Richard Williamson, President's Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 5222–5242; 1 private bill, H.R. 5243; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 288; and H. Res. 957–962 were introduced. **Page H620**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H621–23**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on February 1, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 3111, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 110–506, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 955, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–522) and H. Res. 956, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 110–523). **Page H620**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baird to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H561**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Stephen L. Swisher, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. **Page H561**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Louisiana, Mr. Baker, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 430. **Page H562**

**Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the existing vacancy thereon and effective February 12, 2008, the Speaker's reappointment of the same member to a six-year term expiring February 11, 2014: Mr. Todd Gaziano of Falls Church, Virginia. **Page H562**

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

**Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences:** H. Con. Res. 273, to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences; **Pages H564–65**

**Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup:** H. Res. 867, to commend the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 29; **Pages H565–66, H591–92**

**Recognizing the significance of Black History Month:** H. Res. 942, to recognize the significance of Black History Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 30; **Pages H566–70, H592–93**

**Expressing support for designation of February 17, 2008, as “Race Day in America” and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500:** H. Res. 931, to express support for designation of February 17, 2008, as “Race Day in America” and to highlight the 50th running of the Daytona 500; **Pages H570–71**

**Remembering the space shuttle Challenger disaster and honoring its crew members, who lost their lives on January 28, 1986:** H. Res. 943, to remember the space shuttle Challenger disaster and to honor its crew members, who lost their lives on January 28, 1986, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 31; **Pages H571–73 H593**

**Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United States Explorer I satellite, the world’s first scientific spacecraft, and the birth of the United States space exploration program:** H. Con. Res. 287, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United States Explorer I satellite, the world’s first scientific spacecraft, and the birth of the United States space exploration program; **Pages H573–75**

**Congratulating the X PRIZE Foundation’s leadership in inspiring a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles:** H. Res. 907, amended, to congratulate the X PRIZE Foundation’s leadership in inspiring a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicle; and **Pages H575–76**

**Do-Not-Call Registry Fee Extension Act of 2007:** S. 781, to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H588–91**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H591**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, February 7th:

**Calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya:** H. Con. Res. 283, amended, to call for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya; **Pages H576–80**

**Congratulating Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his time of transition and his inauguration on February 25, 2008:** H. Res. 947, to congratulate Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his time of transition and his inauguration on February 25, 2008; and **Pages H580–83**

**Extending for one year parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits:** H.R. 4848, amended, to extend for one year parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits. **Pages H583–88**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Budget of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2009—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–84). **Page H563**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba’s destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996 is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–93). **Page H591**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H617.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 550 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. J. Res. 25 and S. 2571 were held at the desk. **Page H617**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H591–92, H592, H593. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 4137—College Opportunity and Affordability Act (Subject to a Rule).

## *Committee Meetings*

### **F-15 AIRCRAFT; WORLD-WIDE THREAT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on F-15 Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff; and GEN John D.W. Corley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on World-Wide Threat. The Subcommittee was briefed by J. Michael McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **KENYA—POLITICAL CRISIS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on the Political Crisis in Kenya: A Call for Justice and Peaceful Resolution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James C. Sawn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Gregory Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Mia Farrow, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Children's Fund; and public witnesses.

### **INDIAN LAND CLAIMS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Stupak, Kilpatrick, Rogers of Michigan, Miller of Michigan, Conyers, Berkley and Thompson of Mississippi; Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following Mayors of Michigan: Alan

R. Lambert, Romulus; and Kwame Kilpatrick, Detroit; and public witnesses.

### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, February 7, 2008, relating to a bill to provide economic stimulus.

### **COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and the amendments en bloc. 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 also permits the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of those amendments that have been printed in this report and not earlier disposed of. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. 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