

Augmentation Demonstration Project, H.R. 1140, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, H.R. 1503, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project, H.R. 1737, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California, and H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California, after receiving testimony from Kris Polly, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

#### IRAN COUNTER-PROLIFERATION ACT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 970, to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, after receiving testimony from Philip H. Gordon, Brookings Institution, Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council and USA\*Engage, all of Washington, D.C.; and Orde F. Kittrie, Arizona State University, Tempe.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of

Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq after the troop surge, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Department of Defense.

#### AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine the adequacy of representation in capital cases, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Engel Temin, Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Michael S. Greco, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, Preston, Gates, Ellis, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Bar Association; Bryan A. Stevenson, New York University School of Law, Montgomery, Alabama; and Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Jenner and Block, LLP, Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### CENTRAL ASIA: AN OVERVIEW

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Central Asia: An Overview. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for South and Central Asia, Department of State.

#### CHILD SOLDIERS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on S. 2135, Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement providing for consideration of H.R. 2537, the "Beach Protection Act of 2007." The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The resolution makes in order only those amendments that are preprinted in the Congressional Record before beginning consideration of the bill or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee and shall be considered as read.

The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas and Boozman.

#### NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYSTEM ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2016, the National Landscape Conservation System Act, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. 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 Natural Resources 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 accompanying the resolution. 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. 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 Grijalva and Young of Alaska.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine cyber warfare programs, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Air Force and Navy aviation programs, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine coal gasification technologies, focusing on the need for large scale projects, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1633, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, S. 1993 and H.R. 2197, bills to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, S. 2207, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Green McAdoo School in Clinton, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2254, to establish the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, S. 2262, to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, S. 2329 and H.R. 2627, bills to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, S. 2502 and H.R. 3332, bills to provide for the establishment of