

U.S. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS OF VIOLENT CRIMES OVERSEAS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine closing legal loopholes, focusing on prosecuting sexual assaults and other violent crimes committed overseas by American civilians in a combat environment, after receiving testimony from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Gregory B. Starr, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and J. Bradford Wiegmann, Assistant Legal Adviser for Management, both of the Department of State; and Robert E. Reed, Associate Deputy General Counsel for Military Justice and Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Eugene R. Fidell, Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell, LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Mary Beth Kineston, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, and Dawn Leamon, Lena, Illinois, both of KBR, Inc.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs, D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana,

to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, who was introduced by Senator Kennedy, and William E. Todd, to be Ambassador to the State of Brunei Darussalam, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AT THE VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine efforts to make the Department of Veterans Affairs the workplace of choice for health care providers, after receiving testimony from Marisa Palkuti, Director, Health Care Retention and Recruitment Office, Veterans Health Administration, Shelia M. Cullen, Director, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, California, Steven P. Kleinglass, Director, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Jennifer L. Strauss, Health Scientist, Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care, Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Marjorie Kanof, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; John A. McDonald, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Reno, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges; Valerie O'Meara, Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO); and Randy Phelps, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5734–5754; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 325–326; H. Res. 1093–1096, were introduced. **Pages H2149–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2151–52**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1092, relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 110–574). **Page H2149**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Carey D. Froelich, First Baptist Church, Baytown, Texas. **Page H2073**

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

Welcoming His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States: H. Res. 838, amended, to welcome His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States; **Pages H2076–78**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address

crime and violence in the region: H. Res. 865, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region; **Pages H2078–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with the current member states of Caribbean Community and the Dominican Republic to address crime and violence in the region.”. **Page H2081**

Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the “Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 176; **Pages H2081–83, H2121**

Julia M. Carson Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 177; **Pages H2083–86, H2121–22**

William “Bill” Clay Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “William ‘Bill’ Clay Post Office Building”; and **Pages H2086–88**

Recognizing the plumbing industry and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Plumbing Industry Week”: H. Res. 1082, to recognize the plumbing industry and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Plumbing Industry Week”. **Pages H2092–93**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, April 10th:

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department’s employees for their extraordinary ef-

forts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation: H. Res. 1038, to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department’s employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation. **Pages H2088–92**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, April 8th:

Calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans: H. Res. 1077, to call on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 166. **Pages H2098–99**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 4:25 p.m. **Page H2112**

National Landscape Conservation System Act: The House passed H.R. 2016, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, by a recorded vote of 278 yeas to 140 noes, Roll No. 174. **Pages H2093–96, H2099–H2119**

Rejected the Cannon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 173. **Pages H2117–18**

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 H2105**

Accepted:

Cannon amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that the National Landscape Conservation System Act does not create an independent federal legal cause of action based on inclusion in the System; **Pages H2106–07**

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that reiterates that nothing in the bill shall impede efforts by the Department of Homeland Security to secure the borders of the United States (by a recorded vote of 414 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 167); **Pages H2105–06, H2113**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that inclusion in the National Landscape Conservation System does not

additionally restrict or hinder energy development within the System (by a recorded vote of 333 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 170); **Pages H2109, H2115**

Altmire amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that the bill does not in any way limit access for hunting, fishing, trapping or recreational shooting on the 27 million acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management and also provides that H.R. 2016 does not in any way infringe on a state's right to manage, control or regulate its hunting, fishing, trapping and recreational shooting activities on these lands (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 171); and

Pages H2109–10, H2115–16

Pearce amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that provides that inclusion in the National Landscape Conservation System does not affect existing grazing rights or operations on those Bureau of Land Management lands (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 172).

Pages H2110–11, H2116–17

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that sought to strike the preamble to the establishment of the National Landscape Conservation System (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 168) and **Pages H2107–08, H2113–14**

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that sought to strike Section 3(c)(2) and insert language directing the Interior Secretary to manage the system in accordance with each applicable law (including regulations) relating to each component of the system included under subsection (b) (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 169). **Pages H2108–09, H2114–15**

Withdrawn:

Walden amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–573) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (P.L. 106–399) from the bill. **Pages H2111–12**

H. Res. 1084, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 165, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 164.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012.

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Agreed to the Goodlatte motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 175. **Pages H2120–21**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201–12601, and 12701–12808), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Peterson (MN), Holden, McIntyre, Etheridge, Boswell, Baca, Cardoza, Scott (GA), Goodlatte, Lucas, Moran (KS), Hayes, Musgrave, and Neugebauer. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of secs. 4303 and 4304 of the House bill, and secs. 4901–4905, 4911, and 4912 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), McCarthy (NY), and Platts. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 6012, 6023, 6024, 6028, 6029, 9004, 9005, and 9017 of the House bill, and secs. 6006, 6012, 6110–6112, 6202, 6302, 7044, 7049, 7307, 7507, 9001, 11060, 11072, 11087, and 11101–11103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Pallone, and Barton (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 11310 of the House bill, and secs. 6501–6505, 11068, and 13107 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kanjorski, Waters, and Bachus. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 3001–3008, 3010–3014, and 3016 of the House bill, and secs. 3001–3022, 3101–3107, and 3201–3204 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Berman, Sherman, and Ros-Lehtinen. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 11102, 11312, and 11314 of the House bill, and secs. 5402, 10103, 10201, 10203, 10205, 11017, 11069, 11076, 13102, and 13104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Scott (VA), and Smith (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2313, 2331, 2341, 2405, 2607, 2607A, 2611, 5401, 6020, 7033, 7311, 8101, 8112, 8121–8127, 8204, 8205, 11063, and 11075 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rahall, Bordallo, and McMorris Rodgers. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 1501 and 7109 of the House bill, and secs. 7020, 7313, 7314, 7316, 7502, 8126, 8205, and 10201 of the Senate

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Towns, and Jordan (OH). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 4403, 9003, 9006, 9010, 9015, 9019, and 9020 of the House bill, and secs. 7039, 7051, 7315, 7501, and 9001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Lampson, and McCaul (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of subtitle D of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velázquez, Shuler, and Chabot. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 2203, 2301, 6019, and 6020 of the House bill, and secs. 2604, 6029, 6030, 6034, and 11087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Norton, and Graves. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 1303 and title XII of the House bill, and secs. 12001–12601, and 12701–12808 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rangel, Pomeroy, and McCrery. **Page H2123**

For consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201–12601, and 12701–12808), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives DeLauro and Putnam. **Page H2123**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2152–65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2907, H2097–98, H2098–99, H2113, H2113–14, H2114–15, H2115, H2116, H2116–17, H2118, H2118–19, H2120–21, H2121 and H2122. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce I. Knight, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE; INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION; BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the USTR. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the International Trade Administration. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, ATF, Department of Justice.

FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Communications Commission. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Daniel Nichols, Assistant Chief.

ARMY BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Army Budget. Testimony was heard from Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

STATUS—IRAQ WAR AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS; STATUS OF U.S. GROUND FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ryan C. Crocker, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

The Committee also held a hearing and on the current status of U.S. ground forces. Testimony was