

Protection concluded a hearing to examine international deforestation and climate change, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling, LLP, David Hayes, former Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior, and Dirk Forrister, Natsource LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Gurney, Purdue University Climate Change Research Center (PCCRC), West Lafayette, Indiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, with an amendment;

S. Con. Res. 74, honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, for his service to the people of Ireland and to the world and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States;

S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, with an amendment;

S. Res. 523, expressing the strong support of the Senate for the declaration of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the Bucharest Summit that Ukraine and Georgia will become members of the alliance;

The Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on International Hydrographic Organization done at Monaco on April 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-09); and

The nominations of Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, 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, Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, 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, 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, William Edward Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5856-5874; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 1124, 1127-1133 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 900, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-597);

H.R. 5151, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-598, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5712, to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or

performance of Federal contracts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–599);

H.R. 5613, to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–600);

H.R. 5522, to require the Secretary of Labor to issue interim and final occupational safety and health standards regarding worker exposure to combustible dust, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–601);

H.R. 3032, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–602);

H. Res. 1125, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5819) to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology transfer (STTR) program (H. Rept. 110–603); and

H. Res. 1126, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2830) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–604). **Page H2551**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2491**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H2494**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wynn, wherein he resigned as Representative for the 4th Congressional District of Maryland, effective 11:59 p.m. EST, May 31, 2008. **Page H2495**

Commission on Children and Disasters—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Children and Disasters: Dr. David Schonfeld of Glendale, Ohio and Mr. Lawrence E. Tan of Newark, Delaware. **Page H2495**

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

Copper Salmon Wilderness Act: H.R. 3513, amended, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers; **Pages H2496–97**

Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places: H.R. 5151, amended, to designate as wilderness additional National

Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 368 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 206; **Pages H2497–99, H2531**

Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act of 2008: H.R. 831, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 207; **Pages H2499–H2500, H2531–32**

Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act: H.R. 3734, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area; **Pages H2500–01**

Expressing Congressional support for the goals and ideals of National Health Care Decisions Day: H. Con. Res. 323, to express Congressional support for the goals and ideals of National Health Care Decisions Day; **Pages H2501–02**

Recognizing March 6, 2008, as the first-ever World Glaucoma Day: H. Res. 981, amended, to recognize March 6, 2008, as the first-ever World Glaucoma Day, established to increase awareness of glaucoma, which is the second leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States and worldwide, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 387 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 205; **Pages H2508–10, H2530–31**

Recognizing 2008 as the International Year of the Reef: H. Res. 1112, to recognize 2008 as the International Year of the Reef; **Pages H2510–12**

Celebrating 35 years of space-based observations of the Earth by the Landsat spacecraft: H. Res. 891, amended, to celebrate 35 years of space-based observations of the Earth by the Landsat spacecraft and to look forward to sustaining the longest unbroken record of civil Earth observations of the land; **Pages H2512–13**

Honoring the life and achievements of John Archibald Wheeler and expressing condolences on his passing: H. Res. 1118, to honor the life and achievements of John Archibald Wheeler and to express condolences on his passing; and **Pages H2513–15**

Declaring the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Earth Day for developing the scientific and technological capabilities to achieve those goals: H. Res. 1117, to declare the support of the House of Representatives for the

goals and ideals of Earth Day and for developing the scientific and technological capabilities to achieve those goals. **Pages H2528–30**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:22 p.m. **Page H2528**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2530**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, April 23rd:

Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008: H.R. 5613, amended, to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009 and

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel: H. Con. Res. 322, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and to reaffirm the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel. **Pages H2515–27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2495.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2530–31, H2531, and H2531–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FDA FOREIGN DRUG INSPECTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspection Program: Weaknesses Place Americans at Risk.” Testimony was heard from Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner FDA; Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; Carl R. Nielsen, former Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Import Operations, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PRISON ABUSE REMEDIES ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4109, Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sarah V. Hart, Assistant

District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Jeanne S. Woodford, Chief Adult Probation Officer, City and County, San Francisco, California and former Warden, San Quentin State Prison; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETING COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2830, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.” The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. In lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Committee report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Committee report except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. This does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In addition, in the engrossment of H.R. 2830, the Clerk IS directed to add at the end the text of H.R. 2399, the “Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007,” as it