

maintains the provision that DOL shall include appropriate and relevant NFPA standards in the final standard but eliminates references to specific NFPA standards; and (4) clarifies that the final standard shall be conducted in accordance with usual rule-making procedural requirements, including those that provide for small business review (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 230).

Pages H2914–15, H2918–19

Rejected:

Wilson (SC) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–613) that sought to direct OSHA to wait for the outcome of the Imperial Sugar investigation and findings from the combustible dust National Emphasis Program before deciding on whether to move forward with a standard (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 237 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 231).

Pages H2915–18, H2919

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1157, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 228, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 227.

Pages H2891–94, H2907–08

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan (WI) gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007.

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Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, May 1st.

Pages H2924–30

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2859 and H2922.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2907–08, H2908, H2909, H2918, H2919, H2921, and H2921–22. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor; Vincent Gray, Chairman, City Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

21ST CENTURY HIGH-PERFORMANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3021, 21st Century High-Performance Public School Facilities Act.

FHA HOUSING STABILIZATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP RETENTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5916, Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008; and H.R. 5834, North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension calendar: H.R. 3658, To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service; 2008; H.R. 1011, Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan; H. Res. 1063, Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H. Res. 1109, Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place

around the globe; H. Res. 1127, amended, Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press; H. Res. 1166, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia; H. Con. Res. 317, Condemning the Burmese regimes's undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum; H. Con. Res. 318, amended, Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation; H. Con. Res. 332, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and H. Res. 337, Honoring the Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

HOMELAND SECURITY/PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1333, amended, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 4183, National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act of 2007; and H.R. 5890, amended, Citizen and Community Preparedness Act of 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4279, amended, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007; H.R. 5690, amended, To exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes; H.R. 1650, amended, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2007; and H.R. 5593, Congressional Review Act Improvement Act.

The committee also began markup of H.R. 4044, National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008.

VISA BACKLOGS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Wasted Visas, Growing Backlogs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security: Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director; and Donald Neufeld, Acting Associate Director, Domestic Oper-

ations; and the following officials of the Department of State: Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Service; and Charles Oppenheim, Chief, Visa Control and Reporting Division.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3323, amended, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; H.R. 2649, amended, To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 4841, amended, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act; H.R. 5618, amended, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 1464, amended, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, amended, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act; H.R. 3667, amended, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007; and H.R. 3930, amended, Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007.

MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of Missile Defense (Part 3): Questions for Missile Defense Agency. Testimony was heard from LTG Henry A. Obering III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of May 1, 2008, relating to the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 5715) to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families.

(2) The bill (H.R. 493) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

(3) A bill to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

ELECTRONIC REFUSE

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on E-Waste: Can the Nation Handle Modern Refuse in the Digital Age? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS—CREDIT CRUNCH IMPACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Effect of the Credit Crunch on Small Business Access to Capital.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Saving Lives and Money through the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program. Testimony was heard from David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator and Federal Insurance Administrator Mitigation Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Buyer and Stupak; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2790, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary for Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 5729, amended, Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; H.R. 5554, amended, Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; H.R. 5856, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act; H.R. 3681, amended, Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007; H.R. 3889, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; H.R. 4883, amended, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a limitation on the sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property owned by a servicemember during the one-year period following the servicemember's period of military service; H.R. 4884, amended, Helping Our Veterans To Keep Their Homes Act of 2008; H.R. 4889, amended, The Guard and Reserves Are Fighting Too Act of 2008; H.R. 5664, amended, To amend title 39, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years

the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary; H.R. 5684, amended, Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 5826, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008; and H.R. 5892, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors, and for other purposes.

DNI BUDGET WRAP-UP

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the DNI Budget Wrap-up. Testimony was heard from Mike McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings to examine addressing the issue of homeless veterans in America, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine financial literacy for today's homebuyers, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lily Fu Claffee, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, and William J. Brennan, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, both of the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of state and federal regulatory structures for governing electric utility holding companies relating to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the military build-up on Guam, focusing on the impact on civilian community, planning, and response, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.