

Washington, D.C.; Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr., Maryland's Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Baltimore; and Kenneth F. Boehm, National Legal and Policy Center, Falls Church, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

#### MEDICARE PART D

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Medicare program

for the most vulnerable, focusing on senior citizens at risk, and including Medicare Part D and the Social Security Administration's implementation of the low-income subsidy, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; N. Joyce Payne, AARP, and Laura Summer, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Lisa Emerson, Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program, Salem, Oregon; and Judy Korynasz, Hillsboro, Oregon.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 6123–6166; and 20 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88–89; H. Con. Res. 361–365; and H. Res. 1220–1232, were introduced. (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5540, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (H. Rept. 110–667);

H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–668);

H.R. 5876, to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–669);

H.R. 554, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–670, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–671); and

H.R. 3774, to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–672). (See next issue.)

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4455**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 1221, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays with 10 voting “present”, Roll No. 352. **Pages H4468–69**

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

*Providing for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012:* H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 306 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 353. **Pages H4469–H4655**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 20th:

*Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora:* H. Res. 1194, to reaffirm the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 10 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 354 and **Pages H4655–56**

*Recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who*

*were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict:* H. Res. 986, amended, to recognize the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and to call for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 366. (See next issue.)

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009:** The House passed H.R. 5658, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009, by a recorded vote of 384 yeas to 23 noes, Roll No. 365.

**Pages H4656–H4763, H4763–78 (Continued next issue)**

Rejected the Conaway motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 364. (See next issue.)

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

(See next issue.)

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes.”. (See next issue.)

Accepted:

Skelton manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that makes technical corrections to the bill; **Pages H4741–42**

Skelton amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that requires the Defense Secretary, Secretary of State, and USAID Administrator to establish a standing advisory panel to improve integration on matters of national security; **Pages H4742–45**

Skelton en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 110–666: No. 7, that clarifies that the Federal Advisory Committee Act does not apply to the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the

United States; No. 9, that revises section 595 of the bill; No. 12, that provides \$22.3 million for Army Reserve first term dental readiness and \$8.5 million for Army Reserve demobilization dental treatment; No. 13, that requires defense contractors supporting the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan to report violent crimes committed against or by Defense Department contract employees and require that the information be made public; No. 16, that allows a service member with a minor dependent to request a deferment of a deployment to a combat zone if their spouse is currently deployed to a combat zone; No. 17, that requires the Navy Secretary and the Interior Secretary to negotiate a memorandum of agreement to transfer the decommissioned Naval Security Group Activity, Skaggs Island, Sonoma, California, from the Navy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge System; No. 18, that adds an additional finding to title XVI of the bill to reflect the Administration’s request for stabilization activities; No. 21, that requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress an acquisition strategy for insurance required by the Defense Base Act; No. 27, that directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the United States Postal Service, to provide postal benefits to service members serving in Iraq or Afghanistan or currently hospitalized under the care of the Armed Forces; No. 29, that directs the Defense Secretary to study the use of power management software at DOD facilities to reduce the amount of electricity consumed by computers, monitors, and other electronic equipment; No. 34, that requires DOD to report to Congress on implementation of the recommendations of the report entitled, “Review of the Toxicologic and Radiologic Risks to Military Personnel from Exposure to Depleted Uranium During and After Combat”; No. 35, that requires the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to submit a report to Congress detailing the extent to which the various provisions enacted within title XVIII of the FY08 National Defense Authorization Act have been effective; No. 36, that allows the Defense Department six months to review appeals from service members who were denied full Army College Fund benefits under Army Incentive Program contracts; No. 37, that requires that for any Department of Defense contracts for truck transportation or service using fuel, the motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder involved in the transaction must pass any fuel surcharge on to the person responsible for paying the cost of fuel and to disclose that surcharge and other charges in writing; No. 38, that requires a report from the Secretary of Defense within 45 days after the date of enactment on laboratory personnel demonstration projects; No. 39, that extends eligibility for military disability retired pay to individuals who left enlisted service in

order to attend a military academy between January 1, 2000 and October 28, 2004, and who suffered a disabling injury while attending the academy; No. 41, that expands existing authority for professional military education institutions of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to award degrees to graduates of their schools; No. 44, that requires the Defense Secretary to establish a program to research and develop unexploded ordnance detection technology and facilitate the deployment of this technology in the field; No. 47, that requires a report be submitted to the congressional defense committees by the Secretary of the Navy not later than 120 days after enactment of the act on future jet carrier training requirements; No. 48, that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project to assess the feasibility of providing a behavioral health care provider locator and appointment assistance service; No. 49, that requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on DOD's policies regarding the sale and disposal of used motor vehicle oil; No. 54, that expresses the sense of Congress that each military department should, to the maximum extent practicable, provide honor guard details for the funerals of veterans; and No. 57, that makes it the policy of the United States that any Status of Forces Agreement negotiated between the U.S. and Iraq include measures requiring the Iraqi Government to provide financial or other types of support for U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Iraq;

**Pages H4746–56**

Boren amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that includes clarifying language regarding the procurement by a federal agency of alternative or synthetic fuels; clarifies conditions by which DOD and other federal agencies would be allowed to enter into a contract to purchase a generally available fuel, if it is not predominantly an alternative or synthetic fuel; and sets forth a set of conditions pursuant to these changes;

**Pages H4764–66**

Waxman amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that requires agencies to enhance competition in contracting; limits the use of abuse-prone contracts; rebuilds the federal acquisition workforce; strengthens anti-fraud measures; and increases transparency in federal contracting;

**Pages H4766–74**

Israel amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that creates a joint Department of Defense/Department of State program for the purpose of hiring Iraqis (who supported the U.S. efforts in Iraq and have resettled in the U.S.) as interpreters, translators, and cultural awareness instructors for various agencies of the Federal government and to increase awareness of the existence of the program;

**Pages H4777–78**

Skelton en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 110–666: No. 5, that requires the President to develop and submit to Congress a comprehensive inter-agency strategy for strategic communication and public diplomacy by December 31, 2009; No. 10, that provides that autistic children of members of the Armed Forces, who are enrolled in the Extended Care Health Option program, receive a minimum of \$5,000 per month of autistic therapy services; No. 11, that establishes the Visiting NIH Senior Neuroscience Fellowship Program at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury; No. 14, that gives the secretary of a military department authority to authorize military installations to enter into partnerships with colleges, universities, and technical schools for the purposes of improving the accessibility and flexibility of college courses available to active duty service members; No. 19, that finds that Congress and the Secretary of Defense should work to understand and identify the contributing factors related to suicide amongst our service men and women; No. 20, that increases (by offset) the amount provided for DOD military personnel by \$3 million, one million for each of the Army Secretary, Navy Secretary, and Air Force Secretary, for the funeral honors program; No. 24, that amends safeguards and internal controls of DOD to require that appropriate inventory and property systems are updated promptly in response to expenditures charged to a purchase card related to sensitive and pilferable property; No. 28, that directs the Defense Secretary to include the effects of greenhouse gas emissions in planning, requirements development, and acquisition processes; No. 30, that permits the Army Secretary to award the Army Combat Action Badge to those soldiers who served during the dates ranging from December 7, 1941, to September 18, 2001, if the Secretary determines such individuals have not been previously recognized; No. 40, that requires the Defense Secretary to conduct a demonstration project to assess the feasibility and efficacy of providing a face to face post-deployment mental health screening between a member of the Armed Forces and a mental health provider; No. 42, that requires the Secretary of Defense to revise the regulations issued pursuant to section 862 of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act to ensure that private security contractors are not authorized to perform inherently governmental functions in an area of combat operations; No. 45, that permits the Transportation Secretary, acting through the Maritime Administration, to establish a Port of Guam Improvement Enterprise Program to provide for the planning, design, and construction of projects

for the Port of Guam; No. 46, that requires the Comptroller General to review, and report to Congress within one year on, the DOD's implementation of the recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health; and No. 43, that requires the Defense Secretary to study methods to verifiably reduce the likelihood of accidental nuclear launch by any nation; (See next issue.)

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that provides that no provision in any status of forces agreement negotiated between the United States and the Government of Iraq that obligates the United States to the defense of Iraq from internal or external threats shall have any legal effect unless the agreement is in the form of a treaty requiring the advice and consent of the Senate, or is specifically authorized by an Act of Congress (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 359);

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Braley (IA) amendment (No. 53 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that requires the President to submit a report to Congress on the long-term costs of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom within 90 days of enactment; directs the estimate to be based on certain scenarios; make projections through at least Fiscal Year 2068; and take into account and specify various factors, including operational costs, reconstruction costs, and the cost of providing health care and disability benefits (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 360);

(See next issue.)

Bishop (GA) amendment (No. 52 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that provides 180 days of transitional health care to those service members who separate honorably from active duty and agree to serve in the Guard or Selected Reserve at no charge to the service member;

(See next issue.)

Ellsworth amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that revises the Federal Acquisition Regulation by requiring each contract awarded by the Department of Defense to contain a clause prohibiting the contractor from performing the contract using a subsidiary or subcontractor that is a foreign shell company if the foreign shell company will perform the work of the contract or subcontract using United States citizens or permanent residents of the United States;

(See next issue.)

Hodes amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that provides that no funds authorized in the bill may be used for propaganda purposes, and directs the DOD Inspector General and GAO to report on whether or not the defense analysts program violated the propaganda provisions of Department of Defense appropriations bills for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2008;

(See next issue.)

Foster amendment (No. 58 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that amends title XXXI of the bill (DOE National Security Programs) to require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to establish a fellowship program for Ph.D. candidates in nuclear chemistry;

(See next issue.)

Schwartz amendment (No. 51 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that prevents future use of the airfield at NASJRB Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, for commercial passenger operations; commercial cargo operations; commercial, business, or nongovernment aircraft operations not related to missions of the installation; and as a reliever airport to relieve congestion at other airports;

(See next issue.)

Spratt amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that requires the DNI, on an annual basis, to submit to Congress an update of the National Intelligence Estimate entitled "Iran: Nuclear Intentions and Capabilities" and dated November 2007; such update may be submitted in classified form; the President shall notify Congress in writing within 15 days of determining that Iran has met or surpassed any major milestone in its nuclear weapons program or that Iran has undertaken to accelerate, decelerate, or cease the development of any significant element within its nuclear weapons program;

(See next issue.)

Price (NC) amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that prohibits agencies under the Department of Defense from using contractors to perform interrogations; the amendment allows the use of contractors for interpretation (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 361);

(See next issue.)

Holt amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that requires the videotaping or electronic recording of detainee interrogations in the custody of or under the effective control of the Department of Defense; directs the Judge Advocates General of the respective military services to develop uniform guidelines for such videotaping or electronic recording, and for said guidelines to be provided to Congress (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 362); and

(See next issue.)

McGovern amendment (No. 31 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that requires the Defense Secretary to release to the public, upon request, the names, ranks, countries of origin, and other information of students and instructors of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation ("WHINSEC"); the amendment covers fiscal years 2005-2008 and any fiscal year thereafter (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 363).

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

Akin amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110-666) that sought to increase funding (by offset) for Future Combat Systems by \$193 million (by a

recorded vote of 128 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 355);

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Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that sought to add \$719 million (by offset) to the Missile Defense Agency's Budget (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 356);

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Tierney amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that sought to reduce funding (by offset) for the Missile Defense Agency by \$966.2 million (by a recorded vote of 122 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 357); and

**Pages H4759–62 (continued next issue)**

Pearce amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that sought to remove \$10 million in funding for energy conservation on military installations and increase funding for the Reliable Replacement Warhead program by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 358).

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**Withdrawn:**

Flake amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 110–666) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited any funds appropriated to carry out H.R. 5658 from being used for a library/lifelong learning center at Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, California. (See next issue.)

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. (See next issue.)

H. Res. 1218, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 351, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 350.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 4th. (See next issue.)

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 3, 2008. (See next issue.)

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4778.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 85 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4467–68, H4468, H4469, H4654–55, H4655–56 (continued next issue). There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:35 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con.

Res. 355, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008.

## Committee Meetings

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Office of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect; Terrie Rouse, CEO, Visitor Services; and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, both with the Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### U.S. MAINLAND EXOTIC DISEASE RESEARCH

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: Government Plans to Move Exotic Disease Research to the Mainland United States." Testimony was heard from Nancy R. Kingsbury, Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; Bruce I. Knight, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA; Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### CONFORMING LOAN LIMIT INCREASE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Impact on Homebuyers and Housing Market of Conforming Loan Limit Increase." Testimony was heard from Heather Peters, Deputy Secretary, Business Regulation and Housing, State of California; and public witnesses.

### OIL PRICES AND HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Rising Oil Prices: Declining National Security? Testimony was heard from David Sandalow, former Assistant Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

### U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS/DEMOCRACY PROMOTION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on City on the Hill or Just Another Country? The United States and the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic; and a public witness.