

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES—UNDERREPORTING

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Hidden Tragedy: Underreporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. Testimony was heard from: John Ruser, Assistant Commandant, Safety and Health Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; Bob Whitmore, former Chief, OSHA Division of Recordkeeping, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

STATE OF THOROUGHBRED RACING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Breeding, Drugs, and Breakdowns: The State of Thoroughbred Horseracing and the Welfare of the Thoroughbred Racehorse.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: An Overview.” Testimony was heard from Douglas P. Scott, Director, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Affordable Housing and Preservation and Protection of Tenants.” Testimony was heard from John

L. Garvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Multi-Family Housing Programs and Senior Advisor to the Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, City of New York; Clarence Snuggs, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and Labor held a joint hearing on Restoring America’s Leadership through Scholarships for Undergraduates from Developing Countries: The Uniting Students in America (USA) Proposal. Testimony was heard from George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL GENETICS REGULATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Genetics and other Human Modification Technologies: Sensible International Regulation of New Kind of Arms Race. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FALSE CLAIMS ACT CORRECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a joint hearing on H.R. 4854, False Claims Act Correction Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—UTAH NAVAJO TRUST FUND

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Utah Navajo Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; Tani Pack Downing, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT—GRANTMAKING PRACTICES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Examining Grantmaking Practices at the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

FISA ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6304, the “FISA Amendments Act of 2008.” The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008—PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642), the “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008.” The rule would make in order a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations that the House (1) concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment numbered 1 and (2) concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment numbered 2 with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The motion shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The Chair shall divide the question between the dispositions of the two Senate amendments.

Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule permits the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to insert in the Congressional Record dated June 19, 2008, such material as he may deem explanatory of the motion.

The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider a concurrent resolution providing for the ad-

jourment of the House and Senate during the month of July. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Woolsey, Lee and Shays.

FEDERAL WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on an Insecure Forecast for Continuity of Climate and Weather Data: The NPOESS Weather Satellite Program. Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Business Exports in the Current Economic Climate.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard, and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Federal Maritime Commission Management and Regulation of International Shipping. Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the Federal Maritime Commission: Rebecca F. Dye; Joseph E. Brennan; and Harold J. Creel, Jr., and public witnesses.

MISSISSIPPI REDEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Moving Mississippi Forward: Ongoing Progress and Remaining Problems. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor, Thompson of Mississippi, and Pickering; Sidney Melton, Director, Mississippi Transitional Recovery Office, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Womack, Director, Emergency Management Agency, States of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2721, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop, and the Secretary of Defense to distribute to members of the Armed Forces upon their discharge or release from active duty, information in a compact disc read-only memory format that lists and explains the health, education, and other benefits for which veterans are eligible under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans; H.R. 2786, Servicemembers Telecom Contract Relief Act; H.R. 6070, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act;

H.R. 4255, United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2007; H.R. 6221, Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008; H.R. 6224, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6225, Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008; and H.R. 6272, To authorize discretionary appropriations to carry out the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act of 1992, Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Zoe Lofgren of California, Cardoza, Carter, and Welch of Vermont; R. Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS STATUS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Social Security held a joint hearing on Economic Stimulus Payments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate; and Linda McMahon, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, SSA.

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.

Joint Meetings

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the drug policy of the United States, focusing on the economic impact, societal costs, and policy responses, after receiving testimony from Peter Reuter, University of Maryland School of Public Policy and Department of Criminology, College Park; John M. Walsh, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, D.C.; and Anne J.

Swern and Norma Fernandes, both of Kings County, Brooklyn, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D709)

H.R. 6081, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide benefits for military personnel. Signed on June 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–245)

H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012. Signed on June 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–246)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Revelations by former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider a resolution and report recommending to the House that Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator of EPA and Susan E. Dudley, Administrator of the Information and Regulatory Affairs in OMB, be cited for contempt of Congress. 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.