

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6513, H6547.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6531–32, H6532–33, H6533, H6544–45, H6545, H6545–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. DEFENSE GRAND STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on A New U.S. Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR'S WAGE/HOUR LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Is the Department of Labor Effectively Enforcing Our Wage and Hour Laws? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and Anne-Marie Lasowski, Acting Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues; Alexandria Passantino, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

PERMANENT NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Next Steps Toward Permanent Nuclear Waste Disposal.” Testimony was heard from Representative Berkley; from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and B. John Garrick, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Michael F. Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC; Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Framework and Coordination of the National Emergency Communications Plan.” Testimony was heard following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert D. Jamison, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and

Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications; and public witnesses.

AIR CARGO SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled “The Next Step in Aviation Security—Cargo Security: Is DHS Implementing the Requirements of the 9/11 Law Effectively?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John P. Shammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and James Tuttle, Director, Explosives Division, Directorate for Science and Technology; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNET COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Competition on the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008; H.R. 5312, Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act of 2008; and H.R. 3010, Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007.

ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part IV. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6064, National Silver Alert Act; H.R. 5898, Silver Alert Grant Program Act of 2008; and H.R. 423, Kristen’s Act Reauthorization of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doggett, Bilirakis and Myrick.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2297, Arizona National Scenic Trail Act; H.R. 2299, Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act; H.R. 5335, To amend the

National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trails segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5671, To amend the laws establishing the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and the Columbia River National Gorge National Scenic Area, units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to retain and utilize special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation of marinas in the recreation area and the operation of the Multnomah Fall Lodge in the scenic area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6305, To clarify the authorization for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Parks and San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Blumenauer, Rodriguez, Giffords, Heller of Nevada, and Tsongas, Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Chuck Myers, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; James B. Gibson, Mayor, Henderson, Nevada; John M. Vasquez, Supervisor, Board of Supervisors, Solano County, California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3437, amended, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; and H.R. 5293, amended, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS HOME RULE ACT; DC COURT , OFFENDER SUPERVISION, PAROLE, AND PUBLIC DEFENDER EMPLOYEES EQUITY ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action H.R. 6322, Public Charter Schools Home Rule Act of 2008.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Linda Springer, Director, OPM; and from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Ann Wicks, Ex-

ecutive Officer, Superior Court; Paul Quander, Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; and Avis E. Buchanan, Director, Public Defender Service.

AFRICOM; RATIONALES, ROLE, AND PROGRESS ON THE EVE OF OPERATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Office of the Secretary; Ambassador Mary C. Yates, Deputy to the Commander, Civil-Military Activities; and MG Michael A. Snodgrass, USAF, Chief of Staff, both with U.S. Africa Command; John Pendleton, Director, Force Structure and Defense Planning Issues, GAO; and Lauren Ploch, Analyst in African Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5959, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009." The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by 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 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. 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 the 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the

Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representatives Holt, Hinchey, Harman, Lee, Hoekstra, Shays, Castle and Kirk.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3999, the “National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007.” The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 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 report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Loebbeck, Mica, Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida, Poe, Miller of Michigan, Shays, and Conaway.

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS/ UNIVERSITIES—INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations and

Universities in International Science and Technology Cooperation. Testimony was heard from Michael Clegg, Foreign Secretary, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

NIST-BOULDER’S LOW-LEVEL PLUTONIUM SPILL

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held an oversight hearing on Low-Level Plutonium Spill at NIST-Boulder; Contamination of Lab and Personnel. Testimony was heard from James Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and the following officials of the NRC: Charles Miller, Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs; and Elmo Collins, Regional Administrator, Region IV Office; and Kenneth Rogers former Commissioner, NRC.

VETERANS-MEDIA OUTREACH

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Veterans Media Outreach to Veterans. Testimony was heard from Lisette M. Mondello, Assistant Secretary, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

STATE COVERAGE INITIATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on State Coverage Initiatives. Testimony was heard from JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Services, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing from Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

Joint Meetings

GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*, focusing on foreign terrorism suspects held at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, after receiving testimony from Matthew C. Waxman, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; and Gabor Rona, Human Rights First, and Jeremy Shapiro, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.