

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate completed action on U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6577–S6925

Measures Introduced: Sixty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 40, 1471–1529, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 214–219. **Pages S6844–46**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Allocations to Subcommittee of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. No. 110–74)

S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–72)

S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program. (S. Rept. No. 110–73)

H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H. Con. Res. 76, honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th anniversary of ASEAN United States dialogue and relationship.

S. Res. 211, expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela.

S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships.

S. Con. Res. 25, condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society. **Pages S6842–43**

Measures Passed:

Calling on the Government of Iran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 214, calling upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari. **Pages S6597–98**

National Hurricane Preparedness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 217, designating the week beginning May 20, 2007, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”. **Pages S6921–22**

Printing Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 218, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S6922**

Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, recognizing the year 2007 as the official 50th anniversary celebration of the beginnings of marinas, power production, recreation, and boating on Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia. **Page S6922**

Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1675, to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6922**

Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act: Senate passed H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6922**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012. **Pages S6922–23**

Transgression Against Freedom of Thought and Expression: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, expressing

the profound concern of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela.

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Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 32, honoring the 50th anniversary of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S6923–24

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales: Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 14, expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people. Page S6924

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 158, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. Page S6924

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6583–97, S6598–S6687

Adopted:

Specter (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 1190 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require undocumented immigrants receiving legal status to pay owed back taxes. Pages S6586–87, S6592–94

By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 176), Akaka Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1150), to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas. Pages S6583, S6594–95, S6601

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 179), Sanders Modified Amendment No. 1223 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish the American Competitiveness Scholarship Program. Pages S6609–12, S6618, S6623

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 177), Coleman/Bond Amendment No. 1158 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to facilitate information sharing between federal and local law enforcement officials related to an individual's immigration status. Pages S6583–85, S6594, S6595–96

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 178), Dorgan/Boxer Amendment No. 1181 (to Amendment No. 1150), to sunset the Y–1 nonimmigrant visa program after a 5-year period. Pages S6587–92, S6593, S6601–04

By 29 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 180), Vitter/DeMint Amendment No. 1157 (to Amendment No. 1150), to strike title VI (related to Nonimmigrants in the United States Previously in Unlawful Status). Pages S6605–07, S6609, S6619–20, S6624–25

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6583

Grassley/DeMint Amendment No. 1166 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. Page S6583

Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals. Pages S6583, S6585–86, S6612–18

Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals. Pages S6596–97

Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. Pages S6598–S6601

McConnell Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require individuals voting in person to present photo identification. Pages S6604–05

Feingold Amendment No. 1176 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II. Pages S6607–09

Durbin/Grassley Amendment No. 1231 (to Amendment No. 1150), to ensure that employers make efforts to recruit American workers. Pages S6618–19

Sessions Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status. Page S6620

Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the

largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status. **Pages S6620–22**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention. **Pages S6623–24**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Graham (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide local officials and the Secretary of Homeland Security greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing, previously agreed to on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S6592**

Subsequent to its adoption, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Akaka Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above) be modified. **Pages S6583, S6601**

Text of Amendment No. 1150 is printed on pages S6625–87.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 25, 2007. **Page S6924**

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act: By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 181), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6795–S6823**

Iraqi and Afghani Translators and Interpreters Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1104, to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6924**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army.

Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

James W. Holsinger, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

William J. Powell, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer.

2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S6925**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6840–41**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S6595, S6596, S6604, S6623, S6624–25, S6823**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008";

An original bill entitled “Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008”;

An original bill entitled “Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008”; and

An original bill entitled “Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2008”.

Also, committee received a report from the Select Committee on Intelligence on the proposed Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Specter, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

COAL GASIFICATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with coal gasification, including coal-to-liquids and industrial gasification, after receiving testimony from Antonia Herzog, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; William Fulkerson, University of Tennessee Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment, Knoxville; James T. Bartis, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; David L. Denton, Eastman Gasification Services Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; and Jay A. Ratafia-Brown, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine potential impacts of global warming on recreation and the recreation industry, after receiving testimony from Daniel Scott, University of Waterloo Department of Geography, Ontario, Canada; Tom Campion, Zumiez, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Michael Berry, National Ski Areas Association, Lakewood, Colorado; Bryant M. Watson, Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc., Barre Vermont; Betty Huskins, Southeast Tourism Policy Council, Fletcher, North Carolina; Derrick A. Crandall, American Recreation Coalition (ARC), and Barry W. McCahill, SUV Owners of America, both of Washington, D.C.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine energy efficiency, focusing on tax incentives for reducing consumption, after receiving

testimony from Kateri Callahan, Alliance to Save Energy, Dan Delurey, Demand Response and Advanced Metering Coalition, and Chris Edwards, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Stuart Thorn, Southwire Company, Carrollton, Georgia, on behalf of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association; Sean Casten, Recycled Energy Development, Westmont, Illinois; and Douglas Smith, NanoPore Incorporated, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Con. Res. 25, condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society;

S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship;

S. Res. 211, expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela; and

The nominations of Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador of Indonesia, James R. Keith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Miriam K. Hughes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Ravic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, and Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine federal real property, focusing on the property management problems highlighted in a recent Government Accountability Office report, after receiving testimony from Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director

for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; Boyd K. Rutherford, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration; David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Phillip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment); and Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management.

LOUISIANA'S ROAD HOME PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to residents of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita, focusing on the goals, costs, management and impediments facing Louisiana's Road Home Program, after receiving testimony from Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, and David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator, Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Nelson R. Bregon, Assistant Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Disaster Policy and Response; Andrew D. Kopplin, Louisiana Recovery Authority, and Susan Elkins, Louisiana Office of Community Development, both of Baton Rouge; Isabel Reiff, ICF International, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia,

on behalf of the Louisiana Road Home Program; Connie Uddo, St. Paul's Homecoming Center/Beacon of Hope Resource Center, Lakeview, Louisiana; and Debbie DeGruy-Gordon, Chimney Wood Homeowners Association, Frank Silvestri, Citizens' Road Home Action Team, Frank A. Trapani, New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and Walter Thomas, all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships;

H. Con. Res. 76, honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; and

The nominations of Janet T. Neff and Paul Lewis Maloney, each to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and Liam O'Grady, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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: 87 public bills, H.R. 2470–2556; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 158–163; and H. Res. 439–450 were introduced. (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 964, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–169). (See next issue.)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lynch to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5727**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 441, electing Representative Brady (PA) as Chairman of the Committee on House Administration. **Page H5749**

Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2317, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 420.

Pages H5749–55, (continued next issue.)

Agreed to the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 419. Subsequently, Representative Conyers reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H5753–55**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–167, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5749**

H. Res. 437, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2317 and H.R. 2316, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 416, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 415. **Pages H5738–47**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 158, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. (See next issue.)

Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2316, to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, by a recorded vote of 396 yeas to 22 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 423. (See next issue.)

Agreed to the Chabot motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 346 yeas to 71 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 422. Subsequently, Representative Conyers reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. (See next issue.)

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. (See next issue.)

Agreed to:

Conyers manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–167) that makes technical corrections to the text of the bill and permits Members to omit personally identifiable information not required to be disclosed on the reports posted on the Internet by the Clerk; (See next issue.)

Dreier amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–167) that adds language passed by the House as part of H.R. 4975 in the 109th Congress amending the post-employment restrictions contained in section 207(e) of title 18, United States Code; (See next issue.)

Castle amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–167) that states it is the sense of Congress that the use of a family relationship by a lobbyist who is an immediate family member of a Member of Congress to gain special advantages over other lobbyists is inappropriate; and (See next issue.)

Cardoza amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–167) that gives judges the discretion to increase the sentence for public officials convicted of bribery, fraud, extortion or theft of public funds greater than \$10,000. (See next issue.)

Rejected:

Conyers amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–167) that sought to place a one-year ban on flag and general officers of the Armed Services from receiving compensation from any company that does greater than \$50 million in business with the Department of Defense (by a recorded vote of 152 yeas to 271 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 421). (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. 437, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2317 and H.R. 2316, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 416, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 415. Pages H5738–47

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007: Concurred in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The House amendment was divided into two separate questions and voted on accordingly as House amendment No. 1 and House amendment No. 2, to the Senate amendment. (See next issue.)

Agreed to House amendment No. 1 (printed in H. Rept. 110–168) to the Senate amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 424. (See next issue.)

Agreed to House amendment No. 2 (printed in H. Rept. 110–168) to the Senate amendment, by a recorded vote of 280 yeas to 142 noes, Roll No. 425. (See next issue.)

H. Res. 438, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2206), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 418, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 417. Pages H5730–38, H5747–48

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Foreign Affairs have until midnight on Thursday, May 31, 2007 to file a report on H.R. 2446, to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002. (See next issue.)

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 6th. (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 5, 2007. (See next issue.)

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5727.

Senate Referrals: S. 1352 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. (See next issue.)

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages . There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 8:16 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2007 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 158, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

IRAQI POLICE TRAINING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on training and development of the Iraqi police service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Richard Swengros, USA, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Military Police School; COL Robert J. Coates, USMC, Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Experimentation Group, First Marine Expeditionary; and LTC Robert E. McCarthy, USMC, Executive Officer, Fifth Marine Regiment.

WORKPLACE SAFETY/OSHA COVERAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Workplace Safety: Why Do Millions of Workers Remain Without OSHA Coverage? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on Discussion Drafts Concerning Energy Efficiency, Smart Electricity Grid, Energy Policy Act of 2005 Title XVII Loan Guarantees, and Standby Loans for Coal-to-Liquids Projects." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David Rodgers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency; and Katherine A. Fredriksen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on International Food Aid Programs: Options To Enhance Effectiveness. Testimony was heard from William P. Hammink, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Luis Eduardo Siteo, Counselor Commercial, Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on expanding the Visa Waiver Program, Enhancing Transatlantic Relations. Testimony was heard from Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and Nathan A. Sales, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security.

OPIC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on the Reauthorization of OPIC. Testimony was heard from Robert Mosbacher, Jr., President and CEO, OPIC; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GUARD'S DOMESTIC READINESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of Equipment Shortages on the National Guard's Readiness for Homeland Security Missions." Testimony was heard from LTG H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Department of Defense; MG Roger P. Lempke, Adjutant General, Nebraska; MG C. Mark Bowen, Adjutant General, Alabama; and MG Robert P. French, Deputy Adjutant General, Army, Joint Forces Headquarters, National Guard, Pennsylvania.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Labor Movement Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KIDS AND THE OUTDOORS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a joint oversight hearing on No Child Left Inside: Reconnecting Kids with the Outdoors. Testimony was heard from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Gail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007; and H.R. 1526, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Robert Quint, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Nancy Parent, Councilmember, Pittsburg, California; and public witnesses.

U.S. MILITARY MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Invisible Casualties: The Incidence and Treatment of Mental Health Problems by the U.S. Military. Testimony was heard from Thomas Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Galle Pollock, USA, Army Surgeon General; Michael E. Kilpatrick, Deputy Director, Deployment Health Support; and public witnesses.

NASA'S VIDEO RECORDS DESTRUCTION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the NASA Administrator's Speech to Office of Inspector General Staff, the Subsequent Destruction of Video Records, and Associated Matters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Evelyn R. Klemstine, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Kevin Winters, Assistant Inspector general, Investigations; Paul Morrell, Chief of Staff, Office of the Administrator; and Michael Wholley, General Counsel.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH COVERAGE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Expanding Small Business Health Insurance Coverage Using the Private Reinsurance Market." Testimony was heard from Leonard D. Crouse, Deputy

Commissioner, Captive Insurance Division, Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE HIGHWAY/TRANSIT PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public-Private Partnerships: State and User Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Edward G. Rendell, Governor, State of Pennsylvania; Alan Lowenthal, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing, State of California; Terri J. Austin, Chair, House Committee on Roads and Transportation, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Tax Incentives for Affordable Housing. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Desmond, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, City of New York; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—SITUATION IN LEBANON

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Situation in Lebanon. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—DNI

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on DNI. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

REEMERGENCE OF RUSSIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia, focusing on the reemergence of Russia as a major political and economic power, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Sarah E. Mendelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and E. Wayne Merry, American Foreign Policy Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Lilia Shevtsova, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Igor Zevelev, Russian News and Information Agency, both of Moscow, Russia; Moscow; Jeffrey W. Hahn, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania; and Rajan Menon, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Monday, May 28

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1348, Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

Program for Friday: To be announced.



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