

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6079–S6156

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1390–1404, and S. Res. 199–202. **Page S6126**

Measures Reported:

S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–66) **Page S6126**

Measures Passed:

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National Health Information Technology Week”. **Pages S6154–55**

School-Based Music Education: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 121, recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6155**

Measures Considered:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate continue consideration of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6086–89, S6092–S6115, S6118–24

Rejected:

By 12 yeas and 77 nays (Vote No. 163), Coburn Amendment No. 1090 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the residents of the city of Sacramento are protected from the threat of floods before spending money to add sand to beaches in San Diego. **Pages S6086–89**

By 11 yeas and 79 nays (Vote No. 164), Coburn Amendment No. 1089 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the needs of Louisiana residents who lost their homes as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are met before

spending money to design or construct a non-essential visitors center. **Pages S6086, S6093**

By 22 yeas and 69 nays (Vote No. 165), Boxer (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1086 (to Amendment No. 1065), to establish a Water Resources Commission to prioritize water resources projects in the United States. **Pages S6086, S6093–95**

Withdrawn:

Cardin Amendment No. 1071 (to Amendment No. 1065), to provide for the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of liquefied natural gas terminals. **Pages S6092–93**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 166), Kerry Amendment No. 1094 (to Amendment No. 1065), to require the consideration of certain factors relating to global climate change. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, May 15, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the adoption of the amendment, it is withdrawn having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative. **Pages S6100–15**

Pending:

Boxer/Inhofe Amendment No. 1065, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6086**

Reid (for Levin/Reid) Amendment No. 1097 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), to provide for military readiness and benchmarks relative to Iraq. **Page S6086**

Reid (for Feingold/Reid) Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097), to provide for a transition of the Iraq mission. **Page S6086**

Warner/Collins Amendment No. 1134 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), relative to the President’s strategy in Iraq. **Pages S6118–21**

McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1135 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), to express the sense of the Senate that Congress must send to the President acceptable legislation to continue funds for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom by not later than May 28, 2007. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reid/Levin) Amendment No. 1097) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Warner (for Collins) Amendment No. 1134 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065) (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1135 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065) (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2007; vote on the motions to invoke cloture on certain amendments; provided further, that second-degree amendments may be filed until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

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U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1123, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1124 (to Amendment No. 1123), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions.

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Reid Amendment No. 1125 (to Amendment No. 1124), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions.

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Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 1126.

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Reid Amendment No. 1126 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 2206), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions.

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Reid Amendment No. 1127 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (to Amendment No. 1126)), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions.

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Reid Amendment No. 1128 (to Amendment No. 1127), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1123 (listed above) and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, May 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Thursday, May 17, 2007; and that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked, Senate remain on the bill until its disposition.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

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Concurrent Budget Resolution Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order on Thursday, May 17, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, if available, not withstanding Rule XXII.

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Comprehensive Immigration Reform—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 21, 2007, no earlier than 5:30 p.m., and that if cloture is invoked the motion be agreed to.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Sessions have up to 3 hours under his control to speak on Monday, May 21, 2007, and have 2 hours under his control on Tuesday, May 22, 2007; provided further, that the hour prior to the cloture vote be reserved for the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees.

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Stevens Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senator Stevens in the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until June 1, 2007.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States: Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying that the export to the People's Republic of China of certain materials, including an isostatic press for manufacturing automotive spare parts, is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry and that the material will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-13)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—166)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9:03 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHORT-TERM ENERGY OUTLOOK FOR SUMMER 2007

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the short-term energy outlook for the summer of 2007, focusing on oil and gasoline, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Kevin J. Lindemer, Global Insight, Lexington, Massachusetts; Paul Sankey, Deutsche Bank, New York, New York; and Geoff Sundstrom, AAA, Heathrow, Florida.

WATER AND LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 916, to modify the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, to establish the Minidoka National Historic Site, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 1057, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the New River in the States of North Carolina and Virginia as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1209, to provide for the continued administration of Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, S. 1281, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System, H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's

Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Schumer; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jack Dennis, Campaign for the Snake Headwaters, Jackson, Wyoming; Tom Ikeda, Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, Seattle, Washington; George Santucci, National Committee for the New River, West Jefferson, North Carolina; and Timothy D. Vail, Vail and Vickers Company, Santa Rosa Island, California.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy savings, water and air quality, economic, and other benefits of green buildings, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Fox, Jr., Cook and Fox Architects, New York, New York; Peter Templeton, United States Green Building Council, Washington, D.C.; Claire L. Barnett, Healthy Schools Network, Inc., Albany, New York; Ray Tonjes, Ray Tonjes Builder, Inc., Austin, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; and Ward Hubbell, Green Building Initiative, Portland, Oregon.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine equal representation in Congress, focusing on providing voting rights to the District of Columbia, in-

cluding S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch, Representatives Tom Davis and Norton; Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, Jack Kemp, Kemp Partners, Wade J. Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Viet D. Dinh, Georgetown University Law Center, and Jonathan R. Turley, George Washington University Law School, all of Washington, D.C.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: CURRENT AND FUTURE BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging concluded a hearing to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on current and future breakthrough research, after receiving testimony from Paul S. Aisen, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study; Arthur F. Kramer, University of Illinois, Urbana; Robert Essner, Wyeth, Madison, New Jersey; and J. Donald deBethizy, Targacept, Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

PRESERVING PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice and its handling of the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Lockheed Martin Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2313–2355; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 402, 405–408 were introduced. **Pages H5052–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5054–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–151) and

H. Res. 404, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1427, to reform the regulation of certain

housing-related government-sponsored enterprises (H. Rept. 110–152). **Pages H5050, H5052**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4969**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H4970**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Don Green, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Page H4970**

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

American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin: H.R. 634, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 345; **Pages H4973–76, H5014**

Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007: H.R. 692, amended, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 346; **Pages H4976–78, H5014–15**

John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007: H.R. 916, amended, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 341 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 347; **Pages H4978–82, H5015–16**

Recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity for Congress to improve the foster care system throughout the United States: H. Res. 263, amended, to recognize National Foster Care Month as an opportunity for Congress to improve the foster care system throughout the United States; **Pages H4982–85**

COPS Improvements Act of 2007: H.R. 1700, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 348; **Pages H4985–95, H5016**

Safe American Roads Act of 2007: H.R. 1773, amended, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 349; **Pages H4995–H5001, H5016–17**

James A. Leach Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 1505, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building”; **Pages H5001–03**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the ‘James A. Leach Federal Building’.” **Page H5003**

Authorizing the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation: H.R. 1036, amended, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; **Pages H5003–04**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 123, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Pages H5004–05**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week: H. Res. 352, to support the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; **Pages H5005–07**

Commemorating the marinas of the United States and expressing support for the designation of the sixth annual National Marina Day: H. Res. 343, amended, to commemorate the marinas of the United States and expressing support for the designation of the sixth annual National Marina Day; **Pages H5007–09**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 79, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H5009–10**

Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week: H. Res. 386, amended, to recognize the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week; and **Pages H5010–12**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and other boating safety organizations for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week”.

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Eosinophil Awareness Week, and for other purposes: H. Res. 296, to support the goals and ideals of National Eosinophil Awareness Week. **Pages H5012–13**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted certification to Congress that the export to the People’s Republic of China of certain listed items is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–34). **Page H5043**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative McCotter wherein he resigned from the

Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Foreign Affairs due to his election to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H5043**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m. **Page H5050**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4970.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5055.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5014, H5014–15, H5015, H5016, H5016–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FRESH PRODUCE SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review industry response to the safety of fresh and fresh-cut produce. Testimony was heard from Lloyd Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; David Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE CAMPUS SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Best Practices for Making College Campuses Safe. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECTOR WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Private Sector Whistleblowers: Are There Sufficient Legal Protections? Testimony was heard from Richard Fairfax, Director of Enforcement, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Tom Devine, Legal Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

CHILDREN'S PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Protecting Our Children: Current Issues in Children's Product Safety." Testimony was heard from Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PLAN AND LOW INCOME SUBSIDY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Savings

Plan and Low Income Subsidy: Keeping Medicare's Promise for Seniors and People with Disabilities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ENGAGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Re-Engagement in the Global Effort to Fight Climate Change. Testimony was heard from Eileen Claussen, former Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The 2007 Hurricane Season: Are We Prepared?" Testimony was heard from R. David Pulison, Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; William Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues Division, GAO; Craig Fugate, Director, Division of Emergency Management, State of Florida; and Joe Becker, Senior Vice President, Preparedness and Response, National Headquarters, American Red Cross.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1239, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1388, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act; H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; and H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula, Olver, Hastings of Florida; Castle and Murphy of Connecticut; Chris Jarvi, Associate Director, Partnerships and Visitor Experience, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert Stanton, former Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule. The rule provides for ninety minutes of general debate on H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Armed Services. 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 recommended by the Committee on Armed Services

shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also permits the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc if those amendments have been printed in the report and not earlier disposed of. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration any amendment printed in this report out of the order printed but not sooner than 30 minutes after the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the resolution 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 Skelton, Representatives, Boren, Ellsworth, McGovern, Moran of Virginia, Scott of Virginia, Holden, Blumenauer, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Tierney, Schakowsky, Thompson of California, Israel, Michaud, Lipinski, Braley, Carney, Walz, Saxton, Akin, Miller of Michigan, Franks of Arizona, Drake, Davis of Kentucky, Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida, Sessions, Tom Davis of Virginia, LaHood, Latham, Weller, Goode, Terry, Capito, King of Iowa, Musgrave and McCotter.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be read by title rather than by section and each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to the amendment in the nature of a substitute that have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record before the beginning of consideration of the bill or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Representatives Bachus.

ADVANCED COAL TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Prospects for Advanced Coal Technologies: Efficient Energy Production, Carbon Capture and Sequestration. Testimony was heard from Carl O. Bauer, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; Robert J. Finley, Director, Energy and Earth Resources Center, Geological Survey, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MATH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Federal STEM Education Programs: Educators' Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 612, amended, Returning Servicemember VA Health Insurance Act of 2007; H.R. 67, amended, Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1660, amended, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; and H.R. 2199, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in treatment of Individuals with traumatic brain injuries; and H.R. 2239, amended, Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits Act.

MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Payments to Certain Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers, Testimony was heard from Herb Kuhn, Acting Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Miller,

Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

STATE CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security held a hearing on challenges Facing the Child Welfare System. Testimony was heard from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director of Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; Mary Nelson, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Human Services, State of Iowa; Anne Holton, First Lady of Virginia; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to receive testimony from sundry public witnesses, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007", an original bill to make technical corrections to Title III of SAFETEA-LU; 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, H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing, S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi, and the nominations of David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, and Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, and David George Nason, of Rhode Island, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

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