

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7097–S7270

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1553–1560, S. Res. 221–223, and S. Con. Res. 35–36.

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Measures Passed:

Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies.

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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 S7099–S7152, S7153–67

Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 186), Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1333 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the immigration-related penalties associated with various criminal activities.

Pages S7101–15

Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention.

Pages S7099, S7144–43

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 190), Cornyn Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1150), to address documentation of employment and to make an amendment with respect to mandatory disclosure of information.

Pages S7099, S7144, S7145

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 191), Reid Amendment No. 1331 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify the application of the earned income tax credit.

Pages S7122–23, S7145–46

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 192), 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.

Pages S7099, S7137–39, S7146

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 194), Reid (for Kyl/Specter) Amendment No. 1460 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the allocation of visas with respect to the backlog of family-based visa petitions.

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Reid (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1150), to authorize the Secretary to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers.

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Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1272 (to Amendment No. 1150), to improve security by providing for the establishment of B–1 visitor visa decisionmaking guidelines and a tracking system.

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By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 197), Reid (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 1384 (to Amendment No. 1150), to preserve and enhance the role of the English language.

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By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 198), Reid (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1151 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States.

Pages S7149, S7151–52, S7157–58, S7161

Reid (for Hutchison/Grassley) Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1150), to prohibit obtaining Social Security benefits based on earnings obtained during any period without work authorization.

Pages S7149–50, S7154, S7156–57, S7161

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 201), Reid (for Dorgan/Durbin) Amendment No. 1316 (to Amendment No. 1150), to sunset Y–1 nonimmigrant visa program after a 5-year period.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 187), Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals.

Pages S7099–S7115, S7160–61

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 188), DeMint Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require health care coverage for holders of Z non-immigrant visas.

Pages S7099, S7120–21

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 189), Bingaman/Obama Modified Amendment No. 1267 (to Amendment No. 1150), to remove the requirement that Y–1 nonimmigrant visa holders leave the United States before they are able to renew their visa.

Pages S7099, S7117–20, S7121–22

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 196), Reid (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1374 (to Amendment No. 1150), to improve the criteria and weights of the merit-based evaluation system.

Pages S7148–49, S7153–54, S7158, S7159–60

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 199), Reid (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1339 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require that the U.S. VISIT system—the biometric border check-in/check-out system first required by Congress in 1996 that is already well past its already postponed 2005 implementation due date—be finished as part of the enforcement trigger.

Pages S7150, S7154–55, S7158–59, S7161–62

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 200), Salazar (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 1202 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide a date on which the authority of the section relating to the increasing of American competitiveness through a merit-based evaluation system for immigrants shall be terminated.

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Pending:

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

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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 S7099, S7144–45

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 S7099, S7133–34

Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require the enforcement of existing border security and immigration laws and Congressional approval before amnesty can be granted.

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

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. Subsequently, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in S. Con. Res. 21, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 195), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Salazar (for Clinton) Further Modified Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1150), to reclassify the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives. Subsequently, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in S. Con. Res. 21, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 7, 2007, that there be an hour of debate between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees, to run concurrently and with respect to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above), and the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above); provided that no amendments be in order to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150) prior to the vote, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150); that upon disposition of Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150), Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for

Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150; provided further, that Members have until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 7, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments. **Page S7270**

Appointments:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference for the first session of the 110th Congress. **Page S7269**

Attorney General Gonzales Sense of the Senate—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 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.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7152**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7152**

Clean Energy Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy.

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 Friday, June 8, 2007. **Page S7153**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7153**

Nominations: Discharged Nomination: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 9, 2007:

*Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate. **Page S7270**

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—201)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 and adjourned at 12:41 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S .)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TUBERCULOSIS PATIENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine failures in the health care and border control systems, focusing on one tuberculosis patient's international public health threat, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Deborah J. Spero, Deputy Commissioner, United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Steven R. Katkowsky, Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, and Andrew Speaker, both of Atlanta, Georgia; and Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council, Washington, D.C.

THE ROLE OF PRIVATE STUDENT LENDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying for a college education, focusing on the role of private student lending, after receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo, Tracy Grooms, Bank of America Corporation, and Peter B. Tarr, First Marblehead Corporation, all of New York, New York; Sevester Bell, Howard University, Jennifer Pae, United States Student Association, Barry W. Goulding, Sallie Mae, and Luke Swarthout, United States Public Interest Research

Group (U.S. PIRG), all of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan Avidan, Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON WATER SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the impact of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, focusing on related issues from a water-use perspective, after receiving testimony from Christopher Milly, Research Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey, and Terry Fulp, Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Bradley H. Udall, Director, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration—University of Colorado Western Water Assessment, Boulder; Timothy F. Brick, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; Philip W. Mote, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, Seattle; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Jack Williams, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Timothy Culbertson, National Hydropower Association, Ephrata, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 506, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy;

S. 635, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories; and

S. 1523, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant.

TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international trade and globalization, focusing on adjustments for a 21st century workforce, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution Global Economy and Development Program, Jane McDonald-Pines, AFL-CIO, and Howard Rosen, Trade Adjustment Assistance Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; Kimberly M. Didier, Newton Development Corporation, Newton, Iowa; and Jerry Ann Ross, Eureka, Montana.

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, focusing on the future of American innovation, after receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Bruce G. Bernstein, InterDigital Communications Cooperation, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; Mary E. Doyle, Palm, Inc., Sunnyvale, California; John A. Squires, Goldman, Sachs and Company, New York, New York; and Kathryn L. Biberstein, Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO).

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2576–2603; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165; and H. Res. 460, 466–469, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6111–12

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 459, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-

first Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–175);

H. Res. 461, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–176);

H. Res. 462, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–177);

H. Res. 463, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Florida (H. Rept. 110–178);

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 5) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research (H. Rept. 110–179); and

H. Res. 465, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 65) to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (H. Rept. 110–180). **Page H6109**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6011**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Zane Fishel, Temple Baptist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina. **Page H6011**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming. **Page H6011**

Permitting Official Photographs of the House in session: The House agreed to H. Res. 460, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H6015**

Authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center: The House agreed to S. 1537, to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H6015**

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

National STEM Scholarship Database Act: H.R. 1051, amended, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; **Pages H6015–18**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: H.R. 2559, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; **Pages H6018–19**

Honoring the trailblazing accomplishments of the “Mercury 13” women, whose efforts in the early 1960s demonstrated the capabilities of American women to undertake the human exploration of space: H. Res. 421, to honor the trailblazing accomplishments of the “Mercury 13” women, whose

efforts in the early 1960s demonstrated the capabilities of American women to undertake the human exploration of space; **Pages H6019–21**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Astronaut Walter Marty Schirra and expressing condolences on his passing: H. Res. 446, to honor the life and accomplishments of Astronaut Walter Marty Schirra and expressing condolences on his passing; **Pages H6021–23**

10,000 Trained by 2010 Act: H.R. 1467, to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs; **Pages H6024–26**

Green Energy Education Act of 2007: H.R. 1716, amended, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 432; **Pages H6026–27, H6046**

H-Prize Act of 2007: H.R. 632, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 433; and **Pages H6027–31, H6047**

Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act Spy Act: H.R. 964, amended, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 434. **Pages H6031–37, H6047–48**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit human cloning: H.R. 2560, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit human cloning, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 439. **Pages H6037–42, H6077–78**

Executive Communication—Committee Referral: Agreed that Executive Communication 1370, the Department of Transportation’s final rule—Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew and Space Flight Participants, be re-referred to the Committee on Science and Technology. **Pages H6024**

Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2446, to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, by a recorded vote of 406 yeas to 10 noes, Roll No. 438. **Pages H6048–73, H6073–77**

Agreed to the Pence motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 437. Subsequently, Representative Lantos reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H6075–77

Pursuant to the rule, Representative Lantos requested that amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–174 be offered at any time.

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Agreed to:

Lantos manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that makes a number of technical, clarifying, and clerical changes to several provisions of H.R. 2446 as reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

Page H6062

Ackerman amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that adds language to section 302 of the bill to ensure that the Presidential report required by that section includes an assessment of the quality of governance in each province of Afghanistan focusing in particular on the implementation of the rule of law, the impact of any human rights abuses by Afghan government forces on overall counterinsurgency efforts, and the ability of the courts and judicial system to provide an effective justice system;

Pages H6062–63

Costa amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that enhances the Offices of the Inspector General at the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development by requiring that permanent in-country staff be deployed to audit, investigate and oversee the programs authorized in Title I of the Afghanistan Freedom and Support Act of 2002, and bolsters the authorization of funds for this purpose;

Pages H6064–65

Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that adds a congressional finding stating that the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan recently intercepted a shipment of Iranian-made weapons intended for the Taliban in Afghanistan, and establishes a reporting requirement on Iranian-made weapons being sold to or used by the Taliban in Afghanistan;

Pages H6065–66

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that states that technical assistance should be provided to train national, provincial, and local governmental personnel for capacity-building purposes as it relates to education, health care, human rights (particularly women's rights), and political participation and also seeks to ensure girls complete secondary education so they are prepared and have the ability to pursue post-secondary education;

Pages H6066–67

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that seeks to bolster women's political participation by protecting women legislators when they return to the provinces they represent and states that it is the sense of Congress that assistance provided to foreign countries and international organizations under this provision should be used, in part, to protect these female legislators;

Pages H6067–69

Terry amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that states that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) should give priority in awarding grants to non-governmental organizations to aid in the revitalization of Afghanistan to organizations based in the United States that have an established and cost-effective record of developing and administering such programs within Afghanistan, including teaching the people of Afghanistan how to create and sustain quality economic and educational systems;

Pages H6071–72

Van Hollen amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that promotes the empowerment of citizens at the local level in the reconstruction and economic development decision-making process and creates an environment conducive to Afghan small business development; and

Pages H6072–73

Kirk amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that allows the Secretary of State, at her discretion, to make payments from the Rewards for Justice Program to officers or employees of the Afghan or Pakistani government who provide information leading to the capture of exceptional and high-profile terrorists committing acts in Afghanistan (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 435).

Pages H6069–70, H6073–74

Rejected:

Kucinich amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that sought to divert \$500,000 in authorization authority for the United States contribution to the Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes).

Pages H6070–71, H6074–75

Withdrawn:

Souder amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–174) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have specified that logistical support activities for counter narcotics missions in Afghanistan include force protection and in extremis support.

Pages H6063–64

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 453, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

220 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 431, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6042–46**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:52 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m. **Page H6073**

Recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 391, recognizing the employees of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the North Texas Commission, USO, and the people and businesses of North Texas for their dedication to the “Welcome Home a Hero” program. **Page H6078**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6011.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6045–46, H6046, H6047, H6047–48, H6074, H6074–75, H6076, H6077 and H6077–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee action the Legislative Branch Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

DOD’S BODY ARMOR PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense body armor programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG N. Ross Thompson III, USA, Military Deputy/Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition

, Logistics, and Technology); BG Mark Brown, USA, Program Executive Officer, U.S. Army; Roger Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Littoral and Mine Warfare, Department of the Navy; COL Ed Smith, USMC, Product Group Director, Combat Equipment and Support Systems, U.S. Marine Corps; Douglas D. Thomas, Executive Director, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force; and COL Kevin Noonan, USA, Program Executive Office—Special Operations Forces—Warrior, U.S. Special Operations Command; William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

NAVY BOAT BARRIERS PROCUREMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on procurement of Navy boat barriers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Department of the Navy: Tomas Betro, Director; and Cathy Riddick-Brown, Deputy Assistant Director, Acquisition and Logistics; and James A. Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA.

CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on measures to Improve Consumer Product Safety for Children, H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 814, Children’s Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; and H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in Reform of China’s Financial Services Sector.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION—NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.” Testimony was heard from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S.-NORTH AFRICA POLICY CHALLENGERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in North Africa. Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

TUBERCULOSIS INCIDENT RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The XDR Tuberculosis Incident: A Poorly Coordinated Federal Response to an Incident with Homeland Implications.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jeffrey Runge, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; W. Ralph Basham, Commissioner, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, both with Customs and Border Protection; Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

NATIONAL BIO AND AGRO-DEFENSE FACILITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM; RULES OF PROCEDURE PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILLS AND PRIVATE CLAIMS BILLS; POLICY ON GRANTING CHARTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Business Community Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also continued hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Government Perspectives on Immigration Statistics. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crowley and Rohrabacher; Ron Bird, Chief Economist and Director, Office of Economic Policy and Analysis, Department of Labor; Michael Hofer, Director, Office of Immigration Statistics, Department of Homeland Security; Charles Oppenheim, Chief, Visa Control and Reporting Division, Department of State; and Ruth Ellen Wasem, Specialist in Immigration Policy, CRS, Library of Congress.

The Subcommittee also adopted the following: Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills; Rules of Procedure for Private Claims Bills, and the Subcommittee’s Policy on the Granting of Federal Charters.

ENERGY POLICY REFORM AND REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Natural Resources: Began markup of H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

FDA’S DRUG SAFETY EVALUATION OF AVANDIA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on FDA’s Role in the Evaluation of Avandia’s Safety. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate on S. 5, Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except those arising under close 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to commit. 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 Representative DeGette and Weldon of Florida.

LUMBEE RECOGNITION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate in the House on H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and provides that the bill, as amended, 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 further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Faleomavaega, McIntyre, Schuler and Shays.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended the following bills: H.R. 906, Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2007; H.R. 2304, Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007; and H.R. 2313, Marine Renewable Energy Research and Development Act of 2007.

STEM EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on STEM Education Programs. Testimony was heard from Cora Marrett, Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF; Joyce Winterton, Assistant Administrator, Office of Education, NASA; Bruce Fuchs, Director, Office of Science Education, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and William Valdez, Director, Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

DATA SECURITY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on Data Security: Small Business Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NTSB AVIATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted Aviation Safety Improvements. Testimony was heard from Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JUNE 7, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, to be Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings with the House Science and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight to examine the investigation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Inspector General, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine alternative energy-related uses on the outer continental shelf, focusing on opportunities, issues, and implementation of Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58), 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the views of religious organizations regarding global warming, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the acquisition organization of the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 720, 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, H.R. 692, 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, S. 535, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. Res. 171, memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland, S. 185, to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States, S. Res. 82, designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day", S. Res. 173, designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day", the nominations of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Robert James Jonker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with investigation into the replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the integrity and efficacy of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Protecting U.S. and Guest Workers: the Recruitment and Employment of Temporary Foreign Labor, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act: Current and Prospective Flexibility Under No Child Left Behind, 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft Concerning Alternative Fuels, Infrastructure, and Vehicles," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1328, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Improving Credit Card Consumer Protection: Recent Industry and Regulatory Initiatives," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Nigeria at a Crossroads: Elections, Legitimacy and a Way Forward, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Project 28: The Future of SBInet," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Constitutional Limitations on Domestic Surveillance, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2286, To amend title 18, United

States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; followed by a markup of H.R. 660, Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to continue markup of H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 2016, National Landscape Conservation System Act, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on D.C. Autonomy, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, joint hearing on Federal IT Security: The Future for FISMA, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Darfur and the Olympics: A Call for International Action, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on NPOESS, Weather Satellite Program, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Family Farmer and Rural Small Business Priorities for 2007 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Congestion and Mobility, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Specially Adaptive Housing, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Employment Eligibility Verification Systems, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Security Clearance Process, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings with the House Science and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight to examine the investigation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Inspector General, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, June 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1348, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 65—Lumbee Recognition Act (Subject to a Rule) and S. 5—Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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