

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4865–S5012

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1190–1203, and S. Res. 167–170. **Pages S4917–18**

Measures Reported:

S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4917**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating University of Wisconsin Men's Indoor Track and Field Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's indoor track and field team on becoming the 2006–2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Indoor Track and Field Champions. **Page S5007**

Congratulating University of Wisconsin Women's Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship. **Page S5008**

Susan G. Komen for the Cure 25th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its leadership in the breast cancer movement on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. **Pages S5008–09**

America COMPETES Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 761, to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4871–77, S4880–S4906

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 137), DeMint Amendment No. 929, to require the study on barriers to innovation to include an examination of the impact of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on innovation. **Pages S4875, S4880**

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 908, to make certain improvements to the bill.

Pages S4871–73, S4894–95

Kennedy Amendment No. 940, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S4881–83, S4895**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 138), Bingaman (for Dodd/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 947, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to small business growth and capital markets.

Pages S4891–93, S4895–97

Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 928, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, with respect to smaller public company options regarding internal controls. (By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4873–75, S4891–93, S4897–99

Coburn Amendment No. 917, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress has a moral obligation to offset the cost of new Government programs and initiatives. (By 54 yeas and 43 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4883–91, S4899–S4900

Withdrawn:

Cornyn Amendment No. 902, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States. **Pages S4893–94**

Pending:

Bingaman (for Sununu) Amendment No. 938, to strike the provisions regarding strengthening the education and human resources directorate of the National Science Foundation. **Pages S4901–06**

Bingaman (for Sanders) Amendment No. 936, to increase the competitiveness of American workers through the expansion of employee ownership.

Pages S4901–06

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 25, 2007; that there be 30 minutes of debate with respect to Sununu Amendment No. 938 (listed above); with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Sununu and Kennedy or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Sununu Amendment No.

938, with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S4902**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the first session of the 110th Congress: Senator Leahy. **Page S5007**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 110th Congress: Senators Grassley and Voinovich. **Page S5007**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Terry Birdwhistell, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S5007**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 136), Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi. **Pages S4877–79, S5012**

Messages From the House: **Pages S4916–17**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S5006–07**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S4879, S4880, S4897, S4899, S4900**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5009.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agriculture producers, focusing on specialty crops, dairy, sugar, organic production and marketing, and honey, after receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, David Beckmann, Bread for the World, and Larry Mitchell, American Corn Growers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Bill Flory, American Farmland Trust, Winchester, Idaho; John Hoffman, American Soybean Association, Waterloo, Iowa; John Pucheu, National Cotton Council, Tranquility, California; Ken McCauley, National Corn Growers Association, White Cloud, Kansas; Everett Tallman, National Association of Wheat Growers, Brandon, Colorado; Paul T. Combs, USA Rice Federation, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the U.S. Rice Producers Association; Evan Hayes, National Barley Growers Association, American Falls, Idaho; Dale Murden, National Sorghum Producers, Monte Alto, Texas; Armond Morris, Georgia Peanut Commission, Ocilla, on behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation; Lynn Rundle, 21st Century Grain Processing Cooperative, Manhattan, Kansas, on behalf of the North American Millers' Association; John Swanson, National Sunflower Association, Mentor, Minnesota, on behalf of the U.S. Canola Association; and Jim Evans, USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, Genesee, Idaho.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, Commander, United States Nations Command and Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing

to examine the readiness of United States ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Colonel Michael F. Beech, USA, Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, Colonel Lewis A. Craparotta, USMC, Commander, 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, California, and Colonel Timothy E. Orr, USARNG, Commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa National Guard, all of the Department of Defense.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine communications, broadband and competitiveness relating to the telecommunications industry in the United States, after receiving testimony from Brian R. Mefford, ConnectKentucky and Connected Nation, Inc., Ben Scott, Free Press, on behalf of Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America, Jeffrey A. Eisenach, George Mason University School of Law, and Scott Wallsten, Progress and Freedom Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Adam T. Drobat, Telcordia Technologies, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association; and Jack Keil Wolf, University of California at San Diego.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of the Supreme Court's decision regarding the Environmental Protection Agency authorities with respect to greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Carol M. Browner, Albright Group, LLC, William K. Reilly, Aqua International Partners, Ann R. Klee, Crowell and Moring, David Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Center, and Peter Glaser, Troutman Sanders LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine trailers, focusing on creating a more flexible, efficient, and cost-effective Federal Disaster Housing Program, after receiving testimony from David E. Garratt, Acting Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Gil H. Jamieson, Associate Deputy Administrator for Gulf Coast Recovery, and Major General John R. D'Araujo, (Ret.) United States Army, former Primary Selecting Official, Alternative Housing Pilot

Program, all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Matt A. Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General for Disaster Assistance Oversight, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Robert P. Hebert, Charlotte County Administration, Port Charlotte, Florida; Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.; William J. Croft, Shaw Group, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Andres Duany, Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company, Charlotte, North Carolina; John Badman, III, RE: Formed Systems, Greenwich, Connecticut.

TRANSIT BENEFITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Transit Benefit Program, focusing on determining if benefits are being misused, program rules are being violated, and whether agency oversight requires strengthening, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, both of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, and Linda J. Washington, Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, and Michael L. Rhodes, Director, Washington Headquarters Services, both of the Department of Defense.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on modernizing middle and high schools for the twenty-first century, after receiving testimony from Robert Balfanz, Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Schools, Baltimore, Maryland; former West Virginia Governor Bob Wise, Alliance for Excellent Education, and John Podesta, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; Tony Habit, North Carolina New Schools Project, Raleigh; and Edna E. Varner, Hamilton County Public Education Foundation, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

CASUALTIES OF WAR

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the casualties of war focusing on child soldiers and the law, including S. 1175, to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, after receiving testimony from Joseph Mettimano, World Vision, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, Anwen Hughes, Human Rights

First, and Ishmael Beah, all of New York, New York.

NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Insurrection Act rider and the state control of the National Guard, including the proposed John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, S. 513, to amend title 10, United States Code, to revive previous authority on the use of the Armed Forces and the militia to address interference with State or Federal law, H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and S. 430, to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bu-

reau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, after receiving testimony from North Carolina Governor Michael F. Easley, Raleigh, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg, USAF, Adjutant General, Washington National Guard; and Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus, Marshall County, Marshalltown, Iowa, on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2010–2014; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127; and H. Res. 333–336 were introduced. **Page H4050**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4051–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–107);

H. Res. 330, providing for consideration of H.R. 1332, to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–108);

H. Res. 331, providing for consideration of H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 110–109); and

H. Res. 332, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–110). **Pages H3823–H4012, H4049**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Engel to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3779**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H3784**

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

Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007: 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; **Pages H3787–88**

Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007: H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing; **Pages H3788–90**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect and should continue to work with the States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect through such programs as the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs: H. Res. 299, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect and should continue to work with the States to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect through such programs as the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 250; and **Pages H3790–92, H3804–05**

International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007: H.R. 518, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada. **Pages H3792–97**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, April 23rd:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: H. Res. 289, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 251; and

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Supporting the mission and goals of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in order to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States during such week and throughout the year: H. Res. 119, to support the mission and goals of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in order to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States during such week and throughout the year, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 252.

Pages H3805–06

10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act: The House passed H.R. 362, to authorize science scholarships for educating mathematics and science teachers, by a ye-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 254.

Pages H3806–23, H4012–13

Agreed to the Hoekstra motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 253. Subsequently, Representative Gordon reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H3821–23

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

Gordon manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–105) that establishes an additional type of award under NSF’s Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program to recruit and train science, math and engineering professionals who are interested in becoming science or math teachers

Pages H3819–20

Gordon amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–105) that requires NSF, in making awards under the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, to ensure that the recipients are from a variety of types of academic institutions, including Minority Serving Institutions, and requires NSF to establish and maintain a clearinghouse of information on teaching opportunities in high-need school systems for use by individuals who participate in the Noyce program and consequently have an obligation to teach for a prescribed period of time.

Pages H3820–21

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

Page H4026

H. Res. 327, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 248, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H3797–99, H3802–03

Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act: The House passed H.R. 363, to authorize appropriations for basic research and research infrastructure in science and engineering and for support of graduate fellowships, by a ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 257.

Pages H4013–26

Agreed to the Sullivan (OK) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 264 yeas to 154 noes, Roll No. 256. Subsequently, Representative Gordon reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H4024–25

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize programs for support of the early career development of science and engineering researchers, and for support of graduate fellowships, and for other purposes.”

Page H4026

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Page H4018

Agreed to:

Hall (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–99) that requires the Director of the National Science Foundation to allocate at least 3.5% of funds

appropriated to the National Science Foundation for Research and Related Activities to the early career awards for science and engineering researchers except to the extent that a sufficient number of meritorious grant applications have not been received for a fiscal year;

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Tauscher amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–99) that recommends when awarding grants, the Director of the NSF give special consideration to eligible early-career researchers who have followed alternative career paths; and

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Gillibrand amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–99) that requires the NSF to institute a program to award scholarships in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to undergraduate scholars (by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 255).

Pages H4022–24

H. Res. 318, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 249, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H3800–02, H3803–04

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3784.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4052.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3803, H3803–04, H3804, H3805, H3805–06, H3822, H4013, H4023–24, H4025, and H4026. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the Federal Milk Marketing Order rulemaking procedures. Testimony was heard from Lloyd Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Kelly Krug, Director, Marketing Services, Department of Food and Agriculture, State of California; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Navy and Marine Corps Force Posture and Acquisition Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Navy: Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary; VADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Policy and Integration.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Woodrow Wilson Center/Kennedy Center. Testimony was heard from Lee H. Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson Center; and Michael M. Kaiser, Director, Kennedy Center.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Capitol Visitors Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Architect of the Capitol's Office: Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect; Douglas Jacobs, Project Executive, Capitol Visitors Center; and David Ferguson, Chief Administrative Officer; and Terrell Dorn, Director-Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

ENSURING EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Strengthening the Middle Class: Ensuring Equal Pay for Women. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLauro and Norton; and public witnesses.

OSHA STANDARDS/WORKPLACE HAZARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Have OSHA Standards Kept Up With Workplace Hazards? Testimony was heard from Edwin Foulke, Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Implementation of EPACT 2005 Loan Guarantee Programs by the Department of Energy." Testimony was heard from Dennis R. Spurgeon, Acting Under Secretary, Department of Energy; James C. Cosgrove, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

FDA FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation’s Food Supply?” Testimony was heard from Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSEAS DIGITAL BROADBAND LESSONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunication and the Internet continued hearings entitled “Digital Future of the United States: Part IV: Broadband Lessons from Abroad. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Policy Options for Extending the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIDS RELIEF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on PEPFAR: An Assessment of Progress and Challenges. Testimony was heard from Mark R. Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State.

U.S.-COLUMBIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S.-Columbia Relations. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastert; the following officials of the Department of State: Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Mark Schneider, former Director, Peace Corps; Robert Charles, former Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SECURITY—PILOT PROGRAM TO SCREEN AIRPORT WORKERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1413, To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports.

TULSA GREENWOOD RIOT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 1995, Tulsa Greenwood Race Riot Claims Accountability Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; and H.R. 933, Witness Security and Protection Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Mark Epley, Senior Counsel, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Kamala D. Harris, District Attorney, City of San Francisco, California; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Problems in the Current Employment Verification and Worksite Enforcement System. Testimony was heard from Jonathan R. Scharfen, Deputy Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf. Testimony was heard from Mike Olsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Ann F. Miles, Director, Division of Hydropower Licensing, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BATTLEFIELD MISINFORMATION INCIDENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Misleading Information from the Battlefield. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General; BG Rodney

Johnson, USA, Army Criminal Investigative Command; Specialist Bryan O'Neil, USA; Sr. Chief Stephen White, USN, Navy Seal and LTC John Robinson, USA, Director, Media Services Division, Soldiers Media Center; and public witnesses.

CENSUS 2010 PREPARATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Preparations for the 2010 Census. Testimony was heard from Preston Jay Waite, Associate Director, Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Joseph J. Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, New York City; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1332, Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. 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 Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and provides that they may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Velázquez and Representatives Matheson, Chabot, and Boozman.

TO RESTORE THE PROHIBITION ON THE COMMERCIAL SALE AND SLAUGHTER OF WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a pre-printing requirement. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros, 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 those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Rahall.

U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA RECOVERY, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Lewis of California.

REAUTHORIZE SBA PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1873, To reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement.

BUY AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing

on Buy America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: J. Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and James S. Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Randall Iwasaki, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of California; John B. Catoe, Jr., General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1660, to direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a national Cemetery for Veterans in the southern Colorado region.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on *Helping Those Left Behind: Are We Doing Enough for the Parents, Spouses and Children of Veterans*. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ellsworth and Latham; Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans' organizations; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND TAX POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Member proposals on Energy and Tax Policy. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Jefferson, Peterson of Minnesota, Pomeroy, Blumenauer, Berkeley, Nunes, Doyle, Weldon of Florida, McGovern, Terry, Ferguson, Shimkus, Grijalva, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, Baird, Davis of Kentucky, and Inslee.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Matters. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 539)

S. 1002, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program. Signed on April 23, 2007 (Public Law 110-19)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers, focusing on farm programs and the commodity title of the farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine whether the Army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine language and cultural awareness capabilities for the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico, S.542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, S. 752, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir, S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 1116 and H.R. 902, bills to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources, S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, S. 1112 and H.R. 235, bills to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an

oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 1079, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, S. 735, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute, H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 239, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 879, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, S. Res. 125, designating May 18, 2007, as “Endangered Species Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide, S. Res. 116, designating May 2007 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research, S. Res. 146, designating June 20, 2007, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, S. Res. 162, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, and the nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, John Roberts Hackman, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, Department of Justice, and possible authorization of subpoenas in the connection with investigation into replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues, 2 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Shipbuilding (Industry Officials), 10 a.m., and on Shipbuilding (Navy Officials) 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Examining Unethical Practices in the Student Loan Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Perchlorate: Health and Environment Impacts of Unregulated Exposure,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Living Without Health Insurance: Why Every American Needs Coverage,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Malaria Awareness Day: Leveraging Progress for Future Advances, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled “Examining the Military’s Support of Civil Authorities During Disasters,” 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Addressing the Nation’s Cybersecurity Challenges: Reducing Vulnerabilities Requires Strategic Investment and Immediate Action,” 1:30 p.m., 1538 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled “Strong Oversight at the Department of Homeland Security: A Predicate to Good Government,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Monica Goodling for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; and a resolution directing the House General Counsel to apply to a United States district court for an order immunizing from use in prosecutions the testimony of, and related information provided by, Monica Goodling under compulsion at proceedings before or ancillary to the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 692, Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007; and H. Res. 314, Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. Lumbee Recognition Act; H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; H.R. 1294, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act

of 2006; and H.R. 1328, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, to continue hearings on the following bills: H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007; and H.R. 1230, Puerto Rico Self Determination Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the issuance of subpoenas, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on the examination of Section 1221 on the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007; H. Con. Res. 95, Honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of

the A.M. Turing Award; H. Res. 316, Recognizing the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F. Smott for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Essential Air Services Program/Small Community Air Service Development Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on 2007 Medicare Trustees Report, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot-Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 761, America COMPETES Act, and after a period of debate vote on or in relation to Sununu Amendment No. 938.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Con. Res. 7—Calling on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur; (2) H. Res. 125—Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as “human shields” in violation of international humanitarian law and the law

of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah’s tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel; (3) H. Res. 240—Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) who have yet to ratify the May 2006 Amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords Treaty, to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; (4) H.R. 1678—Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007; (5) H. Con. Res. 68—Honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded; (6) H. Res. 292—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning; (7) H. Res. 320—Congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship; (8) H. Con. Res. 121—Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and (9) H.R. 493—Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act of 2007. Consideration of H.R. 1332—Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007.

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