

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4723–S4788

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1157–1175. **Pages S4750–51**

Measures Passed:

Court Security Improvement Act: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 135), Senate passed S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members. **Pages S4729–44**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Ensign Amendment No. 897, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, as being in violation of section 505(a) of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, 108th Congress, which imposes pay-as-you-go discipline on direct spending and revenue legislation, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4738–39**

Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1130, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4788**

America Competes Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, April 20, 2007, Senate begin consideration of S. 761, to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, for debate only and that no amendments be in order to the bill; provided further that on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, during consideration of the bill, Senator Coburn be recognized to speak for one hour. **Page S4788**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Hagel, Brownback, Smith, and Martinez. **Page S4788**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S4741–42**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4788.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RISING HIGHWAY FATALITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine rising highway fatalities, after receiving testimony from Nicole R. Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, both of the United States Department of Transportation; and Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from John F. Clark, Director, United States Marshals Service, Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, all of the Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Keith E. Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; Lieutenant General Robert Wilson, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and Commanding General, Installation Management Command; Major General David P. Burford, Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard; Brigadier General Richard J. Sherlock, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve and Deputy Commander for Management, Resources, and Support, U.S. Army Reserve Command; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Major General James F. Flock, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities); and Rear Admiral Mark A. Handley, Navy Director of Ashore Readiness.

LOGCAP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; and Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Keith D. Ernst, Acting Director, Defense Contract Management Agency, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Auditor General Department of the Army, and Major General Jerome Johnson, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Sustainment Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: MILITARY SPACE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2008 for the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ronald M. Segal, Under Secretary of Air Force, General Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, Major General William L. Shelton, USAF, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command, Vice Admiral James D. McArthur, Jr., USN, Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command, all of the Department of Defense; and Christina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine United States competitiveness through basic research, after receiving testimony from John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; and William A. Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND VEHICLES TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine grains, cane, and automobiles relating to tax incentives for alternative fuels and vehicles, after receiving testimony from Robert Farrington, Manager and Principal Researcher, Advance Vehicle Systems Group, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; R. James Woolsey, National Commission on Energy Policy, former Director of Central Intelligence; Vinod Khosla, Khosla Ventures, Menlo Park, California; Bruce E. Dale, Michigan State University Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, East Lansing; and Jay D. Debertin, CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of global warming on private and federal insurance, focusing on financial risks to federal and private insurers in coming decades for damages caused by weather-related events in the United States, after receiving testimony from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture; Michael Buckley, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mitigation, Federal

Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Andrew Castaldi, Swiss Re-insurance America Corporation, Wilton, Connecticut.

IMPLEMENTING POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the current state of the Postal Service along with the efforts underway to implement the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435), including the Postal Service's financial condition in fiscal year 2007, the opportunities and challenges facing the Service, and major issues and areas for Congressional oversight, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Jus-

tice, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

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

BIODIDENTICAL HORMONES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bioidentical hormones, focusing on menopausal hormone therapy using conjugated equine estrogens and other forms of estrogen therapy, after receiving testimony from Jacques Rossouw, Chief, Women's Health Initiative Branch, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, and Steven K. Galson, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Eileen Harrington, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; JoAnn E. Manson, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Leonard Wartofsky, Endocrine Society, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Loyd V. Allen, Jr., International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding, Sugar Land, Texas; T. S. Wiley, Santa Barbara, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 1937-1974; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 120-121; and H. Res. 322-325 were introduced. **Pages H3693-95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3695-96**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment (H. Rept. 110-28, Pt. 4). **Page H3693**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, April 20th. **Page H3563**

Providing for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives: The House passed H.R. 1905, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia

as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 177 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 231. **Pages H3568, H3593-94**

Rejected the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 230. **Pages H3591-93**

H. Res. 317, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1905 and H.R. 1906, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 229, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 228. **Pages H3568, H3576-77**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million: The House passed H.R. 1906, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million, by a ye-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 232. **Pages H3594–H3600**

H. Res. 317, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1905 and H.R. 1906, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 229, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 228. **Pages H3568, H3576–77**

Water Resources Development Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a ye-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 234. **Pages H3566–68, H3600–65**

Rejected the Walden (OR) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 233. **Pages H3663–64**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H3609–50**

Agreed to:

Oberstar modified manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–100) that authorizes and modifies several Corps of Engineers' projects and studies for flood control, navigation, and environmental restoration; **Pages H3650–57**

Boswell amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–100) that provides the Rathbun Regional Water Association with a right of first refusal to purchase water supply storage from the Corps of Engineers at Rathbun Lake, Iowa; **Page H3657**

Stupak amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–100) that ensures that all harbor maintenance is funded based on FY2004 standards, regardless of the amount of tonnage a harbor handles; **Pages H3657–59**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–100) that strikes section 2036 of the legislation and replace it with language directing the Secretary of the Army to update the principles and guidelines that the Army Corps of Engineers uses in the formulation, evaluation, and implementation of water resources projects, and requires the Secretary to consult with other agencies and the public in developing the new principles and guidelines; and **Pages H3659–61**

Kirk modified amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–100) that adds a new paragraph relating to an aquatic ecosystem restoration project in Lake County, Illinois. **Pages H3661–63**

H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1495, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question.

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H3665–72**

Agreed to the Lewis (CA) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 199 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 235. **Pages H3665–72**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Obey, DeLauro, Murtha, Visclosky, Lowey, Price (NC), Dicks, Edwards, Mollohan, Olver, Serrano, Wasserman Schultz, Clyburn, Lewis (CA), Young (FL), Rogers (KY), Wolf, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, and Wicker. **Page H3672**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment. **Page H3672**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 323, electing the following Members of the House of Representatives to serve on the Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Gene Green (TX), to rank immediately after Representative Tanner, and Representative Crowley, to rank immediately after Representative Hinojosa. **Page H3673**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3563.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 28 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H3691**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3576, H3576–77, H3592–93, H3593, H3599–H3600, H3664, H3665, H3671–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to review USDA Farm Bill conservation programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued hearings on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Richard Raymond, Under Secretary, Food Safety; David Goldman, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Special Operations—Command. Testimony was heard from GEN Doug Brown, Combatant Commander, Department of Defense.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the GAO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David Walker, Comptroller General; Gene Dodaro, Chief Operating Officer; and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Administrative Officer.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Public Diplomacy and Broadcasting Programs. Testimony was heard from Karen Hughes, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

INTELLIGENCE/RECONNAISSANCE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Intelligence, Surveil-

lance, and Reconnaissance capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Davi M. D'Agostino, and Sharon L. Pickup, both Directors, Defense Capabilities and Management Issues; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joe Landon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communication, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance; BG Walt Davis, USA, Commander, Joint Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence; LTG David A. Deptula, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, U.S. Air Force; MG Jeffrey A. Sorenson, USA, Deputy, Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology); RADM Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Deputy Director, Air Warfare; and BG Randolph Alles, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab.

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE—RENEWING THE SPIRIT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Renewing the Spirit of National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SPY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 964, Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, continued hearings entitled "Digital Future of the United States: Part III: Spectrum Opportunities and the Future of Wireless." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FHA REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007: H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers; and related FHA Modernization Issues. Testimony was heard from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DARFUR CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following resolutions, as amended, be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 243, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; H. Res. 272, Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade; and 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.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Current Situation in Darfur. Testimony was heard from Mia Farrow, Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL SYSTEMS CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science Technology held a hearing entitled "Cyber Insecurity: Hackers are Penetrating Federal Systems and Critical Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from Dave Jarrell, Manager, Critical Infrastructure Protection Program, Department of Commerce; Donald Reid, Senior Coordinator, Security Infrastructure, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; Jerry Dixon, Director, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MORALE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Addressing the Department of Homeland Security's Morale Crisis." Testimony was heard from Marta Brito Perez, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

AIRPORT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Airport Security: The Necessary Improvements to Secure America's Airports." Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Federal Judicial Compensation. Testimony was heard from the following Presiding Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Stephen G. Breyer; and Samuel A. Alito.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Shortfalls of 1986 Immigration Reform Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL LANDS ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on Federal Lands: Review of Title II, Subtitle B—Geothermal Energy of EPAct; and other renewable programs and proposals for public resources. Testimony was heard from Jim Hughes, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on Current Economic, Social and Security Conditions of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Testimony was heard from Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Jeanette Franzel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Natural Parks, Forests and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 359, amended, Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act; H.R. 713, amended, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act, H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; H.R. 1100, amended, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007; and H. Con. Res. 116, Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States."

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; H.R. 1140, South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act; H.R. 1337, 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; and H.R. 1662, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities.

CONTRACTOR TAX ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1870, Contractor Tax Enforcement Act; and H.R. 1865, To amend title 31, United States Code, to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of Federal tax funds. Testimony was heard from Paul A. Denett, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and public witnesses.

NSF AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science approved for full Committee, as amended, H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007.

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007.

SMALL BUSINESSES' FEDERAL CONTRACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Expanding Small Businesses' Access to Federal Contracts." Testimony was heard from Paul Hsu, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on High-Speed Rail Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE'S IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Nonpoint Source Pollution: The Impact of Agriculture on Water Quality. Testimony was heard from Richard Coombe, Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; Craig Hooks, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on State Approving Agencies. Testimony was heard from George Scott, Acting Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; John McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Carol Griffiths, Chief, Accrediting Agency Evaluation Unit, Accreditation and State Liaison Staff, Department of Education; Keith M. Wilson, Director of Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs.

SALISBURY VA MEDICAL CENTER INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Surgical Services at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina. Testimony was heard from John D. Daigh, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Sidney Steinberg, M.D., Chief of Staff, W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center; and William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health, for Operations and Management.

ENERGY AND TAX POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Energy and Tax Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL CLANDESTINE SERVICE/HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to hold a hearing on National Clandestine Service/Human Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,

APRIL 20, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)***Senate**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Institutes of Health, focusing on the burden of chronic diseases, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Guard and Reserve-Oversight, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Mismanagement and Conflicts of Interest in the Reading First Program, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Response to Ongoing Mismanagement at the Los Alamos National Labs," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Responsibility in Federal Homeland Security Contracting," 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, to continue hearings on Shortfalls of 1986 Immigration Reform Legislation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's Emergency Food Supply System, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, April 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 761, America Competes Act, for debate only.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1257—Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act and consideration of H.R. 363—Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act.

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