

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1591, U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5013–S5121*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1204–1224, S.J. Res. 12, and S. Res. 171–172.

**Pages S5085–86**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007". (S. Rept. No. 110–56)

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. 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. 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.

**Pages S5084–85**

#### Measures Passed:

**America COMPETES Act:** By 88 yeas and 8 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate passed S. 761, to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5020–72**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman (for McCaskill/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 931, to provide for a review by the Comptroller General of the activities, grants, and programs carried out under the Act. **Pages S5030–31**

Bingaman (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 923, to expand the pipeline of individuals entering the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to support United States innovation and competitiveness. **Pages S5030–31**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding adoption of the Obama Amendment No. 923 as modified, that the DeMint Amendment No. 929 agreed to on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, still be in order. **Page S5045**

Bingaman (for Snowe/Kohl) Amendment No. 941, to clarify the types of expenses available to Regional Centers under the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program in meeting their non-Federal funding commitment. **Pages S5030–31**

Bingaman (for Levin/Voinovich) Amendment No. 960, to include the Great Lakes in research, development, and science education programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S5030–31**

Bingaman (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 905, to require the Director of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Education to establish a program to recruit and provide mentors for women and under-represented minorities who are interested in careers in mathematics, science, and engineering. **Pages S5033–34**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 955, to protect American competitiveness. **Pages S5033, S5046**

Kohl Amendment No. 942, to increase the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program. **Pages S5045–46, S5057**

Bingaman (for Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 915, to modify provisions relating to the advanced placement and international baccalaureate program. **Pages S5057–58**

Bingaman (for Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 916, to modify provisions relating to the summer institutes program. **Pages S5057–58**

Bingaman (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 924, to establish summer term education programs. **Pages S5057–59**

Bingaman (for Menendez) Modified Amendment No. 926, to establish a laboratory science pilot program at the National Science Foundation. **Pages S5057–59**

Bingaman (for Coleman/Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 944, to provide for mathematics and science partnership bonus grants. **Pages S5057–59**

Bingaman (for Baucus) Amendment No. 950, to provide that 21st century learning skills are included in the alignment of education programs. **Pages S5057–60**

Bingaman (for Baucus) Amendment No. 951, to allow distance learning projects as an optional activity for the foreign language partnership program. **Pages S5057–60**

Bingaman (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 952, to require the Secretary of Commerce to collect data and conduct a study relating to export and import of services. **Pages S5057–60**

Bingaman (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 957, to improve the provisions relating to eligible recipients in a program designed to prepare teachers for a competitive tomorrow. **Pages S5057–60**

Bingaman (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 958, to provide for a feasibility study with regard to a free online college degree program. **Pages S5057–60**

Bingaman (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 965, to improve mathematics instruction. **Pages S5057–62**

Bingaman (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 970, to amend the data privacy provisions regarding statewide P–16 education data systems. **Pages S5057–63**

Bingaman (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 975, to require the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Director of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Education, to provide grants to States to assist the States in establishing or expanding programs to enhance the quality of science education in elementary schools with respect to conventional and emerging energy sources and uses. **Pages S5057–63**

Bingaman (for Murray) Amendment No. 977, to encourage members of the Armed Forces to participate in programs for master's degrees in mathematics, science, or critical foreign languages education. **Pages S5057–63**

Bingaman (for Alexander/Bingaman) Amendment No. 980, to express the sense of Senate regarding policies related to deemed export control. **Pages S5057–63**

Bingaman (for Crapo/Schumer) Amendment No. 956, to express the sense of the Senate regarding concerns that United States capital markets are losing their competitive edge in intensifying global competition, and to recommend that Congress and the Administration take the necessary steps to reclaim the preeminent position of the United States in the global financial services marketplace. **Page S5064**

Bingaman (for Snowe) Amendment No. 973, to include the Administrator of the Small Business Administration on the President's Council on Innovation and Competitiveness. **Page S5068**

By 82 yeas and 14 nays (Vote No. 145), Coburn Amendment No. 922, to promote transparency at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S5047–52, S5066**

Rejected:

By 24 yeas and 74 nays (Vote No. 141), Bingaman (for Sununu) Amendment No. 938, to strike the provisions regarding strengthening the education and human resources directorate of the National Science Foundation. **Pages S5020–23**

By 22 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 142), DeMint Amendment No. 930, to prohibit congressional earmarks of funds appropriated pursuant to authorizations in the bill. **Pages S5029–30, S5056–57**

By 27 yeas and 67 nays (Vote No. 143), Coburn Amendment No. 918, to provide a sunset date. **Pages S5046–47, S5057**

By 39 yeas and 57 nays (Vote No. 144), Coburn Amendment No. 921, to discontinue the Advanced Technology Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. **Pages S5052–56, S5063–64**

Withdrawn:

Bingaman (for Sanders) Amendment No. 936, to increase the competitiveness of American workers through the expansion of employee ownership. **Page S5023**

Grassley Amendment No. 914, to increase the fee to be paid by employers of H–1B nonimmigrants and to set aside 25 percent of such fees to improve programs and projects for gifted and talented students. **Pages S5034–35**

*Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Settlement of Jamestown:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 172, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown. **Pages S5120–21**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2007, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2007, regardless of whether the Senate has received the papers from the House of Representatives, that the time until 12:45 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that Senate vote, provided that the message has been received in the Senate, on adoption of the conference report at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007. **Page S5120**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5079–80**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5112–19**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S5119–20**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—146) **Pages S5023, S5057, S5063–64, S5066, S5068–69**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5121.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers, focusing on farm programs and the commodity title of the farm bill, 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, Genessee, Idaho.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/United States Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Preston M. Geren, III, Acting Secretary, General George W. Casey, Jr., Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Coll S. Haddon, Deputy Director of Operations, Program Manager of the Future Combat Systems, Brigade Combat Team, and Sergeant Major Thomas W. Coleman, Program Executive Officer, all of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

### LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL AWARENESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine language and cultural awareness capabilities for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Andre Van Tilborg, Deputy Secretary for Science and Technology, and Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, both of the Department of Defense; and Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr., (Ret.) USA, Colgen, Inc., Dayton, Maryland.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,303 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1178, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, with amendments;

S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, with amendments;

S. 675, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with amendments;

S. 428, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 924, to strengthen the United States Coast Guard's Integrated Deepwater Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1142, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development,

S. 311, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption; and certain nomination lists in the U.S. Coast Guard.

**WATER BILLS**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Mike Purcell, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, Cheyenne; David R. Stewart, Stewart Environmental Consultants, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado; Joe Glode, Upper North Platte Valley Water Users Association, Saratoga, Wyoming; and Nicholas R. Tibbetts, Redwood Valley County Water District, Santa Rosa, California.

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the Commission's budget and programs, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, and Ed McGaffigan, Jeff Merrifield, and Greg Jaczko, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

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

S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, with an amendment;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, John Roberts Hackman, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, and 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 Department of Justice, both of the Department of Justice.

Also, Committee approved the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the investigation into replacement of U.S. attorneys.

#### VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of

Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues, including S. 479, to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, after receiving testimony from David Oslin, Director, VISN 4, and Jan Kemp, Associate Director for Education, VISN 19, both of the Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center, and Patricia Resick, Director, Women's Division, National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Connie Lee Best, Medical University of South Carolina National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, Charleston; Ralph Ibson, Mental Health America, Alexandria, Virginia; Tony Bailey, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Randall and Ellen Omvig, Grundy Center, Iowa.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 2025–2045; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 128–131; and H. Res. 337–338 were introduced. **Pages H4174–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4175–77**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Mark E. Harris, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. **Page H4053**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Natural Resources, effective immediately. **Page H4053**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Renzi wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately. **Page H4054**

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

*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:* H. Con. Res. 7, amended, to call 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, by

a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 259; **Pages H4057–65, H4106–07**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur." **Page H4107**

*Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007:* H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 260; **Pages H4065–68, H4107–08**

*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:* H. Res. 125, amended, to express 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;

**Pages H4068–73**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as 'human

shields' in violation of international humanitarian law, 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." **Page H4073**

*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:* H. Res. 240, to urge 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; **Pages H4073–76**

*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:* H. Con. Res. 68, to honor the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded; **Pages H4076–78**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning:* H. Res. 292, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that schools should celebrate National Garden Month through a curriculum that includes outdoor learning; **Pages H4078–79**

*Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship:* H. Res. 320, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 266; **Pages H4079–82, H4158**

*Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education:* H. Con. Res. 121, to recognize the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and **Pages H4082–83**

*Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007:* H.R. 493, amended, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 261. **Pages H4083–H4101, H4108**

**Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 1332, to improve the

access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, by a recorded vote of 380 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 263. **Pages H4108–20**

Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 262. **Pages H4118–19**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H4113**

Agreed to:

Matheson amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that adds "members of reserve components of the armed forces" as eligible to receive loans under the Community Express Program and the Increased Veteran Participation Program; **Page H4116**

Matheson amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that includes "members of qualified Indian tribes" as eligible to participate in the Community Express Program; **Page H4116**

Cuellar amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that allows rural small business owners, who do not have a rural lender in their area, to receive the benefits of the Rural Lending Outreach Program through loans issued by any lender enrolled in the 7(a) loan program; and **Pages H4116–17**

Inslee amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–108) that adds to public policy goals of the section 504 of Small Business Lending program a purpose area that would increase small-businesses access to sustainable design or low-impact design to ultimately reduce carbon-emissions and environmental impact. **Pages H4117–18**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4120**

H. Res. 330, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 258. **Pages H4101–06**

**U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 208 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 265. **Pages H4131–58**

H. Res. 332, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded

vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 264, after agreeing to order the previous question.

**Pages H4121–31**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4177.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4106, H4106–07, H4107, H4108, H4119, H4120, H4131, H4157–58, and H4158. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies continued appropriations. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Shipbuilding (Industry Officials). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Shipbuilding (Navy Officials). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary; RADM Charles H. Goddard, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships; and RADM William H. Hilarides, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines.

### IRAQI SECURITY FORCES CONTRACTING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Contracting for the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary J. Motsek, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Program Support; and COL Anita M. Raines, USA, Chief, Logistics Service Division J4 Directorate, Joint Staff; Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### STUDENT LOAN INDUSTRY ETHICS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Examining Unethical Practices in the Student Loan Industry. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Attorney General, State of New York.

### UNREGULATED PERCHLORATE EXPOSURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Perchlorate”: Health and Environment Impacts of Unregulated Exposure. Testimony was heard from Alex Beehler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Environment Safety and Occupational Health, Department of Defense; the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James Pirkle, M.D., Deputy Director, Sciences, Division of Laboratory Sciences, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Robert E. Brackwett, Director, Center for Food and Safety and Nutrition, FDA; Gary Ginsberg, Department of Public Health, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

### HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Living Without Health Insurance: Why Every American Needs Coverage.” Testimony was heard from Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Administration, State of Vermont; former Senator Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota; and public witnesses.

### INDUSTRIAL BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Robert Colby, Deputy Director, Market Regulation, SEC; G. Edward Leary, Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

### MALARIA AWARENESS DAY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Malaria Awareness Day: Leveraging Progress for Future Advances. Testimony was heard from ADM Timothy Ziemer, USN (Ret.), Malaria Initiative Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## MILITARY'S CIVIL AUTHORITY DISASTER SUPPORT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Examining the Military's Support of Civil Authorities During Disasters." Testimony was heard from MG Terry L. Scherling, USAF, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense; MG Timothy J. Lowenberg, Adjutant General, State of Washington; MG Tony Pineda, National Commander, Civil Air Patrol. Glenn Cannon, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Operations, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Mike Womack, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Mississippi.

## CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Addressing the Nation's Cybersecurity Challenges: Reducing Vulnerabilities Requires Strategic Investment and Immediate Action." Testimony was heard from Douglas Maughan, Program Manager, Cyber Security R&D, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Strong Oversight at the Department of Homeland Security: A Predicate to Good Government." Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and Paul A. Schneider, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security.

## SUBPOENAS; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Approved the following: 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 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.

The Committee also ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1592, amended, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 692, amended, Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007; and H. Res. 314, Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act; 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.

## PUERTO RICO MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs continued 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. Testimony was heard from C. Kevin Marshall, Co-Chair, Task Force on Puerto's Political Status and Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: Anibal Acevedo Vila, Governor and former Member of Congress; Pedro Rossello, former Governor and Current Senator; Kenneth D. McClintock, President, Senate; Jose Aponte-Hernandez, Speaker, House of Representatives; Jose L. Dalmau-Santiago, Senate Minority Leader; and Hector Ferrer-Rios, House Minority Leader; Rafael Hernandez Colon, former Governor, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Carlos Romero Barcelo, former Governor and Member of Congress, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

## ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

*Committee on Oversight and Government:* Approved the following: issuance of a subpoena to the Republican National Committee for documents and for Mike Duncan to testify before the Committee on May 8, 2007; issuance of a subpoena to the Republican National Committee for documents; and issuance of a subpoena to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to testify before the Committee.

## FEDERAL ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on the examination of Section 1221 on the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kolevar, Director, Office of Electricity Reliability, Department of Energy; Representative Bill DeWeese, Majority Leader,



House of Representatives, State of Pennsylvania; Assemblyman Paul D. Tonko, Chair, Committee on Energy, Assembly, State of New York; Kurt Adams, Chairman Public Utilities Commission, State of Maine; Elizabeth Merritt, Deputy General Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1867, amended, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1868, amended, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007; H. Con. Res. 95, amended, Honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; and 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.

#### AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Essential Air Services Program/Small Community Air Service Development Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Everett and Thompson of California; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Michael W. Reynolds, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; RADM Craig Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on 2007 Medicare Trustees Report. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### BRIEFING—HOT-SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot-Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to receive testimony on legal issues regarding individuals detained by the Department of Defense as unlawful enemy combatants, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force and aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine clean coal technology, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 312 and H.R. 497, bills to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion, S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, S. 580, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, S. 686, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail, S. 722, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 783, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-336.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine coal, focusing on a clean future, 1 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), 9 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 462, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley

Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, 10 a.m., SR-485.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review proposals to amend the program crop provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Climate Change, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Office of Compliance/Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Credit Card Practices: Current Consumer and Regulatory Issues," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Efforts To Deal With America's Image Abroad: Are They Working? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, to continue mark up of H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007, 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The SAFE Port Act: A Six-Month Review," 1 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The Over-Classification and Pseudo-Classification of Government Information: The Response of the Program Manager of the Information Sharing Environment," following full Committee mark up, 1539 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Employer Access to Criminal Background Checks: The Need for Efficiency and Accuracy; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; and H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Proposals for Improving the Electronic Employment Verification and Worksite Enforcement System, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, joint oversight hearing on Land-use Issues Associated with Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Development, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy—H.R. 364, To provide for the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory Usurption? Part II, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Small Business Innovation Reauthorization on the 25th Program Anniversary, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Closing the Tax Gap Without Creating Burdens for Small Businesses," 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on FEMA's Preparedness and Response to All Hazards, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 92, Veterans' Timely Access Health Care Act; H.R. 315, Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare For Your Veterans' (Healthy Vets) Act of 2007; H.R. 339, Veterans' Outpatient Care Access Act of 2007; H.R. 463, Honor Our Commitment to Veterans' Act; H.R. 538, South Texas Veterans' Access to Care Act of 2007; H.R. 542, To require the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide mental health services in languages other than English, as needed, for veterans' with limited English proficiency; H.R. 1426, Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1471, Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep Our Veterans' Health Act (BACK Veterans' Health Act); H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans' Access to Care Act; and a draft discussion on Rural Health Care Bill and a proposed TBI bill, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Poverty Reduction, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on R&D and Systems Acquisition, 11:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming* hearing entitled "Dangerous Climate Change," 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:15 a.m., Thursday, April 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 26

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:00 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R.1591, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, and may vote on its adoption at 12:45 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 249—To restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

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