

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7497–S7572*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1591–1602, and S. Res. 231–232. **Pages S7544–45**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating University of Colorado at Boulder Men's Cross Country:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 232, a resolution. **Page S7571**

*Virgin Islands:* Senate passed H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7571–72**

#### Measures Considered:

**Clean Energy Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7504–35**

##### Adopted:

Sanders Amendment No. 1515 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish an energy efficiency and renewable energy worker training program. **Pages S7524–28**

By 63 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 209), Lieberman (for Bayh) Amendment No. 1508 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for the publication and implementation of an action plan to reduce the quantity of oil used annually in the United States. **Pages S7522–24, S7534**

##### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7513–15**

Inhofe Amendment No. 1505 (to Amendment No. 1502), to improve domestic fuels security. **Pages S7515–22**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at ap-

proximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, and that the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between Senators Inhofe and Boxer, or their designees, on Inhofe Amendment No. 1505 (to Amendment No. 1502) (listed above); that no amendment be in order to Amendment No. 1505 (to Amendment No. 1502) prior to the vote; provided further, that at 11:45 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Inhofe Amendment No. 1505 (to Amendment No. 1502). **Pages S7534–35**

**Messages from the House: Page S7543**

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**Amendments Submitted: Pages S7559–70**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings: Page S7570**

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**Privileges of the Floor: Page S7571**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—209) **Page S7534**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7572.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral and to be Commander, United States Special Operations Command, Thomas P.

D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Michael G. Vickers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Universal Service Fund, focusing on assessing the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board, after receiving testimony from Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Everett B. Flannery, Jr., Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, Augusta, Maine, on behalf of the Maine Sheriffs' Association; John E. Rooney, U.S. Cellular, Chicago, Illinois; Roger Nishi, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, Waitsfield, Vermont, on behalf of sundry organizations; Jonathan D. Foxman, Chinook Wireless, Great Falls, Montana; and Joel E. Lubin, AT&T Services, Inc., Washington, D.C.

#### HEALTH EFFECTS OF ASBESTOS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the health effects of asbestos, focusing on methods of mitigating such impacts, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; David N. Weissman, Director, Division of Respiratory Disease Studies, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Captain Aubrey Miller, United States Public Health Service, Region 8, United States Environmental Protection Agency; Melanie Marty, California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environment Health Hazard Assessment, Oakland; Ann G. Wylie, University of Maryland Department of Geology, College Park; David Weill, Stanford University Medical Center Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, Stanford, California; Richard A. Lemen, Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, (Ret.), Canton, Georgia; Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Redondo Beach, California; Barry Castleman, Garrett Park, Maryland

#### TRADE ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine trade agreement enforcement for a 21st century economy, after receiving testimony from former Representative Dan Glickman, Motion Picture Association of America, Jennifer A. Hillman, Georgetown University Law Center Institute of International Economic Law, Robert E. Lighthizer,

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP, and Erik O. Autor, National Retail Federation, all of Washington, D.C.

#### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REFORM

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of the Foreign Assistance Reform, focusing on successes, failures, and the future of foreign aid programs, after receiving testimony from Henrietta H. Fore, Acting U.S. Director of Foreign Assistance, and Acting Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; and Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution, Samuel A. Worthington, InterAction, and Steven Radelet, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of the Reuben Jeffery, III, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Chambliss, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### ASSESSING TELEWORK POLICIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine assessing telework policies and initiatives in the federal government, after receiving testimony Daniel A. Green, Deputy Associate Director for Employee and Family Support Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management; Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; Stanley Kaczmarczyk, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy, United States General Services Administration; Bernice Steinhardt, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Tom Davison, Federal Managers Association, and Stephen W.T. O'Keeffe, Telework Exchange, both of Alexandria, Virginia; and David Isaacs, Hewlett-Packard Company, Washington, D.C.

#### TERRORIST IDEOLOGY

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine terrorist ideology, after receiving testimony from Stephen Ulph, Jamestown Foundation, and Daniel Kimmage, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rebekah Cragin, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced will appear in the next issue of the Record. (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 480, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110-189) and

H. Res. 481, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110-190). (See next issue.)

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sarbanes to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H6241

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. Page H6241

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael D. Pfingsten, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Harvard, Illinois. Page H6241

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 478, electing Representative Davis (CA) to the Joint Committee on Printing, to rank after Representative Capuano. Page H6245

**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug:** Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 164, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. Pages H6245–46

**Dismissing Election Contest—21st District of Florida:** The House agreed to H. Res. 459, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-first Congressional District of Florida. Page H6246

**Dismissing Election Contest—24th District of Florida:** The House agreed to H. Res. 461, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Twenty-fourth Congressional District of Florida. Page H6246

**Dismissing Election Contest—4th District of Louisiana:** The House agreed to H. Res. 462, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of

Representative from the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana. Page H6246

**Dismissing Election Contest—5th District of Florida:** The House agreed to H. Res. 463, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Fifth Congressional District of Florida. Page H6246

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

***Native American \$1 Coin Act:*** H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States; Pages H6246–48

***Congratulating the Barton College men's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship:*** H. Res. 329, to congratulate the Barton College men's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship; Pages H6248–50

***Amending the Fair Labor Standards Act, with respect to civil penalties for child labor violations:*** H.R. 2637, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act, with respect to civil penalties for child labor violations; Pages H6250–51

***Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day:*** H. Res. 474, to recognize the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 452; Pages H6251–54, H6267

***Supporting the goals and ideals of National Internet Safety Month:*** H. Res. 455, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Internet Safety Month; and Pages H6254–57

***Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007:*** H.R. 251, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information. Pages H6257–60

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m. Page H6260

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. **Pages H6267–68**

**Official Photograph of the House in Session:** The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 460, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **(See next issue.)**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume June 13th. **Pages H6260–H6317**

Agreed to:

Crowley amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that increases funding, by offset, for state and local programs under Protection, Preparedness, Response and Recovery by \$50,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 453); **Pages H6295–96**

Reichert amendment that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$1,000,000 and reduces funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Management by \$11,000,000 and increases funding, by offset, for information analysis and operations coordination activities by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 455); **Pages H6281–84, H6297**

King (IA) amendment that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$79,000 (by a recorded vote of 379 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 456); and **Pages H6284–91, H6297–98**

Lamborn amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$300,000 (by a recorded vote of 381 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 457).

**Pages H6291–95, H6298–99**

Rejected:

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$9,961,000 (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 454).

**Pages H6277–80, H6296–97**

Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency by \$500,000. **Pages H6280–81**

Pending:

Foxx amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to reduce

funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$1,241,000 and **Pages H6299–H6308**

McHenry amendment to Foxx amendment that seeks to replace the dollar amount proposed in the Foxx amendment for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management with “\$8,961,000”.

**Pages H6308–6311**

Rejected the Blunt motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 458.

**Pages H6311–12**

Rejected the Gingrey motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 459.

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Rejected the Bachus motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 220 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 460.

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Rejected the Shadegg motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 461.

**Pages H6316–17**

Rejected the McCotter motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 462.

**(See next issue.)**

Rejected the Boehner motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 463.

**(See next issue.)**

Rejected the Roskam motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 464.

**(See next issue.)**

Agreed to the Flake motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 312 ayes to 82 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 465.

**(See next issue.)**

H. Res. 473, 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 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 451.

**Pages H6260–67**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages in the next issue of the Record.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and thirteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6266–67, H6267, H6295–96, H6296–97, H6297, H6297–98, H6298–99, H6312, H6313, H6314–15, H6316–17, continued in the next issue of the Record. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13th.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008; REVISED SUBALLOCATIONS OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported amended the following appropriations for fiscal year 2008: State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs; and Legislative Branch.

The Committee also approved Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2008.

### SECURITY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the development of the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Martin Dempsey, USA, Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Mark T. Kimmit, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary.

### SUPREME COURT'S EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION DECISION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing entitled "Justice Denied? The Implications of the Supreme Court's *Ledbetter v. Goodyear* Employment Discrimination Decision." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HEALTH LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Discussion Drafts concerning Prescription Drug User Fee Act Reauthorization, Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act Reauthorization, Drug Safety, and Certain Pediatric Pharmaceutical and Device legislation. Testimony was heard from Randall L. Lutter, Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CAMP LEJEUNE CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Poisoned Patriots: Contaminated Drinking Water at Camp Lejeune." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert C. Dickerson, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Camp Lejeune; and Pat Leonard, Director, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Claims, Investigations, Department of the Navy; Thomas

Sinks, Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Health/ATSDR, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the EPA: Peter J. Murtha, Director, Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and Franklin Hill, Director, Superfund Division; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Public Health and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATIONS ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1682, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Edward L. Connor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Insurance, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing on National Flood Insurance Program: Issues Exposed by the 2005 Hurricanes. Testimony was heard from Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General, Disaster Assistance Oversight, Department of Homeland Security; and Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO.

### MANDATORY ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Mandatory Arbitration Agreements: Are They Fair For Consumers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS CRIME ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint hearing on H.R. 923, Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act. Testimony was heard from Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS CRIME ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 923, Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

**BAIL BOND FAIRNESS ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 2286, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2007.

**WATER RECYCLING MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 31, Elisnore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007; H.R. 716, amended, Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan Act; H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act; H.R. 1503, amended, Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; H.R. 1526, amended, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1725, Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2007.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2635, amended, Carbon-Neutral Government Act of 2007; H.R. 404, amended, Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act; H.R. 2127, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the “Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building;” H.R. 2309, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building;” S. 1352, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the “Dr. Frances Townsend Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 87, Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; H. Res. 361, Recognizing and Honoring Jack Valenti and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death; H. Con. Res. 155, Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; H. Con. Res. 148, Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; H. Res. 189, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” should be established; H. Res. 257, Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 142, Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet

Week; H.R. 2570, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building;” and H.R. 2563, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisley Post Office.”

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky and Hobson.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment

has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Wicker.

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GLOBALIZATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on the Globalization of R&D and Innovation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### DUPONT AEROSPACE DP-2 AIRCRAFT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the duPont Aerospace DP-2 Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Kinzer, DP-2 Program Manager, Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and LTC Michael Tremper, USAF, Defense Contract Management Agency; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD DEEPWATER PROGRAM UPDATE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Deepwater: 120-Day Update. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General.

#### AMTRAK STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Amtrak Strategic Initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of AMTRAK: David Laney, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Alexander Kummant, President and CEO.

#### VA SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE BONUSES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the process of awarding SES bonuses at the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Management Team, GAO; Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

#### HEALTH CARE SERVICES EFFECTIVENESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Strategies to Increase Information on Comparative Clinical Effectiveness. Testi-

mony was heard from Representative Allen; Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—ICM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on ICM. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM: OVERSEAS THREATS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Chemical/Biological Terrorism: Overseas Threats. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, S. 274, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, S. Res. 22, reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail, S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, S. 1099, to amend

chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance, S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years, H.R. 1255, and S. 886, bills to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and S. 381, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine nominations to the Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, and Department of Labor collaboration and cooperation to meet the employment needs of returning military service members, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on China: Recent Security Developments, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* to mark up H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007; Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2007; Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Amendment of 2007; Pediatric Research Improvement Act; to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety; To amend the Public Health Service to provide for the establishment of a clinical trial registry database and a clinical trial results database; To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to conflicts of interest; To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the establishment of the Reagan-Udall Institute for Applied Biomedical Research; and the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement of 2007, 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing on Improving Federal Consumer Protection in Financial Services, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Citizen Preparedness: Helping Our Communities Help Themselves," 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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*Committee on Natural Resources,* to continue markup of H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 673, Cocopah Lands Act; H.R. 1575, Burt Lake Band of Ottoawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act; and H.R. 2120, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing on Continuing Allegations of Misconduct at the GSA, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 13

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