

Rejected:

Hinchee amendment (no. 18, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to kill or assist in the killing of bison in the Yellowstone National Park herd (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 261); **Pages H4435, H4460–61**

Sanders amendment (modified by unanimous consent) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to maintain more than 647 million barrels of crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 262); and **Pages H4440–41, H4461**

Holt amendment (no. 4, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to permit recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 263). **Pages H4446, H4461–62**

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to eliminate or restrict programs that are for the reforestation of urban areas; and **Pages H4458–59**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds appropriated in title I of the bill for construction of the Gregory Lincoln Education Center in Houston, Texas. **Page H4459**

Point of Order sustained against:

Weiner amendment that would have directed the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to the Statue of Liberty and its interior substantially equivalent to the access provided before September 11, 2001, not later than July 31, 2004. **Pages H4457–58**

H. Res. 674, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed on Wednesday, June 16.

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005—Rule: The House began consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, June 18. **Pages H4465–H4504**

Agreed to:

Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment (no. 12, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that increases funding for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters Program; and **Pages H4478–80**

Turner amendment (agreed) that increases funding for customs and border protection. **Page H4480**

Rejected:

Simmons amendment (no. 11, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to increase funding for the Coast Guard acquisition, construction, and improvements program; **Pages H4487–88**

DeFazio amendment (no. 17, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that sought to strike a provision in title II of the bill relating to the maximum staffing level for full-time equivalent aviation screeners (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 265); and **Pages H4483–87, H4503**

Sweeney amendment (no. 3, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to increase High Threat grants for Urban Areas Security Initiative (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 266); **Pages H4489–90, H4503–04**

Withdrawn:

Stupak amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness. **Pages H4480–83**

Point of Order sustained against:

Section of the bill on page 14, lines 9–19, concerning the Federal Government's share of costs for aviation security at airports; and **Page H4483**

Language on page 22, lines 22 and 23 of the bill that states "notwithstanding any other provision of law"; **Page H4489**

Sweeney amendment (no. 16, printed in the Congressional Record of June 16) that would have required that any grants to states under the formula-based grant program in excess of any statutorily required minimum amount be distributed based on an assessment of the risk of terrorist threats, vulnerabilities and consequences. **Page H4489**

H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, June 16. **Page H4465**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4392.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4304–05, H4305, H4432–33, H4433, H4434, H4460–61, H4461, H4461–62, H4464–65, H4503 and H4503–04. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:33 a.m. on Friday, June 18.

Committee Meetings

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on training of Iraqi security forces. Testimony was heard

from LTG David H. Petraeus, USA, Chief, Office of Security Transition—Iraq, Department of Defense.

U.S. DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE—IMPACT OF DEFENSE TRADE OFFSETS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the impact of defense trade offsets on the U.S. defense industrial base. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARD AGAINST PRIVACY INVASIONS ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2929, Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act.

E-RATE PROGRAM PROBLEMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation’s Schools to the Internet.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: H. Walker Feaster III, Inspector General; Carol E. Matthey, Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; and Jane E. Mago, Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; the following officials of the Commonwealth of Puerto: Manuel Diaz Saldana, Comptroller; and Cesar A. Rey Hernandez, Secretary, Department of Education

U.S.-EU REGULATORY DIALOGUE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled, “The U.S.-EU Regulatory Dialogue: The Private Sector Perspective.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WAR AGAINST DRUGS AND THUGS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The War Against Drugs and Thugs: A Status Report on Plan Colombia Successes and Remaining Challenges.” Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; the following officials of the Department of State: Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Robert B. Charles, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas W. O’Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; and GEN James T. Hill, USA, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Luis

Alberto Moreno, Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Colombia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—HELP AMERICAN VOTE ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on House Administration: Held an oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission and Implementation of the Help America Vote Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance Commission: DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Chairman; Gracia Hillman, Vice Chair; Paul DeGregorio and Ray Martinez, both Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS; EGYPT-U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 642, amended, House Commission for Assisting Democratic Parliaments Resolution; and H. Con. Res. 410, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and recognizing the Marshall Islands as a staunch ally of the United States, committed to principles of democracy and freedom for the Pacific region and throughout the world.

The Committee also held a hearing on “United States Economic Assistance to Egypt: Does It Advance Reform?” Testimony was heard from David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 415, Urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004; and H. Res. 652, Urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004.

FAMILY MOVIE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing H.R. 4586, Family Movie Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION BACKLOG

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Families and Businesses in Limbo: The Detrimental Impact of the Immigration Backlog.” Testimony was heard from Eduardo Aguirre, Director, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3102, To utilize the expertise of New Mexico State University, the University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University in conducting studies under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in connection with grazing allotments and range and continuing range analysis for National Forest System lands in New Mexico and Arizona; H.R. 3427, Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act; H.R. 4494, Grey Towers National Historic Site Act of 2004; and S. 2003, To clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River. Testimony was heard from Representative Sherwood; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

EXAMINE RULE X—ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Technology and the House concluded hearings to examine Rule X, the Organization of Committees, including its current legislative impact, arrangement, and effectiveness. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goss, Sensenbrenner, Goodlatte, Stenholm, Barton of Texas, Dingell, Manzullo, Young of Alaska and Oberstar.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ENFORCEMENT AGAINST SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Department of Labor's Enforcement Against Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Robert Varnell, Deputy Solicitor, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DVA—EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE FRAUD, WASTE, ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT IN PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was

heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary; and Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Information Technology. Testimony was heard from David Brailer, M.D., National Health Information Technology Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert M. Kolodner, M.D., Acting Chief Health Informatics Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

FAILURE TO PROTECT CHILD SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Failure to Protect Child Safety. Testimony was heard from Christopher J. McCabe, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; the following officials of the City of Baltimore: Floyd Blair, Interim Director, Department of Social Services; and Peter Beilenson, M.D., Commissioner of Health; and a public witness.

CUSTOMS BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS AND OTHER CUSTOMS ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Customs Budget Authorizations and Other Customs Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—COUNTERNARCOTICS: AFGHANISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Counternarcotics: Afghanistan. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.