

Hensarling amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to provide for an automatic continuing resolution in the event that an agreement is not reached on spending levels by the legal deadline (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 304 noes, Roll No. 309); **Pages H4986–88, H4990–91**

Ryan of Wisconsin amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to convert the current non-binding budget resolution into a joint budget resolution that if signed by the President would have the force of law (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 311);

**Pages H4998–H5001, H5012–13**

Ryan of Wisconsin amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to establish Budget Protection Accounts which would allow Congress to target spending during the appropriation and direct spending processes and redirect that spending for deficit reduction at the end of the fiscal year (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 312);

**Pages H5001–03, H5013**

Ryan of Wisconsin amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to initiate enhanced rescission for the President to propose the elimination of wasteful spending identified in appropriations bills (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 313);

**Pages H5003–06, H5013–14**

Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that restores the original Pay-As-You-Go rules as they were originally established under the 1990 Budget Enforcement Act and extended in 1997 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 314);

**Pages H5006–11, H5014–15**

Hensarling amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to make several major changes to the current budget process (by a recorded vote of 88 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 315); and

**Pages H5015–44, H5062–63**

Kirk amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that sought to make a number of changes to the current budget process (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 296 noes, Roll No. 316).

**Pages H5044–62, H5063–64**

Withdrawn:

Young of Florida amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 108–566) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require sequestration of mandatory spending in the event that the OMB baseline estimates of mandatory spending exceed previous estimates due to enacted legislation; require baseline estimates to exclude emergency spending; provide an exception for outlay components of certain expiring receipts legislation when making estimates of mandatory spending legislation; change the start date of the fis-

cal year to November 1; require sunseting of all Federal programs (except earned entitlements) effective October 1, 2006, unless reauthorized prior to that date; require an adjustment to Appropriations Committee 302(a) allocations to ensure that the transportation guarantees contemplated in TEALU and Vision 100 are fully met; and make technical and conforming changes to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Pages H4991–97**

H. Res. 692, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 303, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 217 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 302.

**Pages H4922–23**

**Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. J.C. Watts, Jr., of Norman, Oklahoma to serve a two-year term on the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors.

**Page H5067**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–196).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4895.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4928, H5072.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4921–22, H4922–23, H4923, H4929–30, H4988, H4988–89, H4989–90, H4990, H4990–91, H5011–12, H5012–13, H5013, H5013–14, H5014–15, H5062–63, H5063, H5065, H5065–66 and H5066–67. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:23 a.m. on Friday, June 25.

## Committee Meetings

### DOD—CONTRACTOR SUPPORT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on contractor support in the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Navy; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; and Tina

Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Procurement, U.S. Army.

#### **DOD—SMALL CALIBER AMMUNITION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Department of Defense small caliber ammunition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: MG Buford C. Blount, III, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3; BG Paul S. Izzo, USA, Program Executive Officer, Ammunition; and BG James Rafferty, USA, Deputy Commander, Joint Munitions Command; and public witnesses.

#### **INNOVATIVE HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining Innovative Health Insurance Options for Workers and Employers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2929, amended, Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act; H.R. 2023, amended, Asthmatic Schoolchildren’s Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004; H.R. 4555, amended, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; H.R. 3981, amended, To reclassify fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund as offsetting collections; and H.R. 4600, amended, Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004.

#### **HOSPITAL BILLING AND COLLECTION PRACTICES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “A Review of Hospital Billing and Collection Practices.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Herb Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. Testimony was heard from William J. McDonough, Chairman, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; TARGET WASHINGTON: COORDINATING HOMELAND SECURITY EFFORTS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: S. 129, amended, Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2003; H.R. 3340, To redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “James E. Worsham Post Office” and the “James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building,” respectively; H.R. 4327, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis Missouri, as the “Vitalis ‘Veto’ Reid Post Office Building;” and H.R. 4427, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the “Perry B. Duryea, Jr., Post Office.”

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “Target Washington: Coordinating Federal Homeland Security Efforts with Local Jurisdictions in the National Capital Region. Testimony was heard from Thomas Lockwood, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security, GAO; George Foresman, Assistant to the Governor for Preparedness, State of Virginia; Dennis Schrader, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of Maryland; Barbara Childs-Pair, Director, Emergency Management Agency, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

#### **LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Living with Disabilities in the United States: A Snapshot.” Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; Troy Justesen, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education; Don Young, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4303, amended, American Schools Abroad Support Act; and H.R. 4654, To reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through Fiscal Year 2007.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1587, amended, Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003; H.R. 4660, to

amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to extend the authority to provide assistance to countries seeking to become eligible countries for purposes of that Act; H. Res. 615, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others GroupS (WEOG) at the United Nations; H. Res. 617, amended, Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCED); 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; H. Res. 667, Expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong; H. Con. Res. 462, Reaffirming unwaivering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act; H. Con. Res. 304, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of the People's Republic of China of Falun Gong in the United States and in China; H. Con. Res. 319, amended, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing repression of the religious freedom and human rights of the Iranian Baha'i community by the Government of Iran; H. Con. Res. 363, amended, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Con. Res. 436, amended, Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country; 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; H. Con. Res. 418, Recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan; H. Con. Res. 422, Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world; and S. 2264, Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act.

#### **AFRICA—CONFRONTING WAR CRIMES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Confronting War Crimes in Africa. Testimony was heard from Pierre-Richard Prosper, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of War Crimes Issues, Department of State; and public witnesses

#### **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a hearing on Trafficking in Persons: A Global Review. Testimony was heard from John Miller, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Di-

rector, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **IRANIAN PROLIFERATION**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Iranian Proliferation: Implications for Terrorists, their State-Sponsors, and U.S. Counter-proliferation Policy, Testimony was heard from John R. Bolton, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State; Peter Flory, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued oversight hearings on the Administrative Conference of the United States, II: Why is There a Need to Reauthorize the Conference? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—LIMITING FEDERAL COURT JURISDICTION TO PROTECT MARRIAGE FOR THE STATES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled "Limiting Federal Court Jurisdiction to Protect Marriage for the States." Testimony was heard from former Representative William E. Dannemeyer, State of California; and public witnesses.

#### **DC—ADDITIONAL COURT; OVERSIGHT—PATENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action H.R. 112, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for an additional place of holding court in the District of Columbia.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing entitled "Patent Quality Improvement: Post-Grant Opposition." Testimony was heard from James A. Toupin, General Counsel, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 831, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 2793, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Rogers of Michigan and Stupak; Aurene

Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2004; and H.R. 4625, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands. Testimony was heard from P. Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, Geology, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### AMERICAN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3320, American Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Ross; John Hogan, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4614, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2005, 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. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hobson, Gibbons, Wilson of New Mexico, Visclosky, Eshoo, and Lofgren.

#### NUCLEAR R&D—IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Nuclear R&D and the Idaho National Laboratory. Testimony was heard from William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### VOTING EQUIPMENT—TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on Testing and Certification for Voting Equipment: How Can the Process Be Improved? Testimony was heard from Hratch Szerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND ILLINOIS RIVERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers—Recommendations for Navigation Improvements and Ecosystem Restoration. Testimony was heard from Representative Gutknecht; MG Carl Strock, USA, Director of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; John Jamian, Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; A. J. Yates, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Benjamin N. Tuggle, Chief, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation; Jerri-Anne Garl, Director, Region 5, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Real Property and Facilities Management Improvement Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### CUSTOMS AND BORDER SECURITY ACT OF 2004

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4418, Customs and Border Security Act of 2004.

#### INFORMATION SHARING AFTER 9/11

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "Information Sharing After September 11: Perspectives on the Future." Testimony was heard from James Gilmore, Chair, Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; and public witnesses.