

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments. **Page H1490**

Agreed to:

Moran of Virginia amendment that reduces and then increases by the same amount, the funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide;

**Page H1458**

Jackson of Illinois en bloc amendment that increases funding for International Disaster & Famine Assistance and Migration & Refugee Assistance;

**Page H1467**

Maloney amendment that increases funding for the Tsunami Recovery and Reconstruction Fund; and

**Pages H1467–71**

Upton of Michigan amendment that prohibits the use of funds for embassy security, construction, and maintenance (by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 73). **Pages H1482–84, H1486–87**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds in Title IV, Chapter 1 to provide emergency relief, rehabilitation or reconstruction aid;

**Pages H1479–81**

Tierney amendment that sought to increase the funding for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 72); **Pages H1455–57, H1486**

Weiner amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to finance any assistance to Saudi Arabia (agreed to limit time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 74); and **Pages H1484–86, H1487–88**

Weiner amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for assistance to the Palestinian Authority or for programs, projects, and activities in the West Bank or Gaza. **Pages H1497–H1500**

Withdrawn:

Woolsey amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for reserve personnel in all branches of the Armed Forces, and for the Army and Air Force National Guard; **Pages H1457–58**

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have inserted a new section at the end of the bill regarding Offsetting Government-Wide Rescission;

**Pages H1476–77**

Kelly amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to provide assistance to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; **Pages H1489–90**

Lantos amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of March 14) that was offered and sub-

sequently withdrawn that would have added a title VII to the measure, entitled Hope at Home Act; and

**Pages H1491–95**

Markey amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to implement any regulation reducing the total amount of monthly military pay for a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded or otherwise injured while assigned to duty in an area for which special pay is available. **Pages H1495–96**

Point of Order sustained against:

Tierney amendment that sought to establish a select committee to investigate reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan; **Pages H1452–55**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 14) that sought to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; **Pages H1472–73**

Filner amendment that sought to provide funding for the Veterans' Health Administration (agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 71); and

**Pages H1477–78**

Reyes en bloc amendment that sought to provide funding for veterans' health-care programs, and adds a Title VII to the bill regarding the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H1481–82**

H. Res. 151, the rule, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H1427–35**

Agreed to the Cole amendment by voice vote.

**Pages H1433–35**

Earlier it was agreed to order the previous question on the resolution the amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 69.

**Pages H1434–35**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 153, relating to a question of privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 70. **Pages H1435–36**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1434–35, H1435–36, H1478, H1486, H1486–87, and H1487–88. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was

heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth James Duke, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy—Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy/Conservation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Office of Science; William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

#### **SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006—NAVAL CRITICAL ENABLERS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Naval Critical Enablers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: E. Anne Sandel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Integrated Warfare Systems; Roger M. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Littoral and Mine Warfare; RADM Mark J. Edwards, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division (N76), Department of the Navy; MG Gordon C. Nash, USMC, Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N75), U.S. Marine Corps; RADM Joseph A. Walsh, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N77); and RADM Anthony L. Winns, USN, Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division (N78), Department of the Navy.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for Military Construction, Family Housing, Base Closures, and Facilities Operations and Maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Philip Crone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Geoffrey G. Prosch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Installations and Environment; B. J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Installations and Environment; and Fred W. Kuhn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006 MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for Missile Defense Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Trey Obering, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; LTG Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; and David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense responsibilities in homeland defense and homeland security missions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; ADM Timothy Keating, USN, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command; and LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

#### **WELFARE REFORM: REAUTHORIZATION OF WORK AND CHILD CARE**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “Welfare Reform: Reauthorization of Work and Child Care.” Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**PROTECTING CONSUMERS' DATA**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Protecting Consumers' Data: Policy Issues Raised by ChoicePoint." Testimony was heard from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

**REGULATION NMS: THE SEC'S VIEW**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Regulation NMS: The SEC's View." Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC.

**OVERSIGHT—UNITED NATIONS REFORM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held an oversight hearing on United Nations Reform: Challenges and Prospects. Testimony was heard from the following former United States Permanent Representatives to the United Nations: Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke, and Ambassador Richard S. Williamson.

**PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE ON ARMS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security to Examine the Security of the Nation's Seaports and the Cargo Entering Those Ports. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and RADM Larry Hereth, USCG, Director, Port Security; Jeff Keever, Deputy Executive Director, Port Authority, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Power Marketing Administrations' Role in Bringing Our Nationwide Electricity Transmission System into the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following Administrators of the Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Charles A. Borchardt, Southeastern Power Administration; Michael A. Deihl, Southwestern Power Administration; Michael S. Hacskaylo, Western Area Power Administration;

and Stephen J. Wright, Bonneville Power Administration.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FY 2006**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 5 hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 95, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, FY 2006, with 4 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report, except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule permits the chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. The rule provides that after passage of H. Con. Res. 95, it shall be in order to consider in the House S. Con. Res. 18, to move to strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 18, and to insert the provisions of H. Con. Res. 95, as passed by the House. Finally, the rule waives all points of order against S. Con. Res. 18, against its consideration, and against the motion to strike and insert. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Shays, Flake, Spratt, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, Stupak, Brown of Ohio, Harman, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 50, amended, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Act; H.R. 798, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005; and H.R. 250, amended, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005.

### OVERSIGHT—LASERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Lasers: A Hazard to Aviation Safety and Security? Testimony was heard from Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### MEASURING PHYSICIAN QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF CARE IN MEDICARE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Measuring Physician Quality and Efficiency of Care in Medicare. Testimony was heard from Herb Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK, AND FAMILY PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Protection Act of 2005.

### BUDGET HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Navy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army and Air Force, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the Future Combat System in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine national security space policy and programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), focusing on the evolving IED threat and the Department of Defense's approach to addressing this issue, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider The Reliable Fuels Act, and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine expiring tax provisions, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the lifting of the European Union arms embargo on China, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to Review United States Agricultural Trade with Cuba, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Disposal and Environmental Management, and on Department of Energy-Fossil Energy, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on DEA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Recruiting, Retention and Military Personnel Policy, and Benefits and Compensation Overview, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to mark up H.R. 525, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Problems with the E-rate Program: GAO Review of FCC Management and Oversight, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled