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ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: PRIVATE LANDOWNER INCENTIVES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded a hearing to examine the Endangered Species Act and incentives for private landowners, focusing on existing Federal incentives for private landowners to protect threatened and endangered species, as well as new and innovative ways for incentivizing species protection on private lands, after receiving testimony from Marshall P. Jones, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sara Braasch, Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense, and Laurence D. Wiseman, on behalf of the American Forest Foundation and the American Tree Farm System, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul Campos, Home Builders Association of Northern California, Contra Costa County, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Alan Foutz, Colorado Farm Bureau, Akron, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Robert J. Olszewski, Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

CHEMICAL FACILITY SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine the Federal role regarding chemical facility security, receiving testimony from Martin J. Durbin, American Chemistry Council, Arlington, Virginia; Matthew Barmasse, ISOICHEM, Inc., Lockport, New York, on behalf of Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and Gerald V. Poje, National Academy of Science, both of Washington, D.C.; Glenn Erwin, United Steel Workers International Union, Washburn, Missouri; and Carol L. Andress, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current habeas corpus proceedings and issues of actual innocence, focusing on S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, after receiving testimony from Seth P. Waxman, Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr, Washington, D.C., former Solicitor General of the United States; Thomas Dolgenos, Office of Philadelphia District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John Pressley Todd and Kent E. Cattani, both of the Office of Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix; and Barry C. Scheck, Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law, and Bryan A. Stevenson, New York University School of Law, both of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3262–3275; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 208; and H. Res. 3611 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 624, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants (H. Rept. 109–166);

H.R. 1359, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alter-

native water source projects, amended (H. Rept. 109–167); and

H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, amended (H. Rept. 109–268).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Arnold B. Lovell, Senior Pastor, Second Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005: H.R. 1220, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H5749–54**

Making permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program: H.R. 2385, amended, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; **Pages H5754–56**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to extend by 10 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. **Page H5756**

John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building"; **Pages H5756–58**

Vincent Palladino Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office"; and **Pages H5758–59**

J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex Designation Act: H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex". **Pages H5759–60**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14.

East Asia Security Act of 2005: H.R. 3100, to authorize measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China; **Pages H5760–64**

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring the veterans of WWII: H. Con. Res. 191, amended, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; and **Pages H5764–66**

Condemning the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005: H. Res. 356, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England, on July 7, 2005. **Pages H5766–68**

Water Resources Development Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 346, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to author-

ize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by voice vote. **Pages H5768–72**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 1:54 p.m. **Page H5772**

Energy Policy Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. **Pages H5772–77**

The House began consideration of the Capps motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 14. **Page H5777**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS—CHINA NATIONAL OFFSHORE OIL MERGER—UNOCAL CORPORATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on national security implications of the possible merger of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation with Unocal Corporation. Testimony was heard from C. Richard D'Amato, Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness began mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

TREASURY'S REPORT—TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Treasury's Report to Congress on the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA)." Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "From Bureaucrats to Plutocrats: Can Entrepreneurialism Work in the Federal Government?" Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO; former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt L. Gingrich of Georgia; and a public witness.

IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and