

H. Res. 558, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 595.

Pages H10508–09, H10514–15

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006: The House failed to agree to the conference report on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a ye-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 598.

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H. Res. 559, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 596, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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The House agreed to the motion to insist on its disagreement to the Senate amendment on H.R. 3010, by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:31 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 560) and it was agreed to proceed with consideration by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 600.

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Deficit Reduction Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 4241, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 601.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that staff be authorized to make technical and conforming corrections to the text of H.R. 4241, as passed by the House.

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Agreed by unanimous consent to Mr. Nussle's motion to strike all after the enacting clause of S. 1932, and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4241 as passed by the House.

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H. Res. 560, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to, after agreeing to order the previous question and the Putnam amendment by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, November 16th:

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred on November 9, 2005, in Amman, Jordan: H. Res. 546, amended, to condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred on November 9, 2005, in Amman,

Jordan, by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 602.

Pages H10645–46

To direct the Architect of the Capitol to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 4145, amended, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes."

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10505.

Senate Referrals: S. 206, S. 213, S. 251, S. 652, S. 761, S. 777, S. 819, S. 891, S. 895, S. 958, S. 1154, S. 1338, and S. 1627 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 485, S. 584, S. 695, S. 1238 were held at the desk and S. 705 was referred to the Committees on Financial Services and Education and the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H10514–15, H10515–16, H10516–17, H10529–30, H10530–31, H10533–34, H10645 and H10645–46. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:25 a.m. and reconvened at 8:31 a.m.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, November 18.

Committee Meetings

COMBATING METHAMPHETAMINES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Combating Methamphetamines through Prevention and Education. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and Hooley; Robert Denniston, Director, National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

MEDICATE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Physician Payment: How to Build a More Efficient Payment System." Testimony was heard from Mark B. McClellan, M.D. Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health

and Human Services; Glen Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING JOCKEYS AND WORKERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOUISIANA RECOVERY CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: John T. Schedler, member, State Senate; Juan A. LaFonta, member, State House; C. Ray Nagin, Mayor and John Batt, member, City Council, both with the City of New Orleans; and a public witness.

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Financial Institutions: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Self-Regulatory Organizations: Exploring the Need for Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability held a hearing entitled “15 Years of the CFO Act—What is the Current State of Federal Financial Management?” Testimony was heard from Linda Combs, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

BORDER SECURITY AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4312, Border Security and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005.

TERRORISM RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Terrorism Risk Assessment at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Melissa Smislova, Acting Director, Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center and Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis—Chief Intelligence Officer,

Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

WESTERN SAHARA STATUS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Getting to Yes: Resolving the 30-Year Conflict over the Status of Western Sahara. Testimony was heard from Senator Inhofe, Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida; Gordon Gray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Democracy in Venezuela. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a joint oversight hearing on Weak Bilateral Law Enforcement Presence at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Territorial Integrity and Safety Issues for American Citizens. Testimony was heard from Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: William Reid, Acting Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Rey Garza, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and a public witness.

HOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IMPACTS CONSTITUENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims continued oversight hearings entitled “How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress, (Part II).” Testimony was heard from Representatives Kingston, Blackburn, Carter and Lewis of Georgia

NEPA

Committee on Resources: NEPA Task Force held a hearing on NEPA: Lessons Learned and Next Steps. Testimony was heard from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF NATURAL GAS RELIEF ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the Outer Continental Shelf Natural Gas Relief Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMBAT ILLEGAL DRUG FARMS IN NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the National Parks Service's Efforts to Combat the Growth of Illegal Drug Farms in National Parks. Testimony was heard from Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 18, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, any amendment thereto, or any conference report thereon. (2) A conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes. (3) A bill or joint resolution relating to flood insurance. (4) A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2528, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Walsh.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report

to accompany H.R. 3058, Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

NANOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: What Research is Needed? Testimony was heard from David Rejeski, Director, Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, The Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

PASSPORTS TO AND FROM CANADA

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Building a Wall Between Friends: Passports to and from Canada? Testimony was heard from Representative Slaughter; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2528, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of science, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 4340, United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.