

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Marcus Peacock, Deputy Administrator, and Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John Snow, Secretary, Stuart Levey, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, and Janice B. Gardner, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, all of the Department of the Treasury.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the United States Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security, focusing on port infrastructure and ports of entry in the United States, and terrorist targets including ferries, cruise ships, and fuel vessels, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Thad Allen, Chief of Staff, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HEALTHCARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine healthcare in the District of Columbia, focusing on access to primary care and affordable health insurance, after receiving testimony from Brenda Donald Walker, Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders, Government of the District of Columbia; Randall R. Bovbjerg, Urban Institute, Sharon A. Baskerville, District of Columbia Primary Care Association, Maria Gomez, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Lawrence H. Mirel, Wiley Rein and Fielding, LLP, Edmund F. Haislmaier, Heritage Foundation, and Christine Reesor, DC Spanish-Catholic Center Medical Clinic of Catholic Community Services, all of Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on navy shipbuilding, after receiving testimony from Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Rear Admiral Mark J. Edwards, USN, Director for Warfare Integration, N8F, and Rear Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, III, USN, Director for Programming Division, N80, both of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of the Navy; Damien Bloor, First Marine International Limited, United Kingdom; and John F. Schank, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on military space programs, after receiving testimony from Ronald M. Sega, Under Secretary of the Air Force; Rear Admiral Kenneth W. Deutsch, USN, Director, Net-Centric Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Lieutenant General Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command; Lieutenant General Michael A. Hamel, USAF, Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Acting Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study concluded a hearing to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, after receiving testimony from Bill Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries

Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Richard Langan, University of New Hampshire Open Ocean Aquaculture Project, Durham; John R. Cates, Cates International Inc., Kailua, Hawaii; Mark Vinsel, United Fishermen of Alaska, Juneau; Rebecca Goldberg, Environmental Defense, New York, New York; and Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association, Hallowell.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, after receiving testimony from Sue Masica, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Gerald H. Yamada, O'Connor and Hannan LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, focusing on the employer-based system in the United States and the impact of health care cost growth and state regulation of health insurance rates, receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and DeMint; Joseph E. Rossman, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Small Business Health Plan Coalition; and Len M. Nichols, New America Foundation, Todd O. McCracken, National

Small Business Association, and Deborah Chollet, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction held a hearing to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, focusing on current saving decisions and their implications for long-term economic growth, receiving testimony from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; Jurrien Timmer, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts; Barry P. Bosworth and Lael Brainard, both of The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, after receiving testimony from Representative Kelly; Hector Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Veronique de Rugy, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan J. Bean, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; David H. Bartram, U.S. Bank, San Diego, California, on behalf of National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.; and John Pointer, Nashville, Tennessee.

ORPHAN WORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, focusing on enactment of legislation as a catalyst necessary to prompt non-legal, marketplace reforms that will most efficiently address the problems identified by photographers and creators of visual images, after receiving testimony from Jule L. Sigall,

Associate Register for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Victor S. Perlman, American Society of Media Photographers, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; June V. Cross, Columbia University, and Maria Pallante, Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation (Guggenheim Museum), both of New York, New York; Brad Holland, Illustrators' Partnership of America, Marshfield, Massachusetts; Thomas C. Rubin, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Virginia; and Rick Prelinger, Prelinger Archives, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Internet Archive.

VA'S CAPITAL PLAN

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs 5-year capital construction plan, focusing on the VA's portfolio management approach and how the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process and the Enhanced-Use Leasing program play an integral role in the management of VA's portfolio, after receiving testimony from Senators Allard, Nelson of Florida, and Martinez; Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, James M. Sullivan, Deputy Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, and Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Chief and Associate Chief, Facilities Management Officer for Service Delivery, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, focusing on what effect the Older Americans Act Amendments have had on the distribution of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) funds to national and state grantees, describe the progress Labor has made in implementing the enhanced performance accountability system, and identify the challenges faced by national and state grantees in managing the SCSEP program, after receiving testimony from Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; John R. Beverly, III, Administrator, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Melinda M. Adams, Idaho Commission on Aging, Boise; Shauna O'Neil, Salt Lake County Aging Services, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Carol Salter, Easter Seals, Inc., Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 5112–5167; 1 private bill, H.R. 5168; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–388; and H. Res. 769–771 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1680–82

Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4973, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program (H. Rept. 109–410);

H.R. 5020, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Sys-

tem, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–411);

H.R. 4411, to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–412, Pt. 1); and

Conference report to accompany H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 109–413). **Pages H1640–64, H1676**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steven T. Cherry, President, Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. **Page H1565**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2007: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for