

or agreeing to receive or accept anything of value in return for influence in the performance of an official act relating to an earmark. **Pages H2044–45**

Rejected:

Gohmert (No. 1 printed in Part B of H. Rpt. 109–441) which sought to strike the current section 106 and insert an ascending civil penalty structure for each subsequent offense. For example, for a second offense the offender could be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000. Also adds “corruptly and with intent to evade the law” to the intent element of the civil penalty (by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 117).

Pages H2036–37, H2045–46

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, spelling, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2058**

H. Res. 783, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Thursday, April 27, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 110.

SAFE Port Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 789, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 124, after ordering the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 123. **Pages H2058–66, H2078–79**

Tax Relief Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Larson of Connecticut motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 121.

Pages H2066–71, H2076–77

Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 299 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 122.

Pages H2071–76, H2077

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2077.

Senate Referrals: S. 1003 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. Con. Res. 91 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H2099**

Quorum Calls Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2030, H2031, H2031–32, H2045–46, H2056, H2056–57, H2057–58, H2076–77, H2077, H2078, and H2078–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

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 held a hearing on State Department, Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Karen Hughes, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; and Jess Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

BUILDING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “Building American Competitiveness: Examining the Scope and Success of Existing Federal Math and Science Programs.” Testimony was heard from Tom Luce, Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and a public witness.

PASSENGER CAR FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on a measure to authorize the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration to set passenger car fuel economy standards. Testimony was heard from Representative Boehlert; Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection continued hearings entitled “Digital Content and Enabling Technology: Satisfying the 21st Century Consumer.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET CHILD PREDATORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Raul Roldan, Section Chief, Cyber Crime Section of the Cyber Division and Arnold Bell, Unit Chief, Innocent Images Unit, both with the FBI; and public witnesses.

SEC INVESTOR PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Protecting Investors and Fostering Efficient Markets: A Review of the S.E.C. Agenda.” Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC.

NATO TRANSFORMATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on The United States and NATO: Transformation and the Riga Summit. Testimony was heard from Kurt Volker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Dan Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4777, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act; and H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; and H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gingrey, King of Iowa; and McCarthy.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 5018, American Fisheries Man-

agement and Maine Life Enhancement Act; and H.R. 1431, Fisheries Science and Management Enhancement Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FOREST MANAGEMENT AND ELECTRICITY SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint oversight hearing on the Need for Proper Forest Management on Federal Rights of Way To Ensure Reliable Electricity Service. Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

H-PRIZE ACT OF 2006; NSF/SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5143, H-Prize Act of 2006.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on the Role of the National Science Foundation in K-12 Science and Math Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SARBANES-OXLEY AND SMALLER COMPANIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: What Is the Proper Balance Between Investor Protection and Capital Formation for Smaller Public Companies?” Testimony was heard from Herbert S. Wander, Chairman, SEC Advisory Committee on Smaller Public Companies; and public witnesses.

RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS—UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Future of Rural Telecommunications: Is Universal Service Reform Needed?” Testimony was heard from Representative Terry; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MISHANDLED BAGGAGE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Mishandled Baggage: Problems and Solutions. Testimony was heard from Samuel Podberesky, Assistant General Counsel, Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Department of Transportation; Charlotte Bryan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Implementation of the Medicare Drug Benefit. Testimony was heard from Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Beatrice Disman, Chairman, Medicare Planning and Implementation Task Force, SSA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from fraudulent practices in the moving industry, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine promoting economic development opportunities through nano commercialization, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine housing and urbanization issues in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Renee Marie Bumb, Noel Lawrence Hillman, Peter G. Sheridan, and Susan Davis Wigenton, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the

civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of State Mandates on Employer-Provided Health Insurance," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "World Crude-Oil Pricing," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Critical Role of Community Health Centers in Ensuring Access to Care," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 4768, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 777 Corporation Street in Beaver, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert Linn Memorial Post Office Building;" H.R. 5086, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building;" H.R. 5104, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Morris W. Milton Post Office;" H.R. 5245, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the "Matthew Lyon Post Office Building;" H. Res. 327, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month; H. Res. 626, Congratulating Albert Pujols on being named the Most Valuable Player for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; H. Res. 627, Congratulating Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; H. Res. 729, Supporting National Tourism Week; H. Res. 753, Commending American craft brewers; H. Res. 763, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and