

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

UNITED NATIONS RENOVATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine United Nations headquarters renovation, focusing on transparency, accountability, financial and ethical integrity at the international body, after receiving testimony from John R. Bolton, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Claudia Rosett, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, New York, New York; and Anne Bayefsky, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C.

INSURERS' ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine implications on repealing the insurers' antitrust exemption relating to the McCarran-Ferguson Act, and S. 1525, to ensure that commercial insurers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers, receiving testimony from Elinor R. Hoffmann, Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, New York; Michael McRaith, Illinois Director of Insurance, Chicago, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Marc Racicot, American Insurance Institute, former Montana Governor, Bob Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, and Donald C. Klawiter, American Bar Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Thompson, Insurance Services Office, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5640–5646, 5648–5654; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 879–881 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5574, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–508);

H.R. 5573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act (H. Rept. 109–509);

S. 655, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–510);

H. Con. Res. 426, recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anni-

versary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation (H. Rept. 109–511);

H.R. 5076, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–512);

H. Con. Res. 235, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual (H. Rept. 109–513);

H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–514);

H.R. 5647, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, (H. Rept. 109–515); and

H. Res. 878, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 9) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–516). **Page H4327**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4221**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Page H4222**

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

Honoring the life and accomplishments of James Cameron: H. Res. 867, amended, to honor the life and accomplishments of James Cameron; **Pages H4226–28**

Commending the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals: H. Res. 731, amended, to commend the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay” and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 293; **Pages H4228–31, H4244–45**

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005: H.R. 4356, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds; **Pages H4231–33**

Honoring and praising the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on the 100th anniversary of being granted its Congressional Charter: H. Con. Res. 367, to honor and praise the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on the 100th anniversary of being granted its Congressional Charter; and **Pages H4233–34**

Amending the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 to remove the limitation for nonimmigrant classification for nurses in health professional shortage areas: H.R. 1285, amended, to amend the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 to remove the limitation for nonimmigrant classification for nurses in health professional shortage areas. **Pages H4237–39**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend for 3 years changes to requirements for admission of non-immigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas made by the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.”. **Pages H4237–39**

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Requiring representatives of governments designated as State Sponsors of Terrorism to disclose

to the Attorney General lobbying contacts with legislative branch officials: H.R. 5228, to require representatives of governments designated as State Sponsors of Terrorism to disclose to the Attorney General lobbying contacts with legislative branch officials, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 294. **Pages H4234–37, H4245–46**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 305, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H4239–44, H4246–H4313**

Agreed to:

Murtha amendment to insert “(reduced by \$5,000,000) (increased by \$5,000,000)” on page 27, line 17, after the first dollar amount; **Page H4258**

Granger amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to approve or license the sale of the F/A–22 advanced tactical fighter to foreign governments; **Pages H4264–70**

Castle amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act be obligated or expended to provide award fees to any defense contractor for performance that does not meet the requirements of the contract concerned; **Pages H4271–73**

Markey amendment to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to be used in contravention of laws or regulations promulgated to implement the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; **Pages H4274–75**

Inslee amendment to prohibit any of the funds appropriated by this Act from being used to waive or modify regulations promulgated under chapter 43, 71, 75, or 77 of title 5, United States Code; and **Pages H4293–95**

Norton amendment to prohibit the use of funds from being made available to enter into or carry out a contract for the performance by a contractor of any base operation support service at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital pursuant to the public-private competition conducted under Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76 that was initiated on June 13, 2000, and that has the solicitation number DADA 10–03–R–0001. **Page H4306**

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act from being made available for the project designated as the “Wind Demonstration Project”; **Page H4275**

Schiff amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act to be used to engage in electronic surveillance in the United States except as authorized under the Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Act or chapter 119 or chapter 121 of title 18, United States Code. For purposes of this amendment, the terms “electronic surveillance” and “United States” have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 295); **Pages H4275–87, H4289–90**

King of Iowa amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 19, 2006) that sought to strike section 9012 (relating to a basing rights agreement between the United States and Iraq) (by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 376 noes, Roll No. 296); **Pages H4270–73, H4290**

Chocola amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act be available for the development, deployment, or operation of the web-based, end-to-end travel management system of the Department of Defense known as the Defense Travel System (by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 297); **Pages H4273–74, H4290–91**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act for the project designated as the “Wind Demonstration Project” (by a recorded vote of 77 ayes to 347 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 298); **Pages H4291–92**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available in this Act for the JASON Education Foundation (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 352 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 299); **Pages H4288–89, H4292**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Center for Rotorcraft Innovation;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Illinois Technology Transition Center;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Program (ALERRT); **Pages H4307–08**

Hinchev amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used to initiate military operations against Iran except in accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 300);

Pages H4303–04, H4309–10

Hinchev amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for any contract with the communications and public relations firm known as the Lincoln Group (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 301);

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Northwest Manufacturing Initiative (by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 369 noes, Roll No. 302);

Pages H4304–06, H4310–11

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Lewis Center for Education Research (by a recorded vote of 50 ayes to 373 noes, Roll No. 303); and

Pages H4306–07, H4311–12

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to be used for the Leonard Wood Research Institute (by a recorded vote of 62 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 304).

Pages H4308–09, H4312

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to require that not less than \$10,000,000 of the funds shall be used for prosthetic research;

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Engel amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to make it the sense of the Congress that the Department of Navy is to be commended for having the highest percentage of Alternative Fuel Vehicles acquired by any federal agency during fiscal year 2005;

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Stearns amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any of the funds made available in this Act from being used to interpret voluntary religious discussions as “official” as specified in the revised interim guidelines concerning free exercise of religion in the Air Force; and

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Filner amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to prohibit any of the funds made available in the Act from being used to place a social security account number on any identification card issued to a member of the Armed Forces, a retired member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of such a member or retired member.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 877, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 292, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H4243–44

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect

to the large accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–115); and

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that he declared a national emergency with respect to the policies and actions of certain individuals in Belarus—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–116).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4328–29.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4244, H4244–45, H4245, H4289–90, H4290, H4291, H4291–92, H4292, H4309–10, H4310, H4310–11, H4311–12, H4312, H4312–13. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2007.

DOD FORCE REALIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on significant force realignments of the Department of Defense, including beddown, support, and other costs and requirements related to those realignments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ryan Henry, Principal Under Secretary, Policy; Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and RADM William D. Sullivan, USN, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5534, To establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; H.R. 5632, amended, To amend Chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to establish a national tire fuel efficiency consumer information program; H.R. 5611, amended, Fuel Consumption Education Act; a measure to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; and H.R. 2730, United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act.

PRIVACY IN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Privacy in the Commercial World II.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS INCENTIVES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Poverty, Public Housing and the CRA: Have Housing and Community Investment Incentives Helped Public Housing Families Achieve the American Dream?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NAVAJO-HOPI SETTLEMENT AMENDMENTS OF 2005

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on S. 1003, Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Amendments of 2005. Testimony was heard from William Pat Ragsdale, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VOTING RIGHTS REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Daniel E. Lungren of California, King of Iowa, Gohmert, Herger, Rohrabacher, Norwood, Bilbray, Garrett of New Jersey, Westmoreland, Campbell and Conyers.