

Act to establish an acquisition fund for the water rights and habitat acquisition program;

S. 3526, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to modify certain requirements under that Act.

Also, Committee approved the report on Tribal Lobbying Matters and Recommendations.

## VA LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2562, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

S. 3421, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, with an amendment; and

S. 2694, to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 5669–5671, 5673–77; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 90; H. Con. Res. 432–434; and H. Res. 887–889 were introduced. **Pages H4519–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4520–21**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5316, to reestablish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation against disasters, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–519, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–520);

H.R. 4843, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, 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, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–521);

H.R. 5318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to better assure cyber-security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–522);

H.R. 5337, to ensure national security while promotion foreign investment and the creation and

maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–523, Part I);

H.R. 5358, to authorize programs relating to science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education at the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–524); and

H.R. 5356, to authorize the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science to provide grants to early career researchers to establish innovative research programs and integrate education and research, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–525). **Page H4519**

**Question of Consideration:** The House agreed to consider H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 312.

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**Permanent Estate Tax Relief Act of 2006:** The House passed H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit

against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 315.

**Pages H4427–33, H4466–67**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Rangel motion to recommit the bill promptly to the Committee on Ways and Means with some amendatory instructions, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 313.

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Rejected the Pomeroy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 314.

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H. Res. 885, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 309, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 308.

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**Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006:** H.R. 4890, amended, to amend the Congressional and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 317.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority."

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report, shall be considered as adopted.

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Point of order sustained against the Spratt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment.

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Rejected the Spratt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 316.

**Pages H4484–92**

H. Res. 886, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 311, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 310.

**Pages H4443–44**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on yesterday, Wednesday, June 21st:

*Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research:* H. Res. 323, amended, to support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research by a (2/3) yeand-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 318.

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**Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 409, amended by the Senate, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, June 26th for Morning Hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 28th.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress regarding the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–117).

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**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Homeland Security have until midnight on June 23rd to file a report on H.R. 5351, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a Directorate of Emergency Management, to codify certain existing functions of the Department of Homeland Security.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page 4444.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 103 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4441–42, H4442, H4443, H4443–44, H4444, H4463–64, H4466, H4466–67, H4492, H4492–93 and H4493–94. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CHINA'S MILITARY POWER

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the military power of the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; Mark Cozard, China Forces Senior Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency; and COL Robert Carr, USA, Assistant Director, Intelligence, Joint Staff.

### INTERNET PRIVATE RECORDS ACCESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?". Testimony was heard from Paul Kilcoyne, Deputy Assistant Director, Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Elaine Lammert, Deputy General Counsel, Investigative Law Branch, FBI; James J. Bankston, Chief Inspector, Investigative Services Division; U.S. Marshals Service; Ava Cooper Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Special Intelligence, Intelligence Division, DEA; and W. Larry Ford, Assistant Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Peter Lyskowski, Assistant Attorney General, State of Missouri; Julia Harris, Assistant Attorney General, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

### SAFE TRUCKERS ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5604, SAFE Truckers Act of 2006.

### REDUCING NUCLEAR/BIOLOGICAL THREATS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Reducing Nuclear and Biological Threats at the Source." Testimony was heard from Jerry Paul, Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Frank Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Jack David, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### U.S. ELECTIONS—NON-CITIZEN VOTING AND ID REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing entitled "You Don't Need Papers To Vote?". Non-citizen voting and ID requirements in U.S. elections. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde and Langevin; Ray Martinez, Vice Chairman, United States Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MIDDLE EAST RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 860, amended, Calling on the Government of Germany to take immediate action to combat sex trafficking in connection with the 2006 FIFA World Cup; H.R. 4319, Assistance for Small and Medium Enterprises in Sub-Saharan African Countries Act of 2005; H.R. 4780, Global Online Freedom Act of 2006; H.R. 5382, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Promotion Act of 2006; and H.R. 5652, amended, African Development Foundation Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Can Religious Pluralism Survive in the Middle East: The Plight of Religious Minorities? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF RELIGION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—PROTECTING U.S. WORKERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Is the Labor Department Doing Enough To Protect U.S. Workers?". Testimony was heard from Sigurd L. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Alfred Robinson, Acting Director, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Park System Advisory Board. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.