

and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 379—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H5345–52, H5359–60

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act: S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nay vote of 273 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 380.

Pages H5352–60

Authorizing the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution and other publications: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 108, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution and other publications.

Pages H5361–62

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–125).

Pages H5363–64

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5340, H5345 and H5352.

Senate Referrals: S. 3504 and S. 2754 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5320–21, H5359–60, H5360 and H5361. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:28 p.m. and reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

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Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSUMERS AND MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Motor Vehicle Technology and the Consumer: Views from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.” Testimony was heard from Nicole R. Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES/IMAGING SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Use of Imaging Services: Providing Appropriate Care for Medicare Beneficiaries.” Testimony was heard from Herb Kuhn, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commissions; and public witnesses.

INTERNET PHISHING PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on ICANN and the Whois Database: Providing Access To Protect Consumers From Phishing.” Testimony was heard from John M.R. Kneuer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Eileen Harrington, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

HUD PUBLIC HOUSING OUTLOOK

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Public Housing in the 21st Century: HUD’s View on the Future of Public Housing in the United States.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary; and Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing.

ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006; TELECOMMUTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action H.R. 5710, Ethics in Government Reauthorization Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Telecommuting: A 21st Century Solution to Traffic Jams and Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from Daniel Green, Deputy Associate Director, Employee and Family Support Policy, OPM; Danette Campbell, Senior Telework Advisor, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Carl Froehlich, Chief, Agency-Wide Shared Services, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR COST ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Global War on Terrorism (GWT): Accuracy and Reliability of Cost Estimates.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following officials of the Department of State: Bradford R. Higgins, Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Resource Management; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; John P. Roth, Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget), Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Amy F. Belasco, Specialist in National Defense, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress.

FEDERAL PAPERWORK REDUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Another Year, Another Billion Hours: Evaluating Paperwork Reduction Efforts in the Federal Government.” Testimony was heard from Steve Aitken, Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Beth Tucker, Director, Outreach, Communication, and Disclosure, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Matthew Berry, Deputy General Counsel, FCC; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DHS STATE AND LOCAL FUSION CENTER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to hold a briefing on the DHS State and Local Fusion Center Initiative. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held a hearing entitled “Should We Embrace the Senate’s Amnesty to Millions of Illegal Aliens and Repeat the Mistakes of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986?” Testimony was heard from Representative Reyes; and public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVE PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL THERAPIES ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines

using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report 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 Representatives Akin and Watt.

NASA AERONAUTICS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on The National Academy of Sciences’ Decadal Plan for Aeronautics: A Blueprint for NASA? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS IDENTITY AND CREDIT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on the Veterans Identity and Credit Protection Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Representatives Salazar, Blackburn, Hooley, and Capito; Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; James A. William, Associate Administrator, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; the following former officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert McFarland, and John A. Gauss, both Assistant Secretaries, Information and Technology and Chief Information Officers; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HEALTH CARE PRICE TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Price Transparency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIA DIRECTOR AS HUMINT MANAGER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on The CIA Director as HUMINT Manager. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Middle East Crisis. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JULY 19, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury; to be followed by a hearing to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, and Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, routine lists in the Coast Guard and NOAA, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine high performance computing, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold an oversight hearing

on the implementation of Public Law 108-148, The Healthy Forests Restoration Act, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the science and risk assessment behind the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 3678, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, S. 843, to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education, and the nominations of Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, and Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Ronald S. Cooper, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Department of Homeland Security purchase cards, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine antitrust concerns relating to credit card interchange rates, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 2703, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Guest Worker Programs: Impact on the American Workforce and U.S. Immigration Policy," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "DOE's Revised Schedule for Yucca Mountain," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Questions Surrounding the 'Hockey Stick' Temperature Studies: Implications for Climate Change Assessments," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to consider H.R. 5637, Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Coin and Currency Issues Facing Congress: Can We Still Afford Money?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Cutting Out the Waste: An Overview of H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act; and H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 5814, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.