

The nomination of George E.B. Holding, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Department of Justice.

Also, Committee began consideration S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, agreeing to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and resumed consideration of S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, but did not take final action on either measure, and recessed subject to call.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strategies for pre-screening international airline passengers before takeoff, to prevent terrorists from entering the U.S. and posing a threat to international air travel, focusing on the Visa Waiver Program, including how the Department of Homeland Security can strengthen its ability to assess and mitigate the program's risks, such as providing more resources to the program's monitoring unit and issuing standards for the reporting of lost and stolen passport data, after receiving testimony from Paul S. Rosenzweig, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Leon J. Laylagian, Passenger-Cargo Security Group, Washington, D.C.

TRAUMATIC INJURY INSURANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the traumatic injury insurance coverage for members of the Uniformed Services, focusing on the structure and implementation of the Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Thomas M. Lastowka, Director, VA Regional Office and Insurance Center, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sergeant John P. Keith, Jr., U.S. Army; and Jeremy Chwat, Wounded Warrior Project, Roanoke, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

GUARDIANSHIP SYSTEM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of America's ailing guardianship system relating to exploitation of seniors, focusing on what state courts do to ensure that guardians fulfill their responsibilities, what exemplary guardianship programs look like, and how state and Federal agencies work together to protect incapacitated elderly people, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Mel Grossman, Administrative Judge, Florida 17th Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale; Carol J. Scott, Missouri State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Jefferson City; Terry W. Hammond, National Guardianship Association, El Paso, Texas; and Ira Salzman, Goldfarb, Abbrandt, Salzman, and Kutzin LLP, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6039–6048; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94, and H. Res. 985–992, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. William A. Watson, Jr., Pastor, St. John's Baptist Church, Westbury, New York.

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John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for

military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages H6311–16**

The House agreed to the Edwards motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 434, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6311–16, H6337–38**

Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security information may be broached by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 435. **Page H6338**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Hunter, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett of Maryland, Thornberry, Hostettler, Jones of North Carolina, Ryun of Kansas, Gibbons, Hayes, Calvert, Simmons, Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Davis of Kentucky, Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Reyes, Snyder, Smith of Washington, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Mrs. Tauscher, Messrs. Brady of Pennsylvania, and Andrews; **Page H3641**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. Hoekstra, LaHood, and Ms. Harman; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 571 and 572 of the House bill, and secs. 571, 572, 1081, and 1104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. McKeon, Kline, and George Miller of California; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 314, 601, 602, 710, 3115, 3117, and 3201 of the House bill, and secs. 332–335, 352, 601, 722, 2842, 3115, and 3201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Barton of Texas, Gillmor, and Dingell; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 343, 721, 811, 823, 824, 1103, 1104, and 3115 of the House bill, and secs. 371, 619, 806, 823, 922, 1007, 1043, 1054, 1088, 1089, 1101, and 3115 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Tom Davis of Virginia, Shays, and Waxman; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1026 of the House bill, and section 1044 of the Senate amendment, and modi-

fications committed to conference: Messrs. King of New York, Reichert, and Thompson of Mississippi; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of secs. 1021–1023, 1201–1204, 1206, Title XIII, secs. 3113 and 3114 of the House bill, and secs. 1014, 1021–1023, 1054, 1092, 1201–1208, 1210, 1214, Title XIII, secs. 3112 and 3113 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Hyde, Leach, and Lantos; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 1021 of the House bill, and secs. 666, 1044, 1086, 1089, 1091, and 1094 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Sensenbrenner, Coble, and Conyers; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 601, 602, and 1036 of the House bill, and section 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Pombo, Walden of Oregon, and Grijalva; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of secs. 312 and 911 of the House bill, and secs. 333, 874, and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Boehlert, Sodrel, and Gordon; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 874 and 1093 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Manzullo, Mrs. Kelly, and Ms. Velázquez; **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 312, 551, 601, 602, and 2845 of the House bill, and secs. 333, 584, 601, 1042, 1095, 2842, 2851–2853, and 2855 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Young of Alaska, LoBiondo, and Oberstar; and **Page H3641**

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 666, 682, 683, 687, 721, and 923 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Buyer, Boozman, and Ms. Herseth. **Page H3641**

Amending the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption: The House passed H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 146 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 433. **Pages H6316–37**

Rejected:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–642) which sought to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture must certify that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist to care for unwanted horses before the law will take effect (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 229 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 431); and

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King of Iowa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–642) which sought to provide that equines may be shipped, transported, moved, delivered, received, possessed, purchased, sold, or donated for slaughter for human consumption by Native Americans or people from other cultures that eat equine meat (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 256 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 432).

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H. Res. 981, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 430, after ordering the previous question.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 8th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 13th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6316.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6311, H6335, H6335–36, H6336–37, H6337–38, and H6338. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE CONTRACTING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Sue C. Payton, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; and LTG Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition,

Logistics and Technology; and David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS AND TRIBUNALS STANDARDS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals. Testimony was heard from Steven Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Scott C. Black, USA, Judge Advocate General, Army; RADM Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, Judge Advocate General, Navy; MG Charles J. Dunlap, Jr., USAF, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Air Force; BG James C. Walker, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; COL Ronald M. Reed, USAF, Legal Counsel to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BP'S PIPELINE SPILLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on BP's Pipeline Spills at Prudhoe Bay: What Went Wrong? Testimony was heard from VADM Thomas J. Barrett, USCG (Ret.), Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Kurt Fredriksson, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, Richard C. Woollam, Corrosion Engineer, BP America, Inc., invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM REVIEW

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.” Testimony was heard from Ronald A. Rosenfeld, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

DHS'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate: Is It Structured for Success?” Testimony was heard from Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

STATE AND LOCAL FUSION CENTERS—ROLE OF DHS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “State and Local