

Congressional Medal of Honor—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8922–23**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established an Irish-American Heritage Month: H. Res. 733, express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established an Irish-American Heritage Month; **Pages H8923–24**

Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 6344, amended, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act; and **Pages H8950–66**

Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act: H.R. 5697, amended, to provide for the appropriate designation of certain Federal positions involved in wildland fire suppression activities. **Pages H8966–67**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, December 8th:

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5948, amended, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004; and **Pages H8905–09**

Amending title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense: H.R. 6375, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense. **Pages H8919–22**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:14 p.m. **Page H8924**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m. **Page H8967**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, December 8th. **Page H8967**

United States—China Review Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader (Ms. Pelosi) wherein she announced her reappointment of Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia to the United States-China Review Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2008. **Page H8967**

In addition, Ms. Pelosi hereby appoint to that Commission Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia, to fill the remainder of the term of Mr. George Becker, who is resigning effective December 31, 2006. **Page H8967**

MINER Act Technical Study Panel—Appointment: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the House (Ms. Pelosi) and the

Democratic Leader of the Senate (Mr. Reid), pursuant to Public Law 109–236, the appointment of Dr. James L. Weeks of Maryland to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel. **Pages H8967–68**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8892 and H8928.

Senate Referrals: S. 843, S.1876, S. 2653, S. 2735, S. 3546, S. 3718, S. 3821, S. 4042, S. 4046, S. 4091, S. 4092, and S. 4093 were held at the desk; and S. 2322 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Pages H8892, H8928, H8977**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H8898. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ—AFGHANISTAN U.S. MILITARY TRANSITION TEAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. military transition teams in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James J. Lovelace, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3, U.S. Army; MG George J. Flynn, USMC, Commanding General, Training and Education Command, U.S. Marine Corps; and MG Carter F. Ham, USA, Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, PROCESS AND PROCEDURE PROJECT; OVERSIGHT NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION ARBITRATION PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law adopted a motion approving the Interim Report on the Administrative Law, Process and Procedure Project for the 21st Century.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on The Arbitration Process of the National Football League Players Association. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES-INDIA PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5682, Henry J. Hyde United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act of 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Royce.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules. Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of December 8, 2006. The rule provides that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 8, 2006. The rule further provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX COURT MAY REVIEW CLAIMS FOR EQUITABLE INNOCENT SPOUSE RELIEF AND TO SUSPEND THE RUNNING ON THE PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS WHILE SUCH CLAIMS ARE PENDING

Committee on Rules. Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending. The rule makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against the motion. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and means. Finally, the rule provides one motion to amend, which shall be separately debatable for 5 minutes by the proponent and 5 minutes by an opponent.

TO MODIFY TEMPORARILY CERTAIN RATES OF DUTY AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE LAWS, TO EXTEND CERTAIN TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules. Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on

H.R. 6406, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, to extend certain trade preference programs, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommend. The rule provides that, in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 6111, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 6406, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of such engrossment; (2) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (3) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

OVERSIGHT—SERVICEMEMBERS/VETERANS TRANSITION ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing to review the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, and Defense actions regarding the recommendations of the 1999 Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance Report. Testimony was heard from Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Leslye Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; and Anthony J. Principi, Chairman, Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.