

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture failed on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above). **Pages S666–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be delayed to occur only if cloture is invoked on Reid Amendment No. 3 (listed above).

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Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Pages S665, S666**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, January 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S708.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LAND CONSERVATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Conservation Security Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program relating to working land conservation, focusing on the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) process for allocating Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to the states to optimize environmental benefits, NRCS's measures to monitor EQIP's performance, and the legislative and regulatory measures available to prevent duplication between CSP and other conservation programs, such as EQIP, after receiving testimony from Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Craig Cox, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Ankeny, Iowa; Kathleen A. Merrigan,

Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Winchester, Massachusetts; Duane Hovorka, National Wildlife Federation, Elmwood, Nebraska, on behalf of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and the Izaak Walton League of America; and James Ham, Monroe County Commission, Smarr, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts and Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors.

### DOD CONTRACTING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting, focusing on increasing reliance on contractors, failure to follow business practices when acquiring services, and opportunities for DOD to improve its management of services, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Katherine V. Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

### AVIATION SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Department of Homeland Security regarding the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission related to aviation security, after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Small Business and Work Opportunity Act".

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

Also, Committee appointed the following Members to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations, and the Congressional Oversight Group: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the remaining options and regional diplomatic strategy relating to securing

America's interests in Iraq, focusing on sectarian violence, its expansion within the region, and the challenges facing U.S. policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Vali R. Nasr, Professor Naval Postgraduate School, and Richard N. Haass, New York, New York, both of the Council on Foreign Relations; and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying off generics to prevent competition with brand name drugs, including S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the

entry of a generic drug into the market, after receiving testimony from former Representative Billy Tauzin, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Merril Hirsh, Ross, Dixon and Bell, LLP, and Bruce L. Downey, Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., all of Washington, DC.; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Michael Wroblewski, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 502–545; 1 private bill, H.R. 546; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 16–18; and H. Res. 69–72 were introduced. **Pages H670–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H672**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative John B. Larson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H575**

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

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958:* H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 28; **Pages H582–84, H595–96**

*Honoring Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and extending best wishes to him and his family:* H. Res. 58, to honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and to extend best wishes to him and his family, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 33; and **Pages H584–87, H631–32**

*Repealing certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands:* H.R. 57,

to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. **Pages H587–88**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, January 16:

*Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard:* H. Con. Res. 31, to honor the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 27. **Page H595**

**College Student Relief Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 5, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 32. **Pages H597–H628, H630–31**

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 31. **Pages H628–30**

H. Res. 65, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 223 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 30, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 29.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under