

for easing small business health care costs, after receiving testimony from Jon M. Kingsdale, Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Health Insurance Connector Authority, Boston; Mary Beth Senkewicz, MBS Consulting, Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, and William F. Sweetnam, Jr., Groom Law Group, former Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury, all of Washington, D.C.; and Tarren Bragdon, Maine Heritage Policy Center, Portland.

#### VETERANS PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for veterans programs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Steve Robertson, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; David G. Greineder, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

#### 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:** 31 public bills, H.R. 1006–1036; 1 private bill, H.R. 1037; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25–36; and H. Res. 158 were introduced. **Pages H1563–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1564–65**

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

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kagen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1473**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H1477**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, February 12:

*Recognizing the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt:* H. Res. 122, to recognize the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and to support the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 95 and

**Pages H1489–90**

*Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the “Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 98.

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**Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq:** The House began debate on H. Con. Res. 63, to disapprove of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, February 14. **Pages H1492–H1562**

H. Res. 157, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 232 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 97, after agreeing to order the previous question by a Recorded vote of 227 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 96.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed two separate moments of silence in memory of the Honorable Charlie Norwood. **Pages H1500–01, H1502**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1562.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1489–90, H1490–91, H1491, and H1491–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald Winter, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Aviation Security Challenges. Testimony was heard from Edmund S. (Kip) Hawley, Director, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and Cathleen Berrick, Assistant Director, GAO.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Transportation Security Challenges. Testimony was heard from Edmund S. (Kip) Hawley, Director, Transportation Security Administration, Cathleen Berrick, Assistant Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Overview of National Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Abigail R. Kimball, Chief, U.S. Forest Service.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the American Battle Monuments Commission: GEN. Frederick M. Franks, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret), Chairman; and BG. John W. Nicholson, U.S. Army (Ret) Secretary; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Arlington National Cemetery; and Timothy C. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

### AFGHANISTAN SECURITY AND STABILITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on an assessment of security and stability in Afghanistan and developments in U.S. strategy and operations. Testi-

mony was heard from Mary Beth Long, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; John Anthony Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs and Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State; and LTG General Karl Eikenberry, USA, former Commander, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan.

### MILITARY HEALTH CARE BUDGET

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to review the fiscal year 2008 military health care budget and the challenges facing the military health care system. Testimony was heard from William Winkenwerder, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

### MARINE CORPS/NAVY RESET REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements. Testimony was heard from LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; and VADM Jonathon Greenert, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources, both with the Department of the Navy.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET FY 2008

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### CLIMATE CHANGE PRIVATE SECTOR VIEWS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Addressing Climate Change—Views from Private Sector Panels." Testimony was heard from former Representative Philip R. Sharp of Indiana; and public witnesses.

### FDA'S DRUG SUPPLY SAFETY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Adequacy of FDA to Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply." Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.