

meet for vehicles sold in the United States, after receiving testimony from Nicole R. Nason, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; David L. Greene, Corporate Fellow, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, National Transportation Research Center, Department of Energy; and David Friedman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Elizabeth A. Lowery, General Motors, Alan Reuther, International Union, United Automobile Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, and Tom Stricker, Toyota Motor North America, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 377, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program;

S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO;

S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; and

The nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

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

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine strategies for attracting, supporting, and retaining high quality educators relating to No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, after receiving testimony from Pamela Burtnett, Lake County Education Association, Leesburg, Florida; Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Kati Haycock, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Maguire, Park Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming; William L. Sanders, SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, North Carolina; Jon Schnur, New Leaders for New Schools, New York, New York; Jesse Solomon, Boston Public Schools, Boston, Massachusetts; Wanda J. Watkins, Richardson Independent School District, Dallas, Texas; and Beverly Young, California State University System, Long Beach.

### UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of United States attorneys, including S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, after receiving testimony from Carol C. Lam, Southern District of California, San Diego, David C. Iglesias, District of New Mexico, Albuquerque, John McKay, Western District of Washington, Seattle, and H.E. Bud Cummins, III, Eastern District of Arkansas, Little Rock, each a former United States Attorney.

### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 1327–1363; 1 private bill, H.R. 1364; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 81–83; and H. Res. 216–217 were introduced. **Pages H2241–43**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2243**

### Reports Filed:

A report was filed on January 2, 2007 as follows:

Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration During the 109th Congress (H. Rept. 109–752).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 214, providing for consideration of H.R. 569, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants (H. Rept. 110–31);

H. Res. 215, providing for consideration of H.R. 700, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control

Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects (H. Rept. 110–32); and

H.R. 799, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, with an amendment H. Rept. 110–33.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Stan Gruneich, National Chaplain, The American Legion.

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

*Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior:* H. Res. 98, amended, honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121;

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*NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007:* H.R. 987, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO;

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*Supporting the goals of International Women's Day:* H. Res. 149, to support the goals of International Women's Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 122;

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*Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building Designation Act:* H.R. 584, amended, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, DC, as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the 'Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building'."

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*R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse Designation Act:* H.R. 399, to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse";

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*Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse Designation Act:* H.R. 544, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe,

New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse";

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*Commending and congratulating Virginia State University on the occasion of its 125th anniversary:* H. Res. 182, amended, to commend and congratulate Virginia State University on the occasion of its 125th anniversary;

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*Authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen:* S. Con. Res. 15, to authorize the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on March 29, 2007, for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Tuskegee Airmen;

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*Recognizing the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players:* H. Res. 162, amended, to recognize the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players;

Pages H2200–02

*Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day:* H. Con. Res. 62, to support the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams; and

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*Honoring the life and achievements of Leo T. McCarthy and expressing profound sorrow on his death:* H. Res. 180, to honor the life and achievements of Leo T. McCarthy and expressing profound sorrow on his death.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 7th:

*Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act:* H.R. 710, amended, to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donation does not involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of former Senator Thomas Eagleton.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2197 and H2233.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 743 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. Con. Res. 16 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rules appear on page H2244.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2208 and H2208–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Arlen Lancaster, Chief; and Steven A. Probst, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, both with the National Resources Conservation Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Commerce Overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Issues in the Federal Workforce. Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM; Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on Container

Security Challenges and Goals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Customs and Border Patrol; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office.

### **LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the NIH Director with National Cancer Institute/National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH; John Niederhuber, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; Elizabeth Nabel, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; and John Ruffin, Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on VA Medical Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing and on Department of Veterans Affairs Panel. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, Acting Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on Iraq Political and Reconstruction Strategy, Alternative Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Peter Galbraith, Department of State; LTC Christopher W. Stockel, USAR; COL Lawrence Wilkerson, USA (ret.), USA; and a public witness.

### **TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Transportation Inspector General Management Challenges and GAO High Risk Series. Testimony