

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Martin L. Wilson, El Paso Sector Chaplain, U.S. Border Patrol. **Page H2245**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The House reconvened at 12:18 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H2245**

Joint Meeting to receive His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Lantos, Rahall, Ackerman, Lowey, Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, Ros-Lehtinen, Issa, and Pence; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Leahy, Kerry, McConnell, Lott, Kyl, and Cornyn. **Page H2246**

Water Quality Investment Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 569, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2250–65**

Agreed to the McHenry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 425 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 124. Subsequently, Representative Oberstar reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2263–65**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Page H2258**

Agreed to:

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that reduces funds in the sewer overflow control grants section by 5 percent. **Pages H2258–59**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that sought to add a new section to the bill relating to the requirement of offsets (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 123). **Pages H2259–61, H2262–63**

Point of Order sustained against:

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 6, 2007) that sought

to add a new subsection relating to participation in the employment eligibility verification pilot program. **Pages H2261–62**

H. Res. 214, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H2252**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:07 p.m. **Page H2262**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 6th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 126. **Pages H2265–66**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.”. **Pages H2265–66**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2303.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2262, H2264–65 and H2265. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the financial structure of renewable energy resources. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Andy Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Department of Energy; Kathleen McGinty, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Economic and Statistics Administration/Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Cynthia A. Glassman, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs, Economics and

Statistics Administration; Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, Census Bureau; Steve Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Economic Development Administration/Minority Business Development Agency. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Sandy K. Baruah, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development; and Ronald Langston, National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Walter Reed Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff; GEN Richard Cosy, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and GEN Kevin C. Kiley, USA, Army Surgeon General.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Ensuring the Integrity of Elections. Testimony was heard from Donetta L. Davidson, Chair, Election Assistance Commission; Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems, GAO, and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; GEN Burwell B. Bell, III, USAF, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, Republic of Korea—United States Combined Forces Command and Commander, United States Forces Korea.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST—PACIFIC COMMAND AND FORCES KOREA

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Burwell B. Bell, III, USAF, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, Republic of Korea—United States

Combined Forces Command and Commander, United States Forces Korea.

AIR LIFT AMD AERIAL REFUELING PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Air Force and Army airlift and aerial refueling fixed-wing aircraft programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG C.H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; LTG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant of the Air Force, Acquisition and MG Thomas P. Kane, USAF, Director, Strategic Plans, Requirements, and Programs, Air Mobility Command, all with the U.S. Air Force; and LTG Mark Curran, USA, Deputy Commander, Training and Doctrine Command; and MG (Select) Jeffrey Sorenson, USA, Deputy, Systems Command Management, Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), both with the U.S. Army; William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management and Michael Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, both with the GAO; and Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, CRS, Library of Congress.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Are Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Human Activities Contributing to a Warming of the Planet?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE OF RADIO

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Digital Future of the United States: Part II—The Future of Radio." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GULF COAST HURRICANE HOUSING RELIEF ACT

Committee on Financial Institutions: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1227, Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007.

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN REMITTANCES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "The Role of Remittances in Leveraging Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH ASIA OVERVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on A Regional Overview of South Asia. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

ELECTION DECEPTION AND IRREGULARITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on "Protecting the Right to Vote: Election Deception and Irregularities in Recent Federal Elections." Testimony was heard from Senators Obama and Cardin; Representatives Loretta Sanchez, Bilbray, King of Iowa, and Emanuel; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 162, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 2007; H.R. 249, To restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; H.R. 285, amended, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 309, amended, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history; H.R. 319, amended, Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 865, Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2007; and H.R. 886, Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007.

COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule, providing for consideration of H. Res. 202, Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington, Issa and King of Iowa.

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2008 Research and Development Budget Proposal, Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ray Orbach, Under Secretary, Science; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Thomas D. Shope, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; and Kevin Kolevar, Director Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INNOVATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Advancing the Innovation Agenda: The Perspective of the Technology and Telecommunications Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSIT AND RAIL SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a joint hearing on Transit and Rail Security. Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Fred Weiderhold, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

GREAT LAKES AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the impact of Aquatic Invasive Species on the Great Lakes. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Performance Review of Services. Testimony was heard from Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education Service; Bill Borom, Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment; and Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Alternative Minimum Tax. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eric Solomon, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS; and public witnesses.

HOT SPOTS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine cross-border trucking with Mexico, 9:15 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, Lieutenant General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, for appointment to be general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general and to be Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration Part II, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the 2007 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine time for a new strategy relating to Afghanistan, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine follow-on biologics, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third

Circuit, and Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas to former U.S. attorneys, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, S. 655, to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American Red Cross in the 21st century, S. 627, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, S. Res. 88, honoring the extraordinary achievements of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, and S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine small business solutions for combating climate change, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Blinded Veterans Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Non Commissioned Officers Association, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review the impact of feed costs on the livestock industry, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food and Nutrition Service, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., and on National Telecommunications and Information Administration/Patent and Trademark Office, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Environmental Management, Legacy Management, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.