

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Supplementary Agreement on Social Security between the United States and Sweden; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-11)

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3400**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—81) **Pages S3302, S3302-03, S3306-07**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3452.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary, and Tom Weimer, Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Air Force in review of the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Secretary, and General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

### PROMOTING TRAVEL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism continued hearings to examine economic

and safety concerns relating to promoting travel to America (Part II), after receiving testimony from Jamie Estrada, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing; Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Traveler Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Private Sector Office, Policy Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Chad Prosser, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Columbia; Rex Johnson, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Honolulu, on behalf of the Western States Tourism Policy Council; Ron Peck, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Anchorage; and David Borlaug, Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, Washburn, North Dakota.

### ENERGY INNOVATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine energy innovation, after receiving testimony from William Prindle, American Council for Energy-Efficient Economy, and Michael T. Eckhart, American Council On Renewable Energy, both of Washington, D.C.; Francis R. Preli, Jr., UTC Power, South Windsor, Connecticut; K.R. Sridhar, Bloom Energy, Sunnyvale, California; and James R. Katzer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, Cambridge.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Stephen Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, S. 257, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 500 and H.R. 512, bills to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American

Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC, S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, and S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Dan Sakura, Conservation Fund, Arlington, Virginia; Jerry Ostermiller, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria, Oregon; August R. Carlino, Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, Homestead, Pennsylvania; Dennis J. Lopez, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Alamosa, Colorado; Gary E. Nichols, Park County Tourism and Community Development Office, Fairplay, Colorado, on behalf of the South Park Heritage Area Partnership; and Moctesuma Esparza, Los Angeles, California.

### COMPETITIVE EDUCATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine identifying needs, partnerships, and resources relating to a competitive education, after receiving testimony from former West Virginia Governor Bob Wise, Alliance for Excellent Education, Washington, D.C.; Steven L. Paine, West Virginia Department of Education, Charleston; Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, Montana, on behalf of the American Association of Community Colleges; William D. Green, Accenture, Boston, Massachusetts; Gregory B. Taylor, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan; and Patty Myers, Great Falls, Montana.

### DARFUR CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Chad and the Central African Republic, focusing on the regional impact of the Darfur crisis, after receiving testimony from James Swan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; and Kenneth H. Bacon, Refugees International, and John Prendergast, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.

### MEDICARE DOCTORS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine Medicare doctors who cheat on their taxes and efforts to address the problem, focusing on determining the magnitude of such debts, identifying examples of Medicare physicians and suppliers that have engaged in abusive, or potentially criminal activities, and assessing Health and

Human Services efforts to prevent delinquent taxpayers from enrolling in Medicare and levying payments to pay delinquent federal taxes, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, both of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and Steven J. Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, all of the Government Accountability Office; Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Kenneth R. Papaj, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, and Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Financial Management, both of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging concluded a hearing to examine the state of Alzheimer's disease research 100 years later, after receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Harry Johns, Chicago, Illinois, and Sam Gandy, Thomas Jefferson University Farber Institute for Neurosciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, both of the Alzheimer's Association; Marilyn Albert, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Neurology, Baltimore, Maryland; Robert Egge, Center for Health Transformation, Washington, D.C.; and Marilyn Blum, Owings Mills, Maryland.

### WAR PROFITEERING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating war profiteering, focusing on investigating and prosecuting contracting fraud and abuse in Iraq, including S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; and Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

### XM-SIRIUS MERGER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine issues of monopoly and competition from new technologies relating to the XM-Sirius merger, after receiving testimony Mel Karmazin, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, New York, New York; Mary Quass, NRG Media, LLC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge,

and David A. Balto, Law Office of David Balto, both of Washington, D.C.

## 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. 1577–1590, 1592–1614; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 94–95; and H. Res. 256–257, were introduced. **Pages H2742–44**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2744–45**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–54);

H.R. 327, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–55);

H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 110–56);

H.R. 797, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–57);

H.R. 580, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–58);

H.R. 1130, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual (H. Rept. 110–59);

H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–60);

H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for

purposes of representation in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110–52, Pt. 2); and

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 110–61).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Maloney to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2673**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H2674**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Sam Johnson (TX) moved to discharge the Committees on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 220, to provide for consideration of the bill (H.R. 511) to pledge the faithful support of Congress to members of the United States Armed Forces serving in harm's way (Discharge Petition No. 1).

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 149 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 163.

**Pages H2674, H2688–89**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the 6,500 glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II:* H. Con. Res. 42, amended, to honor the heroic service and sacrifice of the 6,500 glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 161. **Pages H2677–80, H2687**

Amend the title so as to read: "Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II". **Page H2687**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Jack Metcalf, former Member of Congress. **Page H2687**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, March 19th: