

appropriated to the National Science Foundation for Research and Related Activities to the early career awards for science and engineering researchers except to the extent that a sufficient number of meritorious grant applications have not been received for a fiscal year;

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Tauscher amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–99) that recommends when awarding grants, the Director of the NSF give special consideration to eligible early-career researchers who have followed alternative career paths; and

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Gillibrand amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–99) that requires the NSF to institute a program to award scholarships in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to undergraduate scholars (by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 255).

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H. Res. 318, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 249, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3784.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4052.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3803, H3803–04, H3804, H3805, H3805–06, H3822, H4013, H4023–24, H4025, and H4026. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the Federal Milk Marketing Order rulemaking procedures. Testimony was heard from Lloyd Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Kelly Krug, Director, Marketing Services, Department of Food and Agriculture, State of California; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Navy and Marine Corps Force Posture and Acquisition Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Navy: Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary; VADM Jonathan W. Greenert, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Policy and Integration.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Woodrow Wilson Center/Kennedy Center. Testimony was heard from Lee H. Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson Center; and Michael M. Kaiser, Director, Kennedy Center.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Capitol Visitors Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Architect of the Capitol's Office: Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect; Douglas Jacobs, Project Executive, Capitol Visitors Center; and David Ferguson, Chief Administrative Officer; and Terrell Dorn, Director-Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

ENSURING EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Strengthening the Middle Class: Ensuring Equal Pay for Women. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLauro and Norton; and public witnesses.

OSHA STANDARDS/WORKPLACE HAZARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Have OSHA Standards Kept Up With Workplace Hazards? Testimony was heard from Edwin Foulke, Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Implementation of EPACT 2005 Loan Guarantee Programs by the Department of Energy." Testimony was heard from Dennis R. Spurgeon, Acting Under Secretary, Department of Energy; James C. Cosgrove, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

FDA FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation’s Food Supply?” Testimony was heard from Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSEAS DIGITAL BROADBAND LESSONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunication and the Internet continued hearings entitled “Digital Future of the United States: Part IV: Broadband Lessons from Abroad. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Policy Options for Extending the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIDS RELIEF

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on PEPFAR: An Assessment of Progress and Challenges. Testimony was heard from Mark R. Dybul, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State.

U.S.-COLUMBIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S.-Columbia Relations. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastert; the following officials of the Department of State: Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Mark Schneider, former Director, Peace Corps; Robert Charles, former Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SECURITY—PILOT PROGRAM TO SCREEN AIRPORT WORKERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1413, To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports.

TULSA GREENWOOD RIOT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 1995, Tulsa Greenwood Race Riot Claims Accountability Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; and H.R. 933, Witness Security and Protection Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Mark Epley, Senior Counsel, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Kamala D. Harris, District Attorney, City of San Francisco, California; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Problems in the Current Employment Verification and Worksite Enforcement System. Testimony was heard from Jonathan R. Scharfen, Deputy Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on the Outer Continental Shelf. Testimony was heard from Mike Olsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; Ann F. Miles, Director, Division of Hydropower Licensing, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BATTLEFIELD MISINFORMATION INCIDENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Misleading Information from the Battlefield. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General; BG Rodney

Johnson, USA, Army Criminal Investigative Command; Specialist Bryan O'Neil, USA; Sr. Chief Stephen White, USN, Navy Seal and LTC John Robinson, USA, Director, Media Services Division, Soldiers Media Center; and public witnesses.

CENSUS 2010 PREPARATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Preparations for the 2010 Census. Testimony was heard from Preston Jay Waite, Associate Director, Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Joseph J. Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, New York City; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1332, Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and provides that they may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Velázquez and Representatives Matheson, Chabot, and Boozman.

TO RESTORE THE PROHIBITION ON THE COMMERCIAL SALE AND SLAUGHTER OF WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a pre-printing requirement. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Rahall.

U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA RECOVERY, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1591, U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Lewis of California.

REAUTHORIZE SBA PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1873, To reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement.

BUY AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing

on Buy America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: J. Richard Capka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and James S. Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Randall Iwasaki, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of California; John B. Catoe, Jr., General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1660, to direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a national Cemetery for Veterans in the southern Colorado region.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on *Helping Those Left Behind: Are We Doing Enough for the Parents, Spouses and Children of Veterans*. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ellsworth and Latham; Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans' organizations; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND TAX POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Member proposals on Energy and Tax Policy. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Jefferson, Peterson of Minnesota, Pomeroy, Blumenauer, Berkeley, Nunes, Doyle, Weldon of Florida, McGovern, Terry, Ferguson, Shimkus, Grijalva, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, Baird, Davis of Kentucky, and Inslee.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Matters. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 539)

S. 1002, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program. Signed on April 23, 2007 (Public Law 110-19)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers, focusing on farm programs and the commodity title of the farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine whether the Army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine language and cultural awareness capabilities for the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico, S.542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, S. 752, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir, S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 1116 and H.R. 902, bills to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources, S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, S. 1112 and H.R. 235, bills to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an