

of PC's; No. 35, that adds \$10 million to Defense-wide research, development, test and evaluation for the X Lab battlespace laboratory; No. 40, that requires that the Moab uranium mill tailings pile be remediated; and No. 42, that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a thorough review of the procedures by the Department's existing classification procedures have failed to prevent the transfer of defense articles and defense services with military technology components to terrorists, state sponsors of terrorism, or other unfriendly countries or groups;

**Pages H5278–80**

Andrews modified amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–151) that requires DoD to use renewable energy to meet at least 25% of its electricity needs by 2025, unless the Secretary determines a waiver is in the best interest of DoD; and

**Pages H5280–81**

Skelton manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–151) that makes a number of technical and conforming changes.

**Pages H5281–82**

Rejected:

Andrews amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–151) that sought to prevent funds authorized in the bill for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from being obligated or expended to plan a contingency operation in Iran (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 364);

**Pages H5249–50, H5264–65**

DeFazio amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 110–151) that sought to clarify that no previously enacted law authorizes military action against Iran. It also prohibits funding authorized by the bill or in any other act from being used to take military action against Iran without specific authorization from Congress unless there is a "national emergency created by an attack by Iran upon the United States, its territories or possessions or its armed forces" (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 288 noes, Roll No. 365); and

**Pages H5251–52, H5265**

Woolsey amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 110–151) that sought to require the Secretary of Defense to issue a report on the continued use, need, relevance, and cost of weapons systems designed to fight the Cold War and the former Soviet Union (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 366).

**Pages H5252–53, H5266–67**

H. Res. 403, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 352, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 351.

**Pages H5060–71**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5294–H5334 .

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five quorum calls, four ye-a-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5066–67, H5070, H5070–71, H5071, H5128–29, H5129, H5132, H5132–33, H5135–36, H5137, H5141, H5141–42, H5143, H5144, H5264, H5265, H5266.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Evaluating the Effectiveness of MSHA's Mine Safety and Health Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall and Capito; Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Labor: Richard Stickler, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; and Jonathan Snare, Acting Solicitor of Labor; and a public witness.

### **MEDICAL DEVICE USER FEE AND MODERNIZATION REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **BP PRUDHOE BAY SHUTDOWN**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "2006 Prudhoe Bay Shutdown: Will Recent Regulatory Changes and BP Management Reforms Prevent Future Failures." Testimony was heard from Stacy Gerard, Acting Assistant Administrator Chief Safety Officer, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Carolyn Merritt, Chair and CEO, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; Richard Fairfax, Director, Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Jonne Slemmons, Coordinator, Petroleum Systems Integrity Office, Division of Oil and Gas, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska; and a public witness.

### **PRIVATE EQUITY'S EFFECTS FROM MARKET IMPACTS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Private Equity's Effects on Workers and Firms." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AFRICA'S WATER CRISIS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a briefing on Africa's Water Crisis and the 2006 UNDP Human Development Report. The Subcommittee was briefed by Cecilia Ugaz, Deputy Director, Human Development Report Office, Development Program, United Nations; and Amina Salum Ali, Permanent Representative to the United States, The African Union.

**AFRICA'S WATER CRISIS—U.S. RESPONSE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Africa's Water Crisis and the U.S. Response. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; the following officials of the Department of State: Claudia McMurray, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and Walter North, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and a public witness.

**MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA DIPLOMACY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Public Diplomacy in the Middle East and South Asia: Is the Message Getting Through? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jeremy Curtin, Coordinator, Bureau of International Information Programs; Gretchen Welch, Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources; Thomas A. Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, and Alina L. Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Professional and Cultural Exchanges, both with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; and the following members of the Board of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Joaquin F. Blaya and D. Jeffrey Hirschberg.

**U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE—FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S.**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Foreign Ownership and Foreign Investment on the Security of Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OIL INDUSTRY AND RISING GAS PRICES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Antitrust Task Force held a hearing on Prices at the Pump: Market Failure and the Oil Industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stupak and Wilson of New Mexico; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

**PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Becoming Americans—U.S. Immigration Integration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2008**

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spratt and Representative Ryan of Wisconsin.

**CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on the State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group III: Mitigation of Climate Change. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on legislation affecting the SBA's Entrepreneurial Development programs, including its Small Business Development Center and Women's Business Center Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Wilma Goldstein, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development; and C.E. Rowe, Associate Administrator, Congressional Legislative Affairs; and public witnesses.

**CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held

a hearing on Climate Change and Energy Independence: Transportation and Infrastructure Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ELDER CARE COSTS

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic impact of elder care costs and determine if they are hurting family finances and business competition, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Johnson, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Scott A. Weisberg, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Leni Wilcox, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's Community Services for the Elderly, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of Eldercare Partners; and Virginia Morris, Sag Harbor, New York.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States European Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nomination, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine consolidation of National Association of Securities Dealers and the regulatory functions of the New York Stock Exchange, focusing on working towards improved regulation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's security clearance process, focusing on evaluating progress and identifying obstacles to improvement, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine law enforcement in Indian Country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1027, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, 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. 1079, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, S. Res. 138, honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez, S. Res. 132, recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States, and S. Res. 130, designating

July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy", and possible authorization of subpoenas in the connection with investigation into the replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to mark up an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture:* to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 25, Expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 2, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; H.R. 926, STOPP Act of 2007; and H. Res. 79, Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs to decrease hunger and help feed those in need, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on Preparing Teachers for the Classroom: The Role of the Higher Education Act and No Child Left Behind, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunication and the Internet, hearing on a proposed measure addressing Broadband Mapping and Data Collection, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Remittances: Access, Transparency, and Market Efficiency—A Progress Report," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* hearing on Russia: Rebuilding the Iron Curtain, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Declining Approval for American Foreign Policy in Muslim Countries: Does It Make It More Difficult To Fight al Qaeda, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* hearing entitled "Protecting Our Schools: Federal Efforts To Strengthen Community Preparedness and Response," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, joint hearing entitled "Deepwater: Charting a Course for Safer Waters," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2317, Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007; H.R. 2316, Honest Leadership and Open Government