

concluded a hearing to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant availability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast area, after receiving testimony from A. Kathryn Power, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jan M. Kasofsky, Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD), Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ronald C. Kessler, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Hurricane Katrina Community Advisory Group (CAG) study; and Anthony H. Speier, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Kevin U. Stephens, News Orleans Health Department, and Howard J. Osofsky, and Mark H. Townsend, both of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Department of Psychiatry, all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

FISA AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans' security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability, including S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the

provisions of that Act, and H.R. 3773, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, after receiving testimony from Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Edward J. Black, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Patrick F. Philbin, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Kirkland and Ellis, and Morton H. Halperin, Open Society Institute, all of Washington, DC.

UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), focusing on servicemembers, their families, and our national security, after receiving testimony from George H. Stalcup, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training, and Patrick Boulay, Chief, USERRA Unit, both of the Department of Labor; James Byrne, Deputy Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; and Mathew B. Tully, Tully, Rinckey and Associates, PLLC, Albany, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4014–4036; 2 private bills, H.R. 4037–4038; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res. 244; and H. Res. 786–787 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3890, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, and expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–418, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3355, to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–419).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, Maryland.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1023.

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Trade and Globalization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3920, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance and to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, by a yea-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 1025.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–417, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 3920, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–417 is modified by the form placed at the desk.

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Rejected:

McCrery modified amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–417) that would have reauthorized the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs for workers, firms and farmers for 5 years. Restructured the TAA to increase training options while retaining the current two years of income support for TAA for workers program participants who remain unemployed and train full-time. Increased the federal share of monthly TAA participant premiums for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) from 65% today to 70% and continues HCTC. Allowed States to apply for waivers of unemployment compensation program rules. Expanded the new markets tax credit to benefit firms and workers in local communities impacted by trade, globalization, and other causes of job loss. Extended Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training programs, creates a consolidated funding stream, and increases State and local flexibility. Provided for collection of Unemployment Insurance overpayments (by a ye-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 1024).

Pages H12293–H12336

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 781, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 1022, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1021.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Peter Hoagland, former Member of Congress.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Thomas Meskill, former Member of Congress.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and agreed to a conference by voice vote.

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Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 1026.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Obey, Lowey, DeLauro, Jackson (IL), Kennedy, Roybal-Allard, Lee, Udall (NM), Honda, McCollum (MN), Ryan (OH), Murtha, Edwards, Walsh (NY), Regula, Peterson (PA), Weldon (FL), Simpson, Rehberg, Young (FL), Wicker, and Lewis (CA).

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Langevin wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H12253.

Senate Referrals: S. 294 and S. 2265 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and S. 2198 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12251–52, H12252, H12252–53, H12335–36, H12337 and H12347. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

S–MINER ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2768, Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION (PART III)

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and The Internet, to continued hearings entitled “Status of the DTV Transition—Part 3.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3873, Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3959, amended, To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; H.R. 3965, amended, Mark-to-Mark Extension and Enhancement Act of 2007; and H.R. 3703, To amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception for the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.