

Honorable Robert E. Latta was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, State of Ohio. **Pages H15440–41**

**Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Virginia:** Representative-elect Robert J. “Rob” Wittman presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Nancy Rodrigues, Secretary, State Board of Elections, Commonwealth of Virginia, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on December 11, 2007, the Honorable Robert J. “Rob” Wittman was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia. **Pages H15440–41**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Robert E. Latta and the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Robert J. “Rob” Wittman, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H15442**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H15444**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 19. **Page H15444**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through December 17, 2007. **Page H15449**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2271 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform., Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 1245 was held at the desk. **Page H15462**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15424, H15425, H15425–26, H15436–37, H15437–38, H15440 and H15442–43. There were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CIA INTERROGATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hear-

ing on CIA Interrogation Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### GLOBAL MARITIME STRATEGY INITIATIVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on global maritime strategy initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### CBO's LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on CBO's Long-Term Budget Outlook. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO.

### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Began consideration of H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

### PRIORITIZING RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 4279, Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### STATE-RUN JUVENILE BOOT CAMPS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on oversight of State-Run Juvenile Correctional Facilities known as “Boot Camps.” Testimony was heard from Audrey Gibson, State Representative, Florida; and public witnesses.

### ASSESSING VETERANS' CHARITIES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Assessing Veterans' Charities. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; Tracy L. McCurdy, Director, Bureau of Charitable Organizations, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 17, 2007, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. It also applies to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 17, 2007, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

### SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported H.R. 4458, Small Business Regulatory Improvement Act.

### LATIN AMERICA: DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF THE DRUG TRADE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Latin America: Destabilizing Effects of the Drug Trade. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA IN THE OSCE REGION

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine freedom of the media in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Miklos Haraszti, Representative on Freedom of the Media, OSCE, Vienna, Austria.

---

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.