

Rejected the Kline (MN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 100.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–538 shall be considered as adopted.

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Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1424, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 493, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1424; conform the title of H.R. 1424 to reflect the addition of H.R. 493; assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

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H. Res. 1014, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 96, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H1271–72**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1014 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 192 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 94. **Pages H1261–62**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1309.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1239–40, H1240, H1241, H1261–62, H1271–72, H1272, H1272–73, H1273–74, H1309, H1314, H1314–15, H1315. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Economic Development Administration and on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sandy K. Baruah, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM

William Fallon, USN, Combatant Commander, Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard 2009 Budget Impact on Maritime Safety, Security, and Environment. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of GAO: Steve Caldwell, Assistant Director, and John Hutton, Assistant Director.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Expanding Health Care Access. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Health Issues and Opportunities at the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of Health and Human Services: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH; Julie Gerberling, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Terry Cline, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Carolyn Clancy, Administrator, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian; Rubens Medina, Law Librarian, Marybeth Peters, Register, Copyright Office; Daniel Mulhollan, Director, CRS; and Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND; U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

DEFENSE SPACE ACTIVITIES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and Status for Space Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gary Payton, Deputy Under Secretary; and GEN Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, both with the Department of the Air Force; and Scott Large, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND; U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Treats and Capabilities held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Northern Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Eric Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and GEN Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, NORAD/U.S. Northern Command.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009.

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported, as amended, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Competitiveness and Prospects for Engaging Developing Countries." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MENDELL SUBPOENA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investments approved the issuance of a subpoena *ad testificandum* to Steven E. Mendell, President of Hallmark/Westland Meat Company, for testimony regarding the circumstances surrounding

his company's recent recall of over 143 million pounds of beef products after the USDA determined the products were unfit for human consumption.

COMPETITION—SPORTS PROGRAMMING MARKETPLACE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Competition in the Sports Programming Marketplace." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a joint hearing entitled "Foreign Government Investment in the U.S. Economy and Financial Sector." Testimony was heard from David McCormick, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, SEC; Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board; and public witnesses.

CUBA OUTLOOK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on With Castro Stepping Down, What's Next for Cuba and the Western Hemisphere? Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR SMUGGLING DETECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Nuclear Smuggling Detection: Recent Tests of Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and Elaine C. Duke, Deputy Under Secretary, Management; and a public witness.

TASK FORCE ON COMPETITION AND ANTI-TRUST LAWS; OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Adopted a resolution establishing the Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing entitled “Poaching American Security: Impacts of Illegal Wildlife Trade.” Testimony was heard from Claudia A. McMurray, Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; Benito Perez, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of Ballistic Missile Defense (Part I): Threats, Realities, and Tradeoffs. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Hildreth, Specialist in National Defense, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2009 Research and Development Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and a public witness.

SBA’S SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing on Improving the SBA’s Access to Capital Programs for our Nation’s Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Eric Zarnikow, Associate Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

INVESTMENT IN THE RAIL INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Investment in the Rail Industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; Francis P. Mulvey, Vice Chairman; and W. Douglas Buttrey, Board Member, all with the Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

TAX TREATMENT OF DERIVATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Desmond, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on FISA Part II. The Committee was briefed by public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FBI INTELLIGENCE REFORMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI Intelligence Reforms. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 6, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s 2008 trade agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to