

Landscape Conservation System Act; H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 2342, amended, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 1187, amended, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 3352, amended, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; H.R. 2515, amended, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2675, amended, HALE Scouts Act; and H.R. 3651, amended, Utah National Guard Readiness Act.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Priorities and Accountability at ONDCP. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3773—FISA AMENDMENTS ACT of 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3773, the “FISA Amendments Act of 2008.” The rule provides that it is in order for the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to make a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3773 with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the rule.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. It further provides that the motion shall be debatable for one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes and Representatives Smith of Texas and Hoekstra.

TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Competitiveness and Innovation on the Committee’s 50th Anniversary. Testimony was heard from William H. Gates, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation.

VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing on the Oversight of the Entrepreneurial Development Programs Implemented by the Small Business Administration and National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from Anoop Prakash, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NUCLEAR POWER IN WARMING WORLD

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Power in a Warming World: Solution or Illusion?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D273)

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007. Signed on March 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–195)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 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 Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR–253.