

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Lionel Van Deerlin, former Member of Congress. **Page H4281**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5658, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009. **Page H4283**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–114). **Pages H4282–83**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4173, H4287.

Senate Referrals: S. 3035 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4187–88, H4189, H4189–90, H4279–80, H4280–81, H4281–82, and H4282. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WORKPLACE RAIDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee Workforce Protections held a hearing on ICE Workplace Raids: Their Impact on U.S. Children, Families, and Communities. Testimony was heard from James Spero, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IMPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on H.R. 5632, To prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States. Testimony was heard from Margaret M. Doane, Director, Office of International Programs, NRC, Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

CREDIT MONITORING CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on examining the need for H.R. 2885, Credit Monitoring

Clarification Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BURMA'S CYCLONE AFTERMATH

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Burma in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis: Death, Displacement, and Humanitarian Aid. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Greg Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; former Representative Thomas H. Andrews of Maine; and a public witness.

GUANTANAMO BAY AND AMERICA'S IMAGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America's Image, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Export Compliance: Ensuring Safety, Increasing Efficiency. Testimony was heard from Matthew S. Borman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Todd Owen, Executive Director, Office of Cargo and Conveyance Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 1333, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act; H.R. 4179, Fast, Accurate, Secure and Timely Redress Act of 2007; H.R. 4749, National Bombing Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 5909, To amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to prohibit advance notice to certain individuals, including security screeners, of covert testing of security screening procedures for the purpose of enhancing transportation security at airports; H.R. 5982, Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008; and H. Res. 1150, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission

Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

LOCAL CRIME AND JUSTICE GRANTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012. Testimony was heard from Domingo Herraiz, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MILITARY IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Immigration Needs of America's Fighting Men and Women. Testimony was heard from LTC Margaret Stock, Military Police Corps, USAR; Officer Karla Arambula de Rivera, E2 Officer, U. S. Navy; CDR Christine Navarro, KC-134 Aircraft Commander, USAF; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MALL'S FUTURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on The Future of the National Mall. Testimony was heard from Representative Norton; Peggy O'Dell, Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Harriet Tregoning, Director, Office of Planning, District of Columbia; John V. Cogbill, III, Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission; and public witnesses.

EPA'S NEW OZONE STANDARDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards. Testimony was heard from Stephan L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA; Susan E. Dudley, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RETIREES PART-TIME REEMPLOYMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Part-Time Reemployment of Federal Annuitants. Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, OPM; Patrick Purcell, Specialist in Income Security, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provide one hour of debate on the conference report, 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.

ENERGY AND TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott and Brady of Texas.

DUNCAN HUNTER NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5658, the "Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009." The rule provides for two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion

after general debate. Finally, the rule prohibits further consideration of the bill except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative Hunter.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.

COAST GUARD/NTSB CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board Casualty Investigation Program. Testimony was heard from RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship; Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General, Audits, both with the Department of Homeland Security; and Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, member, National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 6003, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Testimony was heard from Representative Doggett; and John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury.

BRIEFING—NIE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a follow-up briefing on National Intelligence Estimate. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House adopted versions of S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government

for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D625)

H.R. 6022, to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Signed on May 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–232)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–07), and treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–10), 9:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the skyrocketing price of oil, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; to be followed by a business meeting to consider and vote on the nominations, 2:45 p.m., SR–301, 2 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report: Foundations for Success, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; and