

Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Craig and Crapo, and Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, who was introduced by Senator Coleman, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BORDER VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security held joint hearings with the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship to examine Federal strategies to end border violence, focusing on border-related violent crime, criminal networks that smuggle people and drugs across U.S. borders, and certain programs implemented to address these problems, receiving testimony from Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, Department of Justice; David Aguilar, Chief of Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, and Marcy Forman, Director of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Sheriff Larry A. Dever,

Cochise County, Arizona; Sheriff A. D'Wayne Jernigan, Val Verde County, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition; Lavoyger Durham, El Tule Ranch, Falfurrias, Texas; and T. J. Bonner, National Border Patrol Council, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Campo, California.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4824–4842; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 349; and H. Res. 701, 703–705 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 702, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4167) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–381).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Porter to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Bishop Steven E. Wright, National Chaplain, the American Legion.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:03 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy. The House reconvened at 12:45 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Boehner, Blunt, Fossella, Gallegly, Mica, Tiberi, Young of Florida, Pelosi, Hoyer, Larson of Connecticut, Pascrell, Doyle, Ryan of Ohio, and Thompson; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Domenici, Durbin, Leahy, Clinton, and Menendez.

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SUSPENSIONS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor: H. Res. 357, to honor Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 17; and

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Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 335, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H466**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Chairman Kolbe and Vice-Chairman McCaul of Texas, appointed on February 16, 2006: Representatives Dreier, Manzullo, Delahunt, Faleomavaega, English of Pennsylvania, Weller, Reyes, Davis of California and Fortuño. **Page H493**

Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2006—Order of Business: The House agreed that it be in order at any time to consider in the House S. 1777; that the bill be considered as read; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk be considered as adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. **Page H499**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 466.

Senate Referrals: S. 2271 was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H506**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H466–67. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; and Kathleen S. Tight, Deputy Inspector General.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a

hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies continued Fiscal Year 2007 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FCC. Testimony was heard from Kevin Martin, Chairman, FCC.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST AIR FORCE AND NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Michael W. Wynne, Secretary; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald C. Winter, Secretary; ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 645, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the President or the Secretary of Defense relating to the collection of information pertaining to persons inside the United States without obtaining court-ordered warrants authorizing the collection of such information and relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the gathering of counterterrorism intelligence within the United States.