

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.

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; James Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Glenn Podonsky, Director, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2007. Testimony was heard from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN MINING INDUSTRY— EVALUATING HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Evaluating Health and Safety Regulations in the American Mining Industry." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Robert Friend, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and Ray McKinney, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and public witnesses.

CAR TITLE FRAUD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Car Title Fraud: Issues and Approaches for Keeping Consumers Safe on the Road." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Part D: Implementation of the New Drug Benefit." Testimony was heard from Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CFIUS PROCESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Foreign Investment, Jobs and National Security: The CFIUS

Process." Testimony was heard from Robert M. Kimmitt, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Oil and Gas Royalties: The Facts, The Remedies." Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Services, Department of the Interior.

2010 CENSUS/APPORTIONMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Apportionment in the Balance: A Look Into the Progress of the 2010 Decennial Census." Testimony was heard from Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the GAO: Brenda Farrell, Acting Director, Strategic Issues; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and public witnesses.

U.S. FISCAL OUTLOOK

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "U.S. Fiscal Outlook and the FY 2005 Governmentwide Financial Statements." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Plain English Regulations: Helping the American Public Understand the Rules." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—ACQUISITION OF TERMINAL OPERATIONS IN U.S. PORTS BY DUBAI PORT WORLD

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the acquisition of terminal operations at six United States ports by Dubai Port World. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives from State and Local Governments.” Testimony was heard from Gino Menchini, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, City of New York; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4742, To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies; and S. 1785, Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES ILLNESS COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims began hearings entitled “The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act—Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to These Veterans of the Cold War When We Created the Program,” Part I. Testimony was heard from Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Worker’s Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “How the Federal Marketing Administrations Are Implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and An Assessment of the Proposed Fiscal Year Budgets for These Agencies.” Testimony was heard from the following Administrators of the Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Stephen J. Wright, Bonneville Power Administration; Michael S. Hacskaylo, Western Area Power Administration; Michael A. Deihl, Southwestern Power Administration; and Charles A. Borchardt, Southeastern Power Administration; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for general debate only on H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided

and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that after general debate the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers of Michigan, Waxman, Stupak, Cardoza, and Wasserman-Schultz.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the United States Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: VADM Terry Cross, Vice Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer Franklin A. Welch; Steven R. Blust, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Building Service, GSA.

OVERSIGHT—ENVIRONMENT/WATER RESOURCES BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2007 for the following Agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers; Bruce Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Craig H. Middlebrook, Deputy Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation.

MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on MedPAC’s March Report on Medicare Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COBELL V. NORTON

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs concluded a joint oversight hearing with the House Committee on Resources to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton, focusing on S. 1439 and H.R.

4322, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform and resolution of historical accounting claims, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling, John Bickerman, Bickerman Dispute Resolution, and Joseph Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, all of Washington, D.C.; Sandra K. Johnigan, Johnigan, P.C., Dallas, Texas; Mike Marchand, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon; Keller George, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; and Harold Frazier, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an outline of the Global Nuclear Energy Plan and the future of nuclear power, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military installations, military construction, environmental programs, and base realignment and closure programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Exon-Florio Amendment, focusing on Dubai Ports World acquisition of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2007, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine USF distribution, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing on the challenges and responses with respect to a nuclear Iran, 9 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the challenges and responses with respect to a nuclear Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the state of mine safety and health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2128, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Gold Star Wives of America, and the Military Officers Association of America, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Avian Influenza-International Response, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Administrator of EPA, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on American Competitiveness Initiative, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 9:30 a.m., on Arlington National Cemetery, 10:30 a.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NSF, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request for the U.S. Transportation Command and Component Commands, 9 a.m., and a hearing on the National Security Implications of the Dubai Ports World Deal to Take Over Management of U.S. Ports, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Legislation to Implement the POPs, PIC, and LRTAP POPs Agreements," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, joint briefing on terrorist intentions toward U.S. aircraft, 10 a.m., H2-176 Ford.