

Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience. **Pages H4246–53**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4295–96.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4257–58, H4258–59 and H4259. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the crop insurance industry. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

### RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. Testimony was heard from James Andrew, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Health Personnel Overview. Testimony was heard from David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Preventive Medicine and Cancers Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen Embry, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force Health Protection and Readiness and Director, Deployment Health Support; BG Michael B. Cates, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine; BG Theresa Casey, M.D., USAF, Assistant Surgeon General for Modernization; RADM David Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health Care Operations; and COL Janet Harris, Director, Congressionally Director Medical Research Program; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FINANCING COLLEGE EDUCATION.

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards." Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner, Energy Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

### HEART DISEASE EDUCATION, ANALYSIS RESEARCH, AND TREATMENT FOR WOMEN ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION RESEARCH

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act. Testimony was heard from Catherine Roca, M.D. Chief, Women's Programs, National Institutes of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### U.S. CHINA RELATIONS FUTURE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

### FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service; and public witnesses.

### SUBPOENA ISSUANCE; BANKRUPTCY ABUSE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to James Comey for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding

the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorney's, representatives to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Second Anniversary of the Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Are Consumers Really Being Protected Under the Act. Testimony was heard from Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **INTERNET SPYWAVE PREVENTION ACT; SECURING AIRCRAFT COCKPITS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Zoe Lofgren of California, Goodlatte, and Keller.

#### **POINT SYSTEMS FOR SELECTING IMMIGRANTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on An Examination of Point Systems as a Method for Selecting Immigrants. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions; the following Foreign Law Specialists, Law Library of Congress: Clare Feikert; Stephen F. Clarke, Senior Foreign Law Specialist; and Lisa White; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FUTURE OF FOSSIL FUELS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide. Testimony was heard from Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Carl Bauer, Executive Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—WINDS TURBINES WILDLIFE IMPACTS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Gone with Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats. Testimony was heard from Representative Mollohan; Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FDA CHALLENGES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1873, amended, Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act; H.R. 2080, To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education; H.R. 2081, amended, To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to increase the salary of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia; H.R. 1617, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building;" H.R. 2025, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building;" H. Res. 53, Recognizing the life of Lamar Hunt and his outstanding contributions to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States; H.R. 1722, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 105, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; H. Res. 307, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the National during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007; H.R. 1335, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building;" H.R. 1260, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 117, Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; and H. Res. 291, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The Committee also held a hearing on FDA's Critical Mission and Challenges for the Future. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following former Commissioners of the FDA: Donald Kennedy; Frank Young, M.D., and David Kessler, M.D.

**IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rules XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and provides that they may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, 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 Chairman George Miller of California; and Representatives Kildee, Welch of Vermont, Kennedy, Carnahan, Shuler, McKeon, Castle, Fortuno, Mica, Putnam and Porter.

**TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. 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 Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be con-

sidered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI 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 Wu, Hall of Texas, and Manzullo.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally 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 Baird, Hall of Texas and Weldon of Florida.

### SSA's DISABILITY CLAIMS BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing to examine the SSA's ability to hire Administrative Law Judges to address the growing disability claims backlog. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, SSA; and Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on federally-funded entities, 4 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the 2006 Nobel Laureates, 4 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on monitoring early experiences, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100-203), focusing on what has been accomplished and what challenges still remain, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider the following bills: H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007; and H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing to review the State Department's 2006 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* meeting of the Ad Hoc Election Panel to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida, 10:30 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Security Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007; 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1595, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 359, Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act; H.R. 713, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007; H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; and H.R. 1140 South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth,

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Evaluating Children's Dentistry Under Medicaid, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.