

Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Perri Benemelis, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix; Marc Thalacker, Three Sisters Irrigation District, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Oregon Water Resources Congress; George Caan, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas, on behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association; Shannon McDaniel, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, Washington, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Gary Kennedy, Mancos Water Conservancy District, Mancos, Colorado.

CALIFORNIA WAIVER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the case for the California waiver, receiving an update from the Environmental Protection Agency, and focusing on S. 1785, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); and Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extraordinary rendition,

extraterritorial detention, and treatment of detainees, focusing on restoring the United States' moral credibility and strengthening diplomatic standing, after receiving testimony from Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, Office of Security Transition, Baghdad, Iraq; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Center for Peace and Security Studies of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.; and Philip Zelikow, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Human Rights Council, focusing on its shortcomings and prospects for reform, after receiving testimony from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Thomas O. Melia, Freedom House, and Brett D. Schaefer, Heritage Foundation Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peggy Hicks, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coburn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3184–3201; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 193–194; and H. Res. 575–578 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8742–43

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 744. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 25th.

Pages H8625–75

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 743. **Pages H8673–75**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3093 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 562, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Page H8639**

Agreed to:

Fossella amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Lin, et al. v. United States Department of Justice* rendered on July 16, 2007; **Pages H8637–39**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment relating to funding for the Department of Justice—Office of Justice Programs—state and local law enforcement assistance;

Pages H8643–44

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that redirects \$10 million in funding for the Department of Justice;

Pages H8644–45

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in violation of Subtitle A of Title VIII (International Space Station Independent Safety Taskforce) of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005;

Pages H8645–46

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to employ workers described in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

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Garrett (NJ) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States; **Pages H8663–64**

Pence amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the amendments made by subtitle A of title II of Public Law 107–155 (by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 737, after agreeing by unanimous consent to vacate the voice vote taken earlier in the day); and **Pages H8633, H8666**

Upton amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Fed-

eral Energy Management Program” designation (by a recorded vote of 404 yeas to 16 noes, Roll No. 738). **Pages H8646–47, H8666–67**

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for meteorological equipment at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana;

Pages H8628–29

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the National Textile Centers;

Pages H8629–33

Stearns amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the EEOC for litigation expenses incurred in connection with cases commenced after the date of the enactment of this Act against employers on the grounds that such employers require employees to speak English (by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 734);

Pages H8625–27, H8664

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine (by a recorded vote of 87 yeas to 328 noes, Roll No. 735);

Pages H8627–28, H8664–65

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the East Coast Shellfish Research Institute at the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Toms River, New Jersey (by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 337 noes, Roll No. 736);

Pages H8636–37, H8665–66

Jordan amendment that sought to provide for a 3.0 percent reduction in each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 138 yeas to 282 noes, Roll No. 739);

Pages H8647–50, H8667–68

Price (GA) amendment that sought to reduce by \$750,000,000 the total appropriations made in this Act (other than appropriations required to be made by a provision of law) (by a recorded vote of 159 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 740);

Pages H8650–55, H8668

Musgrave amendment that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in the bill by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 741); and **Pages H8655–59, H8668–69**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2007) that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in the bill by 0.05 percent (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 742). **Pages H865963, H8669–70**

Withdrawn:

Nadler amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding

for the Jessica Gonzales Victims Assistance Program by \$5 million; **Pages H8633–34**

Inslee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section relating to funding for litigation of cases involving the enforcement of Federal law on Tribal lands;

Pages H8640–41

Mack amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the composition and delivery of exigent circumstances letters, that indicate that a grand jury subpoena is forthcoming where none has been convened or where there is no reasonable likelihood that one will be convened, to United States citizens, businesses, banks, firms or any other entity that retains personal identity information about citizens; and

Pages H8641–43

Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that stated the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Nadler amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enforce section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act until the Department of Justice conducts a full review and delivers to Congress a report on the use of National Security Letters to collect information on U.S. persons who are not suspected to be agents of a foreign power as that term is defined in 50 U.S.C. 1801.

Pages H8634–36

H. Res. 562, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 25th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Whitfield motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 745.

Pages H8684–85

Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further consideration is expected to resume Friday, July 27th.

Pages H8676–84, H8685–H8730

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill and modified by the amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–261 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment.

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Agreed to:

Peterson (MN) en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261: Lucas amendment (No. 4) that makes livestock producers eligible for livestock as-

sistance programs regardless of whether they had Noninsured Crop Disaster coverage; Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8) that adds a new section for “Pollinator Protection” that authorizes research funding to reduce North American pollinator decline and understand Colony Collapse Disorder; Arcuri amendment (No. 9) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use existing authority when determining the Class I milk price mover to take into account the increased cost of production; Welch (VT) amendment (No. 10) that encourages schools to submit plans for implementation to the Secretary that include locally grown foods; Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 14) that adds the additional point to Subtitle B of the research title that emphasis should be placed on proposals that examine the efficacy of current agriculture policies in promoting the health and welfare of economically disadvantaged populations; Latham amendment (No. 17) that amends the Household Water Well System Program, which makes grants to non-profit organizations to finance the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individually owned household water well systems in rural areas for individuals with low or moderate incomes; Wu amendment (No. 22) that broadens the eligible universities by adding that universities that do work in alternative energy related fields are eligible for the biofuels from biomass internship program; Clay modified amendment (No. 23) that makes grants to eligible entities to assist in purchasing operating organic gardens or greenhouses in urban areas; Israel amendment (No. 24) that eliminates the sale of random source animals for research and prohibits the marketing of medical devices by using live animals in demonstrations to market such devices; Bordallo amendment (No. 26) that authorizes a grants program to assist the land grant institutions in the territories in upgrading facilities and equipment in the agricultural and food sciences; Emanuel amendment (No. 28) directs the USDA to investigate which estates have been receiving payments in the name of dead farmers and recoup payments made in the name of deceased individuals; Hodes amendment (No. 30) that authorizes a grant program for state and local communities and governments known as the Community Wood Energy Program to use low-grade wood biomass in community wood energy systems for state and locally owned businesses; and Shuler amendment (No. 31) that allows non-industrial private forest lands to be eligible for emergency restoration funds if the Secretary determines that insect or disease poses an imminent threat of loss or damage to those lands and

Pages H8723–25

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that strikes five sections from

Title V of the bill which expand the lending authority of the Farm Credit System. **Pages H8727–30**

Rejected:

Kind amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to reform the farmer safety net to work better for small farmers at lower cost, reallocate funding to nutrition, conservation, specialty crops and healthy foods, rural development, and programs that benefit socially disadvantaged farmers (by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 747). **Pages H8701–23, H8730**

H. Res. 574, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 746, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page 8650.

Senate Referrals: S. 1877 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 1642 and S. 1716 were held at the desk. **Page H8740**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8744.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8664, H8665, H8665–66, H8666, H8667, H8667–68, H8668, H8669, H8669–70, H8674–75, H8675, H8684–85, H8686, H8730. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12.a.m.

Committee Meetings

HABEAS CORPUS FOR DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Upholding the Principle of Habeas Corpus for Detainees. Testimony was heard from the Greg Katsas, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Daniel J. Dell'Orto, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Patrick Philbin, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; LTC Stephen E. Abraham, USA Reserves; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on the Workforce Investment Act: Ideas to Improve the Workforce Development System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINERS PROTECTIONS LEGISLATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the S-Miner Act (H.R. 2768) and the Miner Health Improvement Enhancement Act of 2007 (H.R. 2769). Testimony was heard from Kevin Stricklin, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT (CHAMP) ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of H.R. 3162, Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills, H.R. 3002, Native American Economic Development and Infrastructure for Housing Act of 2007; H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007; and H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.

The Committee began consideration of H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

Will continue July 31.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION'S VANUATU IMPACT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Is the Millennium Challenge Corporation Overstating Its Impact: The Case of Vanuatu. Testimony was heard from David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Rodney G. Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on Export Controls: Are We Protecting Security and Facilitating Exports? Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; Beth M. McCormick, Acting Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; Ann Marie Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.