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2006 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of Titles I through III of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; James B. French, Trinity County Office of Education, Weaverville, California; Timothy Creal, Custer School District, Custer, South Dakota; Reta Griffith, Pocahontas County, Marlinton, West Virginia, on behalf of County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia, and Sherry Krulitz, Shoshone County, Wallace, Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho Association of Counties, both on behalf of the National As-

sociation of Counties; and Tim Lillebo, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Bend, Oregon.

BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine revenue proposals in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

NIH BIODEFENSE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine the biodefense research program of the National Institutes of Health, focusing on the development of medical countermeasures against a bioterrorist attack, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Penrose C. Albright, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; Gerald L. Epstein, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Gordon Cameron, Acambis, PLC, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jon S. Abramson, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and George Painter, Chimerix, Inc., La Jolla, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 609-670, 676; 7 private bills, H.R. 671-675, 677, 678; and; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 46-49, and H. Res. 68-72 were introduced. **Pages H409-12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H412-14**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 71, resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terror-

ists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego Border fence (H. Res. 109-3). **Page H409**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month: H. Res. 46, supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 20; **Pages H357-60, H367**

John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 315, to designate the United States courthouse at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the “John Milton Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21; and **Pages H360–362, H367–68**

Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 548, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 22.

Pages H362–66, H368–69

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Pages H366–67**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 68, electing Representative Simpson to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H369**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2006—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–2).

Pages H356–57

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H367, H367–68 and H368–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

REAL ID ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing one hour and 40 minutes of general debate on H.R. 418, Real ID Act of 2005, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary, 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. 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 Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Kolbe, Jackson-Lee, Nadler, Meek and Farr. Prior to this action the Committee met for organizational purposes.

PRESIDENT’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine an update on six-party talks, 11 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, S. 265, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, S. 306, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, S. 302, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, S. 285, to reauthorize the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, S. 288, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, and the nominations of A. Wilson Greene, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Katina P. Strauch, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, and Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Services, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

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