

of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, and Kevin I. Fromer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, and Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### IRAQ ECONOMIC PROGRESS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic progress in Iraq, focusing on oil production and distribution infrastructure and combating corruption in the Iraqi oil industry, after receiving testimony from Keith Crane, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; and Fareed Mohamedi, PFC Energy, and Frederick D. Barton, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1420, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1418, to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

#### REPORTERS' PRIVILEGE LEGISLATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and implications relating

to proposed reporters' shield legislation, focusing on freedom of the press, the use of confidential sources by journalists, and state laws that recognize the rights of reporters to those sources, after receiving testimony from Senators Lugar and Dodd; Representative Pence; Matthew Cooper, Time Magazine, Inc., and Lee Levine, Levine, Sullivan, Koch, and Schulz, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Norman Pearlstine, Time Inc., William Safire, New York Times Company, and Floyd Abrams, Cahill Gordon and Reindel, LLP, all of New York, New York; and Geoffrey R. Stone, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

#### MEDICAID

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee held a hearing to examine solutions to save money in Medicaid, focusing on the government's system for purchasing prescription drugs under the Medicaid program, features of the process by which Medicaid purchases prescription drugs in the fee-for-service sector of the program, including the way it reimburses pharmacies for drug purchases and the rebate it receives from drug manufacturers, and how prices that Medicaid pays for drugs compare with the prices paid by other purchasers, receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Julie Stone-Axelrad, Analyst in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Vincent J. Russo, Vincent J. Russo and Associates, PC, Westbury, New York, on behalf of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; Mark Gibson, Oregon Health and Science University Center for Evidence-based Policy, Portland; and Margaret A. Murray, Association for Community Affiliated Plans, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3358–3370; 1 private bill, H.R.

3371; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res. 211; and H. Res. 371–373 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6205–06

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3200, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program (H. Rept. 109-177);

H. Res. 369, providing for consideration of H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism (H. Rept. 109-178); and

H. Res. 370, providing for consideration of H.R. 3070, to reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (H. Rept. 109-179). **Page H6204**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6109**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Dr. Kenneth L. Samuel, Pastor, Victory Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. **Page H6109**

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

*Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi:* H. Con. Res. 202, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth; and **Pages H6115-17**

*Calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan:* Debated on July 18: H. Res. 326, calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan, by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 400. **Page H6173**

**Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007:** The House passed H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, by a recorded vote of 351 yeas to 78 noes, Roll No. 399. The bill was also considered yesterday, July 19. **Pages H6117-73**

Rejected the Menendez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 398. **Pages H6170-72**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109-175, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Agreed to:

Issa amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that adds provisions regarding the issuance

of U.S. passports and the investigation of the illegal sale of passports; **Pages H6118-19**

Smith of New Jersey amendment (No. 21A made in order under section two of the rule) that requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on non-governmental organizations that receive funding under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDs Relief; **Pages H6119-22**

Mack amendment (No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that authorizes the Broadcasting Board of Governors to initiate radio and television broadcasts to Venezuela for at least 30 minutes a day of balanced, objective, and comprehensive news programming; **Pages H6126-27**

Tancredo amendment (No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding comments made by Chinese Major General Zhu Chenghu; **Pages H6129-30**

Watson amendment (No. 29 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that authorizes funding for the State Department to improve intellectual property law and enforcement in developing countries; **Pages H6136-37**

King of Iowa amendment (No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that inserts the text of H. Con. Res. 144, regarding Palestinian terrorists, into the bill (by a recorded vote of 423 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 390); **Pages H6122-23, H6137**

Lantos amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) regarding the development of a strategy to counter perception by foreign students that the U.S. is not a welcoming place for them (by a recorded vote of 373 yeas to 56 noes, Roll No. 392); **Pages H6124-26, H6138-39**

Watson amendment (No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that states that it be U.S. policy to seek the expeditious transfer of Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to undergo trial (by a recorded vote of 422 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 394); **Pages H6130-36, H6139-40**

Eshoo amendment (No. 32 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that expresses the sense of Congress that special attention should be paid to the welfare of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous Christians in Iraq; **Pages H6142-44**

Fossella amendment (No. 33 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that authorizes the U.S. Interests Sections in Havana to disseminate the names of fugitives living in Cuba and any rewards for their capture; **Pages H6144-45**

Lantos amendment (No. 36 printed in H. Rept. 109-175) that urges the President and Secretary of State to boost efforts that would aid Mexican authorities in the effort to identify remains of murdered young women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; **Pages H6146-47**

Berkley amendment (No. 30 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that contains a declaration of policy regarding the Palestinian government, and efforts to combat terrorism (by a recorded vote of 330 ayes to 100 noes, Roll No. 395); **Pages H6140–42, H6165–66**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 37A made in order under section two of the rule) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding the capture, detention, and interrogation of international terrorists and the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, as being essential to the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism (by a recorded vote of 304 ayes to 124 noes and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 396); and

**Pages H6147–55, H6166**

Ros-Lehtinen amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) regarding the creation of U.S. policy on the transfer of responsibility to Iraqi forces and the withdrawal of U.S. troops (by a recorded vote of 291 ayes to 137 noes and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 397). **Pages H6155–65, H6166–67**

Rejected:

Kucinich amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that sought to require the President to direct the U.S. representatives to the U.N. to commence negotiations for an international treaty banning space-based weapons (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 391);

**Pages H6123–24, H6137–38**

Rogers of Michigan amendment (No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) regarding management of water in the Great Lakes (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 393); and

**Pages H6127–29, H6139**

Franks amendment (No. 34 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that sought to strike section 1019 of the bill, regarding consular and visa services in Pristina, Kosovo. **Pages H6145–46**

H. Res. 365, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, July 19.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H6137, H6137–38, H6138–39, H6139, H6139–40, H6165, H6166, H6166–67, H6171–72, H6172–73, H6173. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AIR FORCE'S FUTURE TOTAL FORCE PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Air Force's Future Total Force Plan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, Na-

tional Guard Bureau; and the following officials of the U.S. Air Force: LTG Stephen G. Wood, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs; LTG Daniel James, III; LTG John A. Bradley, Chief, Air Force Reserve; MG Roger P. Lemke, The Adjutant General of Nebraska; and MG Mason C. Whitney, The Adjutant General of Colorado.

### DD(X) SURFACE COMBATANT SHIP

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces concluded hearings on Department of the Navy FY06 Plans and Programs for the DD(X) Next-Generation Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ship. Testimony was heard from Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, CRS, Library of Congress; the following officials of the National Security Division, CBO: J. Michael Gilmore, Assistant Director; and Eric J. Labs, Principal Analyst; and public witnesses.

### PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Performance-Based Budgeting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cuellar and Conaway; and Clay S. Johnson, III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB.

### COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Began mark up of H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 3204, State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 3205, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act; H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005; H. Res. 220, Recognizing America's Blood Centers and its member organizations for their commitment to providing over half the Nation with a safe and adequate volunteer donor blood supply; H. Res. 261, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project, at least through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications; and H.R. 2355, Health Care Choice Act of 2005.

### ELECTRONIC WASTE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing