

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PHONE RECORD PRIVACY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded hearings to examine issues with respect to the procurement and sale of consumers' private phone records, and Federal efforts to protect the privacy and security of telephone records and other types of sensitive consumer information, after receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; former Representative Steve Largent, on behalf of CTIA—The Wireless Association; Kris Anne Monteith, Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, and Cindy Southworth, National Network to End Domestic Violence, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert Douglas, PrivacyToday.com, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

### Nominations:

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Dennis Bottorff, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, who was introduced by Senators McConnell and Bunning, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, Howard A. Thraikill, of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Sessions and Alexander, and Donald R. DePriest, of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine implementation of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on the volume of calls to 1-800-MEDICARE, pharmacy outreach, and total enrollment in the drug benefit program, receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; William Fleming, Humana, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Susan E. Rawlings, Wellpoint, Inc., Newbury Park, California; David W. Bernauer, Walgreen Company,

Deerfield, Illinois; Tobey Schule, Sykes Pharmacy, Kalispell, Montana; Joy Paeth, Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois, Belleville; and Pamela Willoughby, St. John's Episcopal Church and Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Jeanine E. Jackson, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ongoing efforts to achieve the reconstruction and development of Iraq, focusing on improving primary health care, expanding access to electricity, providing potable water, restoring sewage systems, improving local governance and community development, connecting Iraq to the global economy, and transforming primary education, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), Office of the SIGIR, Department of Defense; James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Iraq, Department of State; James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

### INDIAN TRIBES AND THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearings to examine the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act to Indian tribes and the Federal Election Commission's past decisions in this area, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Toner, Chairman, and Robert D. Lenhard, Vice Chairman, both of the Federal Election Commission; and Philip N. Hogen, National Indian Gaming Commission, W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Lawrence Noble, Center for Responsive Politics, and James A. Thurber, American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine procedures to bring

greater transparency to the legislative process, focusing on lobbying and related reforms, and strengthening the enforcement of existing public advocacy laws and ethics rules that cover Members of Congress, staff and lobbyists, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Feingold, Coleman, and Obama; and former Representative Al Swift and Robert D. Hynes, Jr., both of Colling Murphy Swift Hynes, LLC, James A. Thurber, Center for Congress-

sional and Presidential Studies, and Fred Wertheimer, Democracy 21, all of Washington, D.C.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 4707–4739; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77–78; H. Con. Res. 334–338; and H. Res. 671–672, were introduced. **Pages H223–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H225–26**

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

H.R. 3729, to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–371);

H.R. 2791, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees (H. Rept. 109–372); and

H.R. 4093, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, to improve the administration of justice, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–373). **Page H223**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. John Appel, Senior Pastor, Frederick Seventh-day Adventist Church, Frederick, Maryland. **Page H161**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Ros-Lehtinen wherein she resigned from the Committee on the Budget, effective immediately. **Page H164**

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

*Congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history:* H. Res. 670, to congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay” and 10 voting “present”, Roll No. 5;

**Pages H164–68, H194**

*To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie Caraway Station”:* H.R. 4456, amended, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie Caraway Station”;

**Pages H168–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie W. Caraway Station”.”. **Page H169**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of The Year of the Museum:* H. Res. 389, to support the goals and ideals of The Year of the Museum; **Pages H169–71**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month:* H. Res. 660, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month;

**Pages H171–74**

*Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools:* H. Res. 657, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools, by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 6; **Pages H174–80, H194–95**

*Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 12 coal miners killed and the stamina and courage of the one who survived the mine disaster in Sago, West Virginia, and the sacrifice and courage of the two coal miners killed in the Aracoma Alma mine disaster, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies:* H. Con. Res. 331, amended, to honor the sacrifice and courage of the 12 coal miners killed and the stamina and courage of the one who survived the mine disaster in Sago, West Virginia, and the sacrifice and courage of the two coal miners killed in the Aracoma Alma mine disaster, and recognizing