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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: 35 public bills, H.R. 4843–4877; 2 private bills, H.R. 4878–4879; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 350–351; and H. Res. 706–709 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 643, directing the Attorney General to submit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to warrantless electronic surveillance of telephone conversations and electronic communications of persons in the United States conducted by the National Security Agency, adversely (H. Rept. 109–382); and

H. Res. 644, requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the authorization of electronic surveillance of citizens of the United States without court approved warrants, adversely (H. Rept. 109–383).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Stephen A. Owenby, Senior Pastor, Stewartville Baptist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina.

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Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2006: The House passed S. 1777, amended, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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H. Res. 702, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4167), to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 18.

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General debate on the bill proceeded according to H. Res. 702. After 1 hour of debate the Committee

of the Whole House on the State of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4167 as unfinished business. **Page H539**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 6, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 8th.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Mac Thornberry and the Honorable Frank R. Wolf to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 7, 2006.

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Inspector General for the House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of Mr. James J. Cornell of Springfield, Virginia, as Inspector General for the United States House of Representatives to fill the existing vacancy.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 1 yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H528–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer; and public witnesses.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army; LTG Carl A. Strock, USA, Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers; and John Paul Woodley, Jr., Office of the Assistant Secretary (Civil Works).

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT
FINANCING, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Avian Influenza-International Response. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH: Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Nancy Power, Senior Coordinator, Avian Influenza and Infectious Diseases; and Kent Hill, M.D., Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

**INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Administrator of EPA. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Competitiveness Initiative. Testimony was heard from Tom Luce, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

**MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Arlington National Cemetery, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from William Greene, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; the following officials of the American Battle Monuments Commission: GEN Frederick M. Franks, Jr.,

USA, (Ret), Chairman; and BG John W. Nicholson, USA, (Ret), Secretary; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Timothy C. Cox, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

**SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE,
JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director; and Warren Washington, Chairman, National Science Board.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST TRANSPORTATION
COMMAND**

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request for the U.S. Transportation Command and Component Commands. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command; GEN Duncan J. McNabb, Commander, Air Mobility Command; VADM David L. Brewer, III, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command; and MG Charles W. Fletcher, USA, Commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

**DUBAI PORTS WORLD DEAL—NATIONAL
SECURITY IMPLICATIONS**

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the National Security Implications of the Dubai Ports World Deal to Take Over Management of U.S. Ports. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs; and RADM Thomas Gilmour, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard; Alan Misenheimer, Director, Office of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Affairs, Department of State; Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL POLLUTION AGREEMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Legislation to Implement the POPs, PIC, and LRTAP POPs Agreements." Testimony was heard from Claudia A. McMurray, Deputy Assistant

Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Susan B. Hazen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Claudia Polsky, Deputy Attorney General, Environment Section, Department of Justice, State of California; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—TERRORIST INTENTIONS TOWARD U.S. AIRCRAFT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on terrorist intentions toward U.S. aircraft. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD PALESTINIANS—AFTERMATH OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy Toward the Palestinians in the Aftermath of Parliamentary Elections. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Keith W. Dayton, U.S. Security Coordinator.

OVERSIGHT—RIGHTS UNDER NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held an oversight hearing on Assessing Rights under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WESTERN HEMISPHERE ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held an oversight hearing on Western Hemisphere Energy Security. Testimony was heard from Karen A. Harbert, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2829, amended, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 4709, Law Enforcement and Phone Privacy Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 4356, Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement

Act of 2005; H.R. 1871, amended, Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1176, Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 2955, amended, Intellectual Property Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—SCOPE AND MYTHS OF ROE V. WADE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled “The Scope and Myths of Roe v. Wade.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTHERN BORDER—LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFRONTS VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Outgunned and Outmanned: Local Law Enforcement Confronts Violence Along the Southern Border.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the National Park Service's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION/WATER PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “The President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Requests for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Division of the U.S. Geological Survey.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Matthew Larsen, Chief Scientist for Hydrology, U.S. Geological Survey.

LOBBYING REFORM—ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing entitled “Lobbying Reform: Accountability through Transparency.” Testimony was heard from Karen Haas, Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives; former Representative James Bacchus of Florida; James Thurber, Director, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University; Thomas Mann, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Paul Miller, President, American League of Lobbyists; Norman Ornstein, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; and Fred Wertheimer, President, Democracy 21.

Hearings continue March 9.

**NASA SCIENCE MISSION DIRECTORATE—
IMPACT OF FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
PROPOSAL**

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA Science Mission Directorate: Impacts of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Mary Cleave, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—SBA'S ENTREPRENEURIAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs held an oversight hearing on the SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Mills, Associate Deputy Administrator, Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CURBSIDE OPERATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Curbside Operations: Bus Safety and ADA Regulatory Compliance. Testimony was heard from Annette Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—VA'S INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY BUDGET**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiscal Year 2007 information technology budget. Testimony was heard from Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HIGH-RISK
ISSUES**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Social Security Number High-Risk Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Patrick P. O'Carroll, Inspector General; and Martin H. Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported, without recommendation, H. Res. 641, Requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in his possession relating to electronic surveillance without search warrants on individuals in the United States.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 3, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.