

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Renee Marie

Bumb, Noel Lawrence Hillman, Peter G. Sheridan, and Susan Davis Wigenton, each to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who were introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5169–51195; 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 389; and H. Res. 772–773, 775–777 were introduced. **Pages H1741–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1742–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 349, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 109–416);

H.R. 282, to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–417);

H.R. 3462, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–418);

H.R. 2978, to allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated (H. Rept. 109–419);

H.R. 2563, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–420);

H.R. 518, to require the Secretary of the Interior to refine the Department of the Interior program for providing assistance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–421);

H.R. 374, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain tribally-owned reservation land into trust for the Puyallup Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–422);

H.R. 122, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–423); and

H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals (H. Rept. 109–424);

H.J. Res. 78, approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower (H. Rept. 109–425);

S. 584, to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (Private Bill H. Rept. 109–426);

H.R. 1307, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 109–427);

S. 1869, to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (H. Rept. 109–428);

S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii (H. Rept. 109–429);

H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project (H. Rept. 109–430);

H.R. 3967, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reallocate costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes (H. Rept. 109–431); and

H.R. 4080, to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming (H. Rept. 109–432);

H.R. 3682, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 109–433);

2006 Congressional Drug Control Budget and Policy Assessment: A Review of the 2007 National Drug Control Budget and 2006 National Drug Control Strategy (H. Rept. 109–434);

Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford to Wait? (H. Rept. 109–435);

Strengthening Disease Surveillance (H. Rept. 109–436);

H.R. 1595, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–437, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 774, providing for consideration of (H.R. 5020) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 109–438); and

H.R. 4975, to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–439, Pts. 1, 2, 3, and 4).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Drake to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Meeting Hour for Thursday: Agreed that when the House adjourn on Wednesday, April 26th, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 27th, for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Further agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to declare the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving the former Members.

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

To memorialize and honor the contribution of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist: H.J. Res. 83, to memorialize and honor the contribution of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist;

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Approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower: S.J. Res. 28, to approve the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 100—clearing the measure for the President;

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Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005: S. 592, to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas: H.R. 2341, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas;

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Law Enforcement and Phone Privacy Protection Act of 2006: H.R. 4709, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records, by a yeand-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 101; and

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Authorizing United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund: H.R. 4916, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Mollohan wherein he resigned from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, effective today.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, April 26th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 357, to support the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month; and

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 349, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H1683, H1686.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 85 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1704, H1704–05. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

SAVING AMERICA'S RURAL HOUSING ACT OF 2006

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 5039, Saving America's Rural Housing Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain: Broken Management, Broken Quality Assurance, Broken Project." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Paul Golan, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and Gregory Friedman, Inspector General; Margaret Federline, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC; and Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

A NEW ASSESSMENT OF IRAQ

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "A New Assessment of Iraq." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

STATE OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives on Federal Coordination of Grants, Standards and Technology." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Tracy A. Henke, Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Training; and David G. Boyd, Director, Office for Interoperability and Compatibility, both with the Directorate of Preparedness; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John Kneuer, Acting Assistant

Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and Dereck Orr, Program Manager, Public Safety Communications System, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Kenneth P. Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security, FCC; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carl Peed, Executive Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; and John Morgan, Assistant Director, Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice; and public witnesses.

NETWORK NEUTRALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Telecom and Antitrust held an oversight hearing on Network Neutrality: Competition, Innovation and Non-discriminatory Access. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5020, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions.