

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 26, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the state of the biofuels industry, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Accountability Office and other issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine certain marine and terrestrial systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, and a proposal to amend Committee Rule 7(d) relative to the naming of public buildings and facilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine authorizations of customs and trade functions, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States-India atomic energy cooperation, focusing on strategic and nonproliferation implications, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine ensuring early diagnosis and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS, focusing on how federal funding is being distributed to provide AIDS drugs and HIV testing opportunities in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the future of the music industry in the digital radio revolution, focusing on parity, platforms, and protection issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Finance and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered

by the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Oversight of Reform of the DOE Nuclear Weapons Complex, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on USAID, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Gulf Coast Recovery: Facing Challenges and Coming Back Stronger in Education," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "America's Capital Markets: Maintaining Our Lead in the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Title Insurance: Cost and Competition," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Transit Zone Operations: Can We Sustain Record Seizures and Declining Resources," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Adding a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Index Option to the Thrift Savings Plan: Considering the Views and Advisory Role of the Employee Thrift Advisory Council (ETAC)," followed by a markup of H.R. 1578, Real Estate Investment Thrift Savings Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Iraq: Update on U.S. Policy, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.