

murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation. **Pages H2616–17**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, May 17th.

Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process: H. Res. 740, to call on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process; and

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Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dabab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006: H. Res. 795, to condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2641–42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AS A WEAPON: U.S. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources and the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a joint hearing entitled “Energy as a Weapon: Implications for U.S. Policy.” Testimony was heard from Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; Paul Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy, Sanctions, and Commodity Policy, Department of State; and public witnesses.

JUDGES—PAY AND BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Fair and Balanced? The Status of

Pay and Benefits for Non-Article III Judges.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; William Cowan, Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Ronald G. Bernoski, Administrative Law Judge, SSA; and public witnesses.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA STRATEGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Are We Ready?: Implementing the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza.” Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security; John Agwonobi, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; John Clifford, D.V.D., Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and Peter F. Verga, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense, Department of Defense.

MEDICAL OUTREACH AND U.S. DIPLOMACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Relations held a hearing on Medical Outreach: An Instrument of U.S. Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Austein-Casnoff, Associate Administrator, Office of Health Information Technology, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of State. Ralph Braibanti, Director, Office of Space and Advanced Technology, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Richard Greene, Director, Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COPYRIGHT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Section 115 Reform Act (SIRA) of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL, DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Committee on Rules: Testimony heard; action deferred.

BUDGET RESOLUTION, FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of May 17, 2006, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, or addressing budget enforcement or priorities.

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, with 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record.

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 report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Broadband Program, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the National Guard in support of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 4 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Cloud, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Michael Wood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, and Robert Anthony Bradtke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the proposed Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006, proposed Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006, proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and the Nominations of Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, and Peter W. Tredick, of California, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, J. C. A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.