

Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–588); and

H.R. 5121 to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–589).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Phil Fulton, Pastor, Union Hill Church, Peebles, Ohio.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Wednesday, July 19th:

Condemning the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself: H. Res. 921, to condemn the recent attacks against the State of Israel, holding terrorists and their state-sponsors accountable for such attacks, supporting Israel's right to defend itself, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 8 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 391; and

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Commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission: H. Con. Res. 448, to commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the completion of the Space Shuttle's second Return-to-Flight mission, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 393.

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United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 392.

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H. Res. 925, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 390, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 389.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Nuri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq: Agreed that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 26, 2006, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the

purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Nuri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 24th, for Morning-Hour Debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 26th.

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on International Relations have until midnight on July 21st to file a report on H.R. 5682, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules.

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Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Miller, George of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. Further consideration is expected to resume on Monday, July 24th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5493 and H5557.

Senate Referrals: S. 418 and S. 3693 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5504, H5505, H5505–06, H5529–30 and H5530. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE CONVENTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on H.R. 3849, PIC and POPs Conventions and the LRTAP POPs Protocol Implementation Act. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

TRIBAL LABOR RELATION RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 16, Tribal Labor Relations Restoration Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth; Joe Garcia, Governor, Pueblo of San Juan, San Juan Pueblo, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

WARNING, ALERT, AND RESPONSE NETWORK ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 5785, Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act. Testimony was heard from Julius Knapp, Acting Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE REPORT; CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5664, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Cooper Street, Babylon, New York, as the "Jacob Fletcher Post Office Building;" H. Res. 605, Recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; H. Res. 901, Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 60th birthday; H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005; H.R. 5766, amended, Government Efficiency Act of 2006; H.R. 4087, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2005; H.R. 4846, To authorize a grant for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library; and H. Res. 912, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled "Brownfields: What Will It Take to Turn Lost Opportunities Into America's Gain?"

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Climate Change: Understanding the Degree of the Problem." Testimony was heard from Jim Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Thomas Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FENCING THE BORDER

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cyber-Security of the Committee on Homeland Security joint hearing entitled "Fencing the Border: Construction Options and Stra-

tegic Placement." Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter, Reyes, Pearce, and King of Iowa; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Kevin Stevens, Senior Associate Chief, Customs and Border Protection; and Carlton Mann, Chief Inspector, Office of Inspections and Special Reviews, Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

HYBRID CARS/OIL DEPENDENCE REDUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Hybrid Cars: Increasing Fuel Efficiency and Reducing Oil Dependence." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL ASSET DATABASE

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the National Asset Database by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Infrastructure Protection. The Committee was briefed by a departmental witness.

ASIAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Asian Free Trade Agreements: Are They Good for the USA? Testimony was heard from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

AIRCRAFT/WEAPONS SALE TO PAKISTAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Sale of F-16 Aircraft and Weapons Systems to Pakistan. Testimony was heard from John Hillen, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

ANGOLA'S LONG DELAYED ELECTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Angola's Long Delayed Election. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Dan Mozena, Director, Office of Southern African Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs; and Paul Bonicelli, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Democracy and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION STRATEGY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on U.S. Nonproliferation Strategy: Policies and Technical Capabilities. Testimony was heard Francis C. Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 682, Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director-Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program? Part 3 in a Series.” Testimony was heard from Austin Smythe, Acting Deputy Director, OMB; Lewis Wade, Special Assistant to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Growing Operations Crisis Within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CHINESE BARRIERS TO TRADE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a joint hearing entitled “Chinese Barriers to Trade: Does China Play Fair?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USCG LICENSING AND DOCUMENTATION OF MERCHANT MARINERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Licensing and Documentation of Merchant Mariners. Testimony was heard from RADM, Craig E. Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5835, amended, Veterans Identify and Security Credit Security Act of 2006; H.R. 5815, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 125, Expressing the support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; and H. Con. Res. 347, Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health care system of the Nation.

U.S-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

FBI CONFIDENTIAL HUMAN SOURCE OPERATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold hearing on FBI Confidential Human Source Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 762)

S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes. Signed on July 19, 2006. (Public Law 109–242)