

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001: The House agreed to H. Res. 994, to express the sense of the House of Representatives on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 22 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 440.

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H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 438.

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Providing for corrections to the enrollment of S. 2590: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. Con. Res. 114, to provide for corrections to the enrollment of the bill S. 2590.

Pages H6501–02

Water Resources Development Act of 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

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The House began consideration of the Melancon motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on tomorrow, Thursday, September 14th.

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Rules have until 2 a.m. on September 14th to file their report to accompany H. Res. 1000.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6431 and H6498.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 114 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H6560, H6460–61 and H6497. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review Federal Farm Policy. Testimony was heard from agricultural processors and suppliers.

OVERSIGHT—NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Nuclear Energy. Testimony was heard from Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; Stan Wise, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Georgia; Nils Diaz, former Chairman, NRC; and public witnesses.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6054, Military Commissions Act of 2006.

FEDERAL BUDGETARY CHOICES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on How Budgetary Choices Affect Work, Saving, and Growth, The Real Purpose of 'Dynamic' Estimating. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR WASTE/HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on nuclear waste storage and disposal policy, and hydroelectric license extension and energy efficiency legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Otter and Mollohan; from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Luis A. Reyes, Executive Director, Operations, NRC; Stan Wise, Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

NIH ETHICS/MANAGEMENT CULTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Continuing Ethics and Management Concerns at NIH and the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John Agwunobi, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health; Raynard Kington, M.D., Deputy Director, NIH; John Niederhuber, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director; and William Fitzsimmons, Executive Officer,

both with the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “CyberSecurity: Protecting America’s Critical Infrastructure, Economy, and Consumers.” Testimony was heard from David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; George W. Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; Kenneth P. Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

COASTAL INSURANCE MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Stabilizing Insurance Markets for Coastal Consumers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Interior Department: A Culture of Managerial Irresponsibility and Lack of Accountability?” Testimony was heard from Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

FEDERAL FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4859, Federal Family Health Information Technology Act of 2006.

DHS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled “DHS Financial Management: Evaluating Progress in Improving Internal Controls.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Norquist, Chief Financial Officer; and David Zavada, Assistant Inspector General.

IRAQ: DEMOCRACY OR CIVIL WAR?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations continued hearings entitled “Iraq: Democracy or Civil War?”, with emphasis on What Will It Take To Achieve National Reconciliation? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David Satterfield, Senior Advisor on Iraq to the Secretary; and James Bever,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Near East and Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

DHS CYBER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled “The Future of Cyber and Telecommunications Security at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from George Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; William Pelgrin, Director, Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure, State of New York; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION NETWORK

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “The Homeland Security Information Network: An Update on DHS Information Sharing Efforts.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Frank W. Deffer, Assistant Inspector General; Charles E. Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer; and Roger T. Rufe, Jr., Director, Operations Directorate; and public witnesses.

SAFETY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Helping Business Protect the Homeland: Is the Department of Homeland Security Effectively Implementing the SAFETY Act?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jay Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; and Elaine C. Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 6060, Department of State Authorities Act of 2006.

The Committee reported, without recommendation, H. Res. 985, Directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in the possession of the Secretary of State relating to the report submitted to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives on July 28, 2006, pursuant to the Iran and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 611, amended, Haiti Economic and Infrastructure Reconstruction Act; H.R. 1476, amended, Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 1996, Coral Reef and Coastal Marine Conservation Act of 2005; H.R. 5805, amended, North Korea Nonproliferation Act of 2006; H. Res. 415, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam needs to do more to resolve claims for confiscated real and personal property; H. Res. 622, amended, To recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II; H. Res. 723, amended, calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection; H. Res. 759, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge and accept responsibility for its sexual enslavement of young women, known to the world as “comfort women,” during its colonial occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; H. Res. 940, amended. Recognizing the 185th anniversary of the independence of Peru on July 28, 2006; H. Res. 942, Recognizing the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906; H. Res. 965, Commending the people of Montenegro on the conduct of the referendum on independence, welcoming United States recognition of the sovereignty and independence of the republic of Montenegro, and welcoming Montenegro membership in the United Nations and other international organizations; H. Res. 992, amended, Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan; H. Res. 976, Condemning human rights abuses by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and expressing solidarity with the Iranian people; H. Con. Res. 317, Requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing; H. Con. Res. 415, Condemning the repression of the Iranian Baha’i community and calling for the emancipation of Iranian Baha’is; S. 2125, amended, Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Recovery, Security, and Democracy; and S. 3836, United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Reauthorization Act of 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 5418, To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges; and H.R. 5830, Wright Amendment Reform Act.

OVERSIGHT—AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: SIXTEEN YEARS LATER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on The Americans With Disabilities Act: Sixteen Years Later. Testimony was heard from Naomi Earp, Chair, EEOC; former Representative Tony Coelho of California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5617, 13th Regional Corporation Land Entitlement Act; and H.R. 5781, Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK VISITATION TRENDS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing entitled “Visitation Trends in the National Park System—Part II.” Testimony was heard from Chris Jarvi, Associate Director, Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SECURE FENCE ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative King of New York.

PROVIDING FOR EARMARK REFORM IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that upon adoption of the resolution, H. Res. 1000, as reported by the Committee on Rules, is hereby adopted.

EARMARK REFORM

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 1000, providing for earmark reform in the House of Representatives.

BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on How Can Technologies Help Secure Our Borders? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology; and Gregory Giddens, Director, Secure Border Initiative Program Executive Office; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ALASKA PIPELINE CORROSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held an oversight hearing on Low Pressure Liquid Pipelines: In the North Slope, Greater Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Testimony was heard from Thomas Barrett, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION AND PROTECTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy—Can it be implemented to restore and protect the Great Lakes? Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; BG Bruce A. Berwick, USA, Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior; Charles Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIMS ADJUDICATORS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the training provided to Veterans Benefits Administration claims adjudicators and the standards used to measure their proficiency and performance. Testimony was heard from Michael Walcoff, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field

Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and the Evolving Terrorist Threat. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CARE FOR DISABLED IN ROMANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine Romanian governmental and non-governmental perspectives on the current state of care of persons with disabilities in Romania, after receiving testimony from Adrian Mindroiu, Director for European Integration, Government of Romania, and Cristian Ispas, Motivation Romania International, and Special Olympics Romania Foundation, both of Bucharest, Romania; and Eric Rosenthal, Mental Disabilities Rights International, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, including proposed advanced reaction technologies for recycling nuclear waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the British system versus the U.S. system relating to catching terrorists, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up the Military Commissions Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's report on predatory lending practices directed at members of the armed forces and their dependents, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine rural air service, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Stephen Allred, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary, and Robert W. Johnson, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear