

from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products; and

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Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2006: S. 2832, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

Pages H6800–04

Commission Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ney wherein he resigned from the Franking Commission, effective today.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Doggett moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 987, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 147) to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions (Discharge Petition No. 15).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on pages H6822–23.

Senate Referral: S. 1035 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H6745, H6755, H6756, H6756–57, H6784–85, H6785 and H6786. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Federal Farm Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures to be introduced: the National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006; and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006.

The Committee ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5533, amended, Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Drug Development Act of 2006; H.R. 3248, amended, Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2005; H.R. 971, To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut; S. 176, To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska; S. 244, To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming; H.R. 4377, To extend the time required for con-

struction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4417, To provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project.

The Committee also approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation into data brokering, including its investigation into the Hewlett-Packard situation, and related matters; and a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation into the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet, and related matters.

STATE REGULATION OF INSURER INVESTMENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Improving Transparency in State Regulation of Insurer Investments." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE NUCLEAR PLANTS AND HYDROGEN PRODUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "The Next Generation Nuclear Plant and Hydrogen Production: A Critical Status Report." Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Executive and Judicial Compensation in the Federal Government (Quadrennial Commission)." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General; D. Brock Hornby, Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Maine, and Chairman, Judicial Branch, Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Philip M. Pro, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada; Sean O'Keefe, former Administrator, NASA; and a public witness.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled "Historic Preservation and Community Development: Why Cities and Towns Should Look to the Past as the Key to Their Future." Testimony was heard from John Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Edward Sanderson, Executive Director; Historical

Preservation and Heritage Commission, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

RADICALIZATION AND TERRORISM THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “The Homeland Security Implications of Radicalization.” Testimony was heard from Randall Blake, al Qaeda Group Chief, National Counterterrorism Center; Don Van Duyn, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Javed Ali, Senior Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN: FIVE YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: Five Years After 9/11, Part I. Testimony was heard from Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, Office of Drugs and Crime, United Nations; and public witnesses.

DETERIORATING PEACE IN SUDAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on the Deteriorating Peace in Sudan. Testimony was heard from Michael Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Democracy, Conflict Assistance and Humanitarian Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING UNITED KINGDOM'S EFFORTS IN WAR ON TERROR; SERBIA ISSUES AND FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats ordered reported H. Res. 989, Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Serbia: Current Issues and Future Direction. Testimony was heard from Daniel P. Serwer, Vice President, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, Centers of Innovation, U.S. Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006; ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills H.R. 6054, Military Commissions Act of 2006; and H.R. 5825, amended, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act.

MINERAL COMMODITY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 6080, to establish the Mineral Commodity Information Agency within the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2006 IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2006 BORDER PREVENTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4830, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or reckless permitting (on one's land) the construction or use of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country. The rule provides 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points or order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4830.

The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6094, to restore the Secretary of Homeland Security's authority to detain dangerous aliens, to ensure the removal of deportable criminal aliens, and combat alien gang crime, under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 6094.

The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6095, to affirm the inherent authority of State and local law enforcement to assist in the enforcement of immigration laws, to provide for effective prosecution of alien smugglers, and to reform immigration litigation procedures, under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points or order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 6095. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hostettler and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

CLIMATE CHANGE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Department of Energy's Plan for Climate Change Technology Programs. Testimony was heard

from Stephen D. Eule, Director, U.S. Climate Change Technology Program, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on International Polar Year: The Scientific Agenda and Federal Role. Testimony was heard from Arden Bement, Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1105, amended, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2005; H.R. 4981, amended, Dam Safety Act of 2006; H.R. 5026, To designate the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Juncos Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “Andres Toro Building;” H.R. 1556, To designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park;” H.R. 5606, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas as the “William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 2322, To designate the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza Federal Building;” H.R. 4126, amended, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act of 2005; H.R. 5546, amended, To designate the U.S. courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the “Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Federal Courthouse;” and H.R. 6051, amended, To designate the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the “John F. Seiberling Federal Building.”

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2007.

FAA SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Aviation Administration Safety Programs.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA; and Todd Zinser, Acting Inspector General; Thomas Haueter, Deputy Director, Office of Aviation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS FISCAL YEAR REVIEW

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing to review the previous fiscal year and look ahead to the upcoming year. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans organizations.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE MODERNIZATION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up an original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Warren Bell, of California, Chris Boskin, of California, and David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1106, to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 1811, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, S. 2070, to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, S. 3522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of