

America's interests in Iraq, focusing on sectarian violence, its expansion within the region, and the challenges facing U.S. policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Vali R. Nasr, Professor Naval Postgraduate School, and Richard N. Haass, New York, New York, both of the Council on Foreign Relations; and Dennis Ross, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine paying off generics to prevent competition with brand name drugs, including S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the

entry of a generic drug into the market, after receiving testimony from former Representative Billy Tauzin, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Merril Hirsh, Ross, Dixon and Bell, LLP, and Bruce L. Downey, Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., all of Washington, DC.; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Michael Wroblewski, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 502–545; 1 private bill, H.R. 546; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 16–18; and H. Res. 69–72 were introduced. **Pages H670–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H672**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative John B. Larson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H575**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: H.R. 434, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 28; **Pages H582–84, H595–96**

Honoring Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and extending best wishes to him and his family: H. Res. 58, to honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and to extend best wishes to him and his family, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 33; and **Pages H584–87, H631–32**

Repealing certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands: H.R. 57,

to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. **Pages H587–88**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, January 16:

Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard: H. Con. Res. 31, to honor the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 27. **Page H595**

College Student Relief Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 5, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 32. **Pages H597–H628, H630–31**

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 31. **Pages H628–30**

H. Res. 65, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 30, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 29.

Pages H588–94, H596–97

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under

suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, Thursday, January 18.

Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship: H. Res. 62, to congratulate the Grand Valley State University Lakers for winning the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National Championship. **Pages H580–82**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one Recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H595, H595–96, H596, H630, H630–31, and H631–32. There were no quorum calls.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H575.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session on Army and Marine Corps Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session on Army and Marine Operations and Equipment Reconstitution. Testimony was heard from GEN Benjamin Griffin, USA, Commander, Army Materiel Command; LTG Jim Lovelace, U.S. Army, G3; and LTG Steve Speakes, USA, G8; LTG Emerson N. Gardner, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; LTG Richard F. Natonski, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies and Operations; and BG Michael M. Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

ALTERNATIVE IRAQ STRATEGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on alternative perspectives on the President's strategy for Iraq. Testimony was heard from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; and public witnesses.

IRAQ OVERSIGHT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a briefing on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Ways and Means: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for organizational purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D48)

H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health. Signed on January 15, 2007 (Public Law 109–482)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on intelligence assessments on the situation in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of transit security, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine long-term economic and budget challenges, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold oversight hearings to examine Federal efforts for rail and surface transportation security, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the military and security strategy relating to securing America's interests in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SR–485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 9 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.