

Point of Order sustained against in the Committee of the Whole:

Burgess amendment that sought to add a new section providing for an increase in per gallon rates for biodiesel credit. **Page H1370**

H. Res. 133, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 9; that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1393**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 14. **Page H1394**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and ten Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1382, H1383, H1383–84, H1384–85, H1385, H1385–86, H1388, H1388–89, H1389–90, H1390–91, H1391–92, H1392–93. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety: Shedding Light on a Broken System. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations*: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on the Secretary of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations*: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on oversight of Assistance Programs in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General; and Donald Gambatesa, Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

### NAVY LITTORAL COMBAT SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on acquisition oversight of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Delores Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; VADM Paul Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; RADM Charles Hamilton, USN, Program Executive Officer (Ships); and RADM Barry McCullough, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and public witnesses.

### STRENGTHENING THE MIDDLE CLASS

*Committee on Education and Labor*: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class Through the Employee Free Choice Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ENERGY DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*: Held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

### DARFUR CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*: Held a hearing on The Escalating Crisis in Darfur: Are There Any Prospects for Peace? Testimony was heard from Andrew Natsios, Special Envoy to Sudan and former Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, Department of State.

### OVERSIGHT—HOMELAND SECURITY CONTRACTS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*: Held a hearing entitled "Management of Massive Homeland Security Contracts: Deepwater and SBI.net." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard Skinner, Inspector General; Elaine Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; Greg Giddens, Director, SBI Program Executive Office; and ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

### CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE

*Committee on Science and Technology*: Held a hearing on The State of Climate Change Science 2007: The Findings of the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group I Report. Testimony was heard

from Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

### SBA'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "The Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008." Testimony was heard from Steven Preston, Administrator, SBA.

### TRANSPORTATION/EPA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing entitled "FY 2008 President's Budget Request for Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency." Testimony was heard from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation; and the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

### VA'S BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the VA's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

### HHS BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the President's budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### OVERSIGHT PLAN: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES ON IRAQ

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* On February 7, the Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

The Committee also approved Member requests to view the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a briefing on the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on the activities of the Office of Special Plans prior to the war in Iraq; to be followed by a closed session in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Army FY '07 Supplemental, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* hearing entitled "An Examination of the President's FY 2008 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Allegations of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Pharmaceutical Pricing: Financial Impacts on Federal Health Programs and the Federal Taxpayer," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 12 through February 17, 2007

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* February 13, to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to rural development, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* February 13, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas royalty management by the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 15, to hold hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps; there is a possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 14, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budgetary proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 14, Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine overseas sweatshop abuses, focusing on their impact on U.S. workers and the need for anti-sweatshop legislation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent