

Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Schumer; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holthrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jack Dennis, Campaign for the Snake Headwaters, Jackson, Wyoming; Tom Ikeda, Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, Seattle, Washington; George Santucci, National Committee for the New River, West Jefferson, North Carolina; and Timothy D. Vail, Vail and Vickers Company, Santa Rosa Island, California.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy savings, water and air quality, economic, and other benefits of green buildings, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Fox, Jr., Cook and Fox Architects, New York, New York; Peter Templeton, United States Green Building Council, Washington, D.C.; Claire L. Barnett, Healthy Schools Network, Inc., Albany, New York; Ray Tonjes, Ray Tonjes Builder, Inc., Austin, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; and Ward Hubbell, Green Building Initiative, Portland, Oregon.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine equal representation in Congress, focusing on providing voting rights to the District of Columbia, in-

cluding S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch, Representatives Tom Davis and Norton; Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, Jack Kemp, Kemp Partners, Wade J. Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Viet D. Dinh, Georgetown University Law Center, and Jonathan R. Turley, George Washington University Law School, all of Washington, D.C.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: CURRENT AND FUTURE BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging concluded a hearing to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on current and future breakthrough research, after receiving testimony from Paul S. Aisen, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study; Arthur F. Kramer, University of Illinois, Urbana; Robert Essner, Wyeth, Madison, New Jersey; and J. Donald deBethizy, Targacept, Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

PRESERVING PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice and its handling of the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, after receiving testimony from James B. Comey, Lockheed Martin Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2313–2355; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 402, 405–408 were introduced. **Pages H5052–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5054–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 403, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–151) and

H. Res. 404, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1427, to reform the regulation of certain

housing-related government-sponsored enterprises (H. Rept. 110–152). **Pages H5050, H5052**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4969**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H4970**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Don Green, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Page H4970**

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

American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin: H.R. 634, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 345; **Pages H4973–76, H5014**

Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007: H.R. 692, amended, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 346; **Pages H4976–78, H5014–15**

John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007: H.R. 916, amended, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 341 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 347; **Pages H4978–82, H5015–16**

Recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity for Congress to improve the foster care system throughout the United States: H. Res. 263, amended, to recognize National Foster Care Month as an opportunity for Congress to improve the foster care system throughout the United States; **Pages H4982–85**

COPS Improvements Act of 2007: H.R. 1700, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 381 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 348; **Pages H4985–95, H5016**

Safe American Roads Act of 2007: H.R. 1773, amended, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 349; **Pages H4995–H5001, H5016–17**

James A. Leach Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 1505, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building”; **Pages H5001–03**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the ‘James A. Leach Federal Building’.” **Page H5003**

Authorizing the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation: H.R. 1036, amended, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; **Pages H5003–04**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 123, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Pages H5004–05**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week: H. Res. 352, to support the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; **Pages H5005–07**

Commemorating the marinas of the United States and expressing support for the designation of the sixth annual National Marina Day: H. Res. 343, amended, to commemorate the marinas of the United States and expressing support for the designation of the sixth annual National Marina Day; **Pages H5007–09**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 79, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H5009–10**

Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week: H. Res. 386, amended, to recognize the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week; and **Pages H5010–12**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and other boating safety organizations for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week”.

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Eosinophil Awareness Week, and for other purposes: H. Res. 296, to support the goals and ideals of National Eosinophil Awareness Week. **Pages H5012–13**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted certification to Congress that the export to the People’s Republic of China of certain listed items is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–34). **Page H5043**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative McCotter wherein he resigned from the

Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Foreign Affairs due to his election to the Committee on Financial Services. **Page H5043**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m. **Page H5050**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4970.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5055.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5014, H5014–15, H5015, H5016, H5016–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FRESH PRODUCE SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review industry response to the safety of fresh and fresh-cut produce. Testimony was heard from Lloyd Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; David Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE CAMPUS SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Best Practices for Making College Campuses Safe. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECTOR WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Private Sector Whistleblowers: Are There Sufficient Legal Protections? Testimony was heard from Richard Fairfax, Director of Enforcement, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Tom Devine, Legal Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

CHILDREN'S PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Protecting Our Children: Current Issues in Children's Product Safety." Testimony was heard from Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PLAN AND LOW INCOME SUBSIDY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Medicare Savings

Plan and Low Income Subsidy: Keeping Medicare's Promise for Seniors and People with Disabilities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ENGAGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Re-Engagement in the Global Effort to Fight Climate Change. Testimony was heard from Eileen Claussen, former Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The 2007 Hurricane Season: Are We Prepared?" Testimony was heard from R. David Pulison, Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; William Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues Division, GAO; Craig Fugate, Director, Division of Emergency Management, State of Florida; and Joe Becker, Senior Vice President, Preparedness and Response, National Headquarters, American Red Cross.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1239, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1388, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act; H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; and H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula, Olver, Hastings of Florida; Castle and Murphy of Connecticut; Chris Jarvi, Associate Director, Partnerships and Visitor Experience, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Robert Stanton, former Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by vote of 9 to 4, a structured rule. The rule provides for ninety minutes of general debate on H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services