

H7191–92, H7192–93, H7193, H7193–94, H7194–95, H7195, H7195–96, H7196–97, and H7197. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOD MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on structure, process and tools for improving Department of Defense Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary; Jack D. Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transportation.

WALTER REED PROGRESS REVIEWS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on findings of the Independent Review Group and an in-progress review of actions at Walter Reed. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Independent Review Group: John O. Marsh, Co-Chair and former Secretary of the Army; and Togo D. West, Jr., former Secretary of the Army and former Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; MG Gale S. Pollock, USA, Acting Surgeon General; MG Eric B. Schoemaker, USA, Commander and BG Michael S. Tucker, USA, Deputy Commanding General, both with the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and COL Terrence McKenrick, USA, Commander, Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTING VEHICLE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Roger Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Expeditionary Warfare; LTG Emerson Gardner, USMC, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps, Program and Resources; David Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and COL William Taylor, USMC, Program Executive Officer, Marine Corps Land Systems.

U.S. DEBT—FOREIGN HOLDINGS

Committee on the Budget: Hearing on Foreign Holdings of U.S. Debt: Is Our Economy Vulnerable? Testi-

mony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PREDATORY SALES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Predatory Sales Practices in Medicare Advantage.” Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen Healey, Director, Health Insurance Assistance Program, Department of Senior Services, State of Alabama; Jim Poolman, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of North Dakota; Kim Holland, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Oklahoma; Lee Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2547, FDIC Enforcement Enhancement Act; H. Con. Res. 140, as amended, Recognizing the low presence of minorities in the financial services industry and minorities and women in upper level positions of management, and expressing the sense of the Congress that active measures should be taken to increase the demographic diversity of the financial services industry; and H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.

SEC INVESTOR PROTECTION/MARKET OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “A Review of Investor Protection and Market Oversight With the Five Commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following members of the SEC: Christopher Cox, Chairman; Paul S. Atkins; Roel C. Campos; Annette L. Nazareth; and Kathleen L. Casey, all Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 176, amended, Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 1400, amended, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007; H.R. 2844, Food Security and Agricultural Development Act of 2007; H. Res. 121, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and

accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force's coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as "comfort women," during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II; H.R. 2843, Library of Congress Public Diplomacy Collection Act of 2007; and H.R. 2798, amended, To reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The Committee favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 2293, amended, To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde; S. 377, U.S.-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Act of 2007; H. Res. 208, amended, Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th anniversary year of its founding; H. Res. 287, amended, To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name "America"; H. Res. 294, amended, Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights; H. Res. 378, amended, Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day; H. Res. 380, Commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Game; H. Res. 426, amended, Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and offering support for efforts to ensure that the internally displaced people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully; H. Res. 427, Urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt; H. Res. 467, amended, Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia; H. Res. 482, Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland; H. Res. 497, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people; H. Res. 500, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an in-

strument of political pressure; and H. Con. Res. 136, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; and H. Con. Res. 139, amended, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India.

VIOLENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Violence in Central America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Ambassador Jose Guillermo Castillo Villacorta, Ambassador of Guatemala; and Roberto Flores Bermudez, Ambassador of Honduras.

NFL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the National Football League's System for Compensating Retired Players: An Uneven Playing Field? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEE LEGAL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Habeas Corpus and Detention at Guantanamo Bay. Testimony was heard from Gregory Katrsas, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; LCDR Charlie Swift, USN, Judge Advocate General Corps, Office of Military Commissions, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Laws—the Issues. Testimony was heard from Paul G. Cassell, Judge, Judicial Conference of the United States; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Richard B. Roper, III, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, and public witnesses.

POLLINATORS AND HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on The Bird and The Bees: How Pollinators Help Maintain Healthy Ecosystems. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Florida and Blumenauer; Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and

Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; Kevin J. Hackett, National Program Leader for Bees and Pollinators, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

NEW ORLEANS—LABOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Adequacy of Labor Law Enforcement in New Orleans. Testimony was heard from Paul DeCamp, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on 2010 Census: Improving Local Government Participation in LUCA. Testimony was heard from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2829) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of H.R. 2829 in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker testimony was heard from Representatives Serrano and Regula.

FEDERAL AGENCY SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on SBIR and STTR—How Are the Programs Managed Today? Testimony was heard from Michael Caccuitto, SBIR/STTR Program Administrator, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; Jo Anne Goodnight, SBIR/STTR Program Coordinator, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Larry James, SBIR/STTR Program Manager, Department of Energy; Douglas A. Comstock, Director, Innovative Partnerships Program Office, NASA; and Kesh S. Narayanan, Director, Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships, Directorate for Engineering, NSF.

INTEGRATED DEEPWATER PROGRAM ACT; COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2722, Integrated Deepwater Reform Act; and H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.

INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL BENEFITS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Benefits of Intercity Passenger Rail. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger, State of Montana; former Governor Mark Schweiker, State of Pennsylvania; Elaine Nekritz, Representative, State of Illinois; Velma H. Williams, Commissioner, City of Sanford, Florida; Robert N. Jackman, member, Senate, State of Indiana; Frank J. Busalacchi, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Wisconsin; Astrid C. Glynn, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of New York; Will Kempton, Director, Department of Transportation, State of California; and public witnesses.

KIDNEY PATIENT ANEMIA MANAGEMENT CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Safe and Sensible: Ensuring Kidney Patients Receive Safe and Appropriate Anemia Management Care. Testimony was heard from Delegate Donna M. Christensen, M.D., Virgin Islands; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Robert A. Vito, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections; and John K. Jenkins, M.D., Director, Office of New

Drugs, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Director of National Intelligence, Inspector General. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical met in executive session to hold a hearing on Technical Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2009, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2008, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 704, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, S. 950, to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunamis, hurricanes, El Niño events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, S. 1650, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and S. 1661, to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad, and promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1171, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security,

and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine protecting water quality at America's beaches, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Stealth Tax, focusing on how to stop the alternative minimum tax from sneaking up on unsuspecting taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 793, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, and S. 1011, to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health, original bills entitled, "Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act", "Wired for Health Care Quality Act", and other pending calendar business, 11 a.m., S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on the European experience, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal death penalty, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to mark up pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the relationship between doctors and the drug industry, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on the Capitol Visitor Center, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to review the policies and procedures regarding the notification of next-of-kin of wounded and deceased service members, 10 a.m., 2218 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2857, Generations Invigorating Volunteering and Education Act of 2007; Green Jobs Act of 2007; and H.R. 2831, To amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following measures related to energy legislation: To promote greater energy efficiency; To facilitate the transition to a