

Withdrawn:

Whitfield amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$10 million; **Pages H8001–05**

Walsh (NY) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a proviso relating to English language proficiency scores; **Pages H8014–15**

Campbell (CA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for a list of sundry projects contained in the bill; **Pages H8065–76**

Schmidt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being made available to any provider of services under title X of the Public Health Service Act if it is made known to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that such provider has been found within the preceding 36-month period to have violated State law requirement notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest; **Pages H8078–79**

Hare amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to Critical Access Hospitals; **Page H8104**

Pascrell amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to funding for Traumatic Brain Injury programs; **Pages H8104–05**

Scott (VA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to carry out the student drug testing pilot program of the Department of Education; **Pages H8105–06**

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that stated the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction; and **Pages H8114–15**

Conaway amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds made available for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program from being used while there continues in effect a Federal prohibition on the exploration, leasing, development, or production of oil or natural gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the Outer Continental Shelf. **Page H8115**

Proceedings Postponed:

Davis (KY) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay a bonus or other per-

formance-based cash award to any employee of the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services who holds a position to which such employee was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or a Senior Executive Service position; **Pages H8103–04**

Gingrey amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Social Security Administration to administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico establishing totalization arrangements between the two countries; **Pages H8107–09**

Souder amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the National Labor Relations Board to recognize as the exclusive bargaining representative of employees any labor organization that has not been certified as such by the National Labor Relations Board pursuant to section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act; and **Pages H8109–11**

Camp (MI) amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement any policy prohibiting a Medicare beneficiary from electing, during a coverage election period, to receive health care benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act through enrollment in a Medicare Advantage plan. **Pages H8113–14**

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, July 17th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Julio Redecker and the victims of the Brazilian plane crash of July 17, 2007. **Page H8042**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twenty-five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8038–44, H8091–H8102. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 19th.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Continued consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

IRAQ—TRENDS AND RECENT SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq: Trends and Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of Defense William Perry; and public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future, Part 2, Testimony was heard from a public witness.

U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on U.S. nuclear weapons policy. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of Defense William Perry; and public witnesses.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

MONETARY POLICY AND STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

ETHIOPIA DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007; FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health approved for full Committee action H.R. 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Food Security in Africa: The Impact of Agricultural Development. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

IRAQ'S OIL SECTOR RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on Reconstruction in Iraq's Oil Sector: Running on Empty? Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Issam Michael Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Middle East and North Africa, Law Library of Congress; and a public witness.

PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 673, amended, Cocopah Lands Act; H.R. 1696, To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirements for membership in that Tribe; H.R. 2120, amended, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian Tribe; H.R. 2863, amended, To authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; H.R. 2952, amended, To authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests land owned by the Tribe; and S. 375, A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon.

FEDERAL CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Federal Contracting: Do Poor Performers Keep Winning? Testimony was heard from William Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Elaine Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; and Richard Skinner, Inspector General; the following officials of the Department of Energy: William Desmond, Associate Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Gregory Friedman, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID DRUG REIMBURSEMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Medicaid Drug Reimbursements: Are CMS Cuts Bad Medicine for Small Businesses and Beneficiaries?" Testimony was heard from Dennis Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT; AND THE TAX COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3046, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 3056, Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007.

VOLUNTARY CARBON OFFSETS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Voluntary Carbon Offsets—Getting What You Pay For.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine modernization of Federal Housing Administration programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal response to ensuring the safety of Chinese imports, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Children’s Health Insurance Reauthorization Act”, 1:30 p.m., SD-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda’s first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America’s voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as “Mr. Wizard”, a bill entitled, “School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act”, and the nominations of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-

Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Bill, Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, joint hearing on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; H.R. 2295, ALS Registry Act; and H.R. 507, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Beyond Iraq: Envisioning a New U.S. Policy in the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled “Leveraging the Private Sector to Strengthen Emergency Preparedness and Response,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Antitrust Task Force, hearing on Credit Card Interchange Fees, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to consider the Executive Privilege claims asserted by White House Counsel in response to the subpoena for the production of documents issued to Joshua Bolten, White House Chief of Staff, or appropriate custodian of records, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, to mark up H.R. 3073, Pigford Claims Remedy Act of 2007, immediately following joint hearing, 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, joint oversight hearing on Law Enforcement Confidential Informant Practices, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 783, Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 1266, Butterfield