

United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2009: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Virginia. **Page H16945**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2436, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H16917**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4839, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections. **Pages H16917–22**

Chimp Haven is Home Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H16922–23**

NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H16923–26**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today and a message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H16837, H16863, H16864, H16917, H16933.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 53 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; S. 2135 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. Con. Res. 61, S. Con. Res. 62, S. 2260, S. 2436, and S. 924 were held at the desk. **Page H16940**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H16899, H16900, H16900–01, H16913. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and, in accordance with the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, the House adjourned sine die at 7:36 p.m. until

Thursday, January 3, 2008 for the convening of the Second Session of the 110th Congress.

Committee Meetings

EXTENSION OF U.N. MANDATE FOR IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the Extension of the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Is the Iraqi Parliament Being Ignored? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs; Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS; and Issam Michael Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Middle East and North Africa, Law Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT AMERICANS WORKING FOR U.S. CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Enforcement of Federal Criminal Law to Protect Americans Working for U.S. Contractors in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Representative Poe; Jamie Leigh Jones, former employee of Halliburton Company; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of two measures. The first measure is a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except for clause 10 of rule XXI; provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read; and provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The second measure is H.J. Res. 72, providing further continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008. The closed rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI; provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read; provides one hour of general debate in the

House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and allows for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of either measure to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule tables House Resolution 849.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES
COMMITTEE—TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF
ACT OF 2007**

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3996, the “Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.” The rule provides that it is in order for the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to make a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3996.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. It further provides that the motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker.

**BRIEFINGS—HOTS SPOTS AND NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE; COMMITTEE
BUSINESS**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots—Ven-

ezuela, Australia and Pakistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on National Intelligence Estimate. The Committee was briefed by Mike McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The Committee also met in executive session to consider pending Committee business.

**AFTER BALI-U.N. CONFERENCE AND THE
IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE
CHANGE POLICY**

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “After Bali—UN Conference and the Impact on International Climate Change Policy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Applicability of Federal Criminal Laws to the Interrogation of Detainees, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Pakistani Elections: Will They Be Free and Fair or Fundamentally Flawed?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.