

*Amending the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties:* H.R. 3959, amended, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; **Pages H412–13**

*Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools:* H. Res. 916, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools; **Pages H414–17**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month:* H. Res. 908, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month; **Pages H417–20**

*Expressing support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as “National School Counseling Week”:* H. Res. 932, to express support for designation of the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008 as “National School Counseling Week”; **Pages H420–22**

*Raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”:* H. Res. 852, amended, to raise awareness and encourage prevention of stalking by establishing January 2008 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”; **Pages H422–24**

*Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007:* H.R. 3992, amended, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses; and **Pages H424–28**

*Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007:* H.R. 3971, amended, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies. **Pages H428–31**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.”. **Page H431**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H406–07 and H407. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ARMY CONTRACTING TASK FORCE; DOD OUTSOURCING—GAO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Contracting Task Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Ross Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; and Daniel Quinn, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on DOD Outsourcing—GAO. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY—PROPOSALS FOR REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Foreign Assistance in the 21st Century: Proposals for Reform and Restructuring. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AFGHANISTAN—U.S. STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Assessment of U.S. Strategy and Operations in Afghanistan and the Way Ahead. Testimony was heard from LTG David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### IRAQ—POST SURGE ALTERNATIVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Continuing Dialogue: Post-Surge Alternatives for Iraq (Part 2). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO.

### EARLY EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Investing in Early Education: Paths to Improving Children’s Success. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE EXPANSION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1232, Veterinary Public Health Workforce Expansion Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combating Nuclear Proliferation: The Effectiveness of the Department of Energy’s Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) Program.” Testimony was heard from Adam Scheinman, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of Nonproliferation and International Security, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard Stratford, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO.

### IRAQ—PROPOSED U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on the Proposed U.S. Security Commitment to Iraq: What Will Be In It and Should It Be a Treaty? Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008.

### FUTURE OF U.S. EMBASSIES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Fortress America Abroad: Effective Diplomacy and the Future of U.S. Embassies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESSES HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Limited Health Care Options for Small Businesses

in the Small Group Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION WORKERS IDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Transportation Workers Identification Credentials—Follow-Up. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Safety, Security, and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard; and Maurine Fanguy, Transportation Workers Identification Credentials Program Manager, Transportation Security Administration; John Porcari, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and a public witness.

### GREAT LAKES IMPROVING WATER QUALITY PROGRESS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Progress Toward Improving Water Quality in the Great Lakes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Stupak, Kirk and Emanuel; David Maurer, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Stephen B. Brandt, Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Charles Wooley, Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Christina Muedeking, Central Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Irene Brooks, Chair, U.S. Section, International Joint Commission of the U.S. and Canada.

### CHINA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on China. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### AUCTION AND REVENUE RECYCLING UNDER CARBON CAP AND TRADE

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “Cap, Auction, and Trade: Auctions and Revenue Recycling Under Carbon Cap and Trade.” Testimony was heard from Ian Bowles, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 24, 2008**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture, 3:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings to examine ways to reform the Mining Law of 1872, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny the California waiver, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine international climate change negotiation, focusing on Bali and the path toward a post-2012 climate treaty, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1843, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Development Program in North Korea, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, with the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold joint hearings to examine management and oversight of contingency contracting in hostile zones, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the report of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, focusing on veterans disability compensation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

**House**

No Committee meetings are scheduled.