

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4137—College Opportunity and Affordability Act (Subject to a Rule).

Committee Meetings

F-15 AIRCRAFT; WORLD-WIDE THREAT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on F-15 Aircraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff; and GEN John D.W. Corley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on World-Wide Threat. The Subcommittee was briefed by J. Michael McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

KENYA—POLITICAL CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on the Political Crisis in Kenya: A Call for Justice and Peaceful Resolution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: James C. Sawn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Gregory Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Mia Farrow, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Children's Fund; and public witnesses.

INDIAN LAND CLAIMS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chipewya Indians. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Stupak, Kilpatrick, Rogers of Michigan, Miller of Michigan, Conyers, Berkley and Thompson of Mississippi; Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following Mayors of Michigan: Alan

R. Lambert, Romulus; and Kwame Kilpatrick, Detroit; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, February 7, 2008, relating to a bill to provide economic stimulus.

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and the amendments en bloc. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule also permits the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of those amendments that have been printed in this report and not earlier disposed of. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the

Speaker. The rule tables House Resolution 941. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of CA, Representatives Susan Davis of CA, Dann Davis of IL, Alcee Hastings of FL, Edwards, Stupak, Etheridge, Baird, Cooper, Tim Ryan of OH, Lincoln Davis of TN, McKeon, Castle and Shays.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D79)

H.R. 3432, to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Signed on February 5, 2008. (Public Law 110-183)

H.R. 2110, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax exempt qualified small issue bonds to finance agricultural processing property. Signed on February 6, 2008. (Public Law 110-184)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the final report of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine business transformation and financial management at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ways to reform the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the energy market effects of the recently-passed renewable fuel standard, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine selling to seniors, focusing on the need for accountability and oversight of marketing and sales by Medicare private plans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the immediate and underlying causes and consequences of Kenya's flawed election, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Larry Woodrow

Walther, of Arkansas, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, and Ana M. Guevara, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Founding Fathers papers, focusing on ensuring public access to our national treasures, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review the National Veterinary Medical Service Act, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on DOD Force Health Protection, 1:30 p.m., and, executive, on Surgeon Generals of the Services, 2:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Department of Interior, Overview with the Secretary, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Quality of Life, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Transportation Fiscal Year Budget Request, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on beneficiary advocacy overview, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Proposal," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "The Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007 (H.R. 1746): Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution After ICHEIC, the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Diversity in the Financial Services Sector," 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Obligations under the Merida Initiative, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Other Transaction Authority: Flexibility at the Expense of Accountability?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.