

must honor any formal agreements entered into before the commencement of such receivership between the local housing authority and the tenant association (by a recorded vote of 337 ayes to 77 noes, Roll No. 76). **Pages H1052–54**

H. Res. 974, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 74, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 73.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 27th. **Page H1072**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1044, H1044–45, H1045–46, H1052–53, H1053–54 and H1054–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy and on International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Daniel R. Pearson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Missile Defense Agency. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LT Gen Henry A. (Trey) Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and LT Gen Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense; and Paul Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management GAO.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Immigration Enforcement Issues, including Comprehensive Identification and Removal of Criminal Aliens and Students and Exchange Visitor Program fee increases—Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony

was heard from Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and a public witness.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

The Subcommittee also held an overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: The Social and Economic Burden of Inadequate Education, Training and Workforce Development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Battle Commission, Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Armed Forces Retirement Income, and on United States Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims. Testimony was heard from Brig Gen John W. Nicholson, USA, (Retired), Secretary and Brig Gen. William J. Leszczynski, Jr. USA, (Retired) Executive Director, both with the American Battle Monuments Commission; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Timothy Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home; and Chief Judge William Green, United States Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Millennium Challenge Account. Testimony was heard from John Danilovich, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Railroad

Administration and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK). Testimony was heard from Alexander Kummant, President and CEO, AMTRAK; and Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, both with the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET— RECRUITING-RETENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Overview of Recruiting, Retention and Compensation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, U.S. Army; VADM John C. Harvey, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; LTG Richard Y. Newton, III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

IRREGULAR WARFARE AND STABILITY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a joint hearing on Irregular Warfare and Stability Operations: Approaches to Interagency Integration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael G. Vickers, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities; RADM Dan W. Davenport, USN, Director, Joint Concept Development and Experimentation (J-9), U.S. Joint Forces Command; BG Robert H. Holmes, USAF, Deputy Director, Operations, U.S. Central Command; LTG Frank Kearney, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and COL Joseph E. Osborne, USA, Director, Irregular Warfare Directorate (J-10), U.S. Special Operations Command; and Ambassador John E. Herbst, Coordinator, Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State.

PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 2703, Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act of 2007. Testimony was

heard from Frank Campbell, Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COVERING UNINSURED CHILDREN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Covering Uninsured Kids: Reversing Progress Already Made.” Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Deval L. Patrick, Massachusetts; Chris Gregoire, Washington; Ted Strickland, Ohio; Harley Barbour, Mississippi; and Sonny Perdue, Georgia.

PRIVATE SECTOR FOOD SAFETY ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Contaminated Food: Private Sector Accountability.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BRIEFING—IRAQI REFUGEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a joint briefing on Iraqi Refugees: Can the U.S. Do More to Help? The Subcommittee was briefed L. Craig Johnstone, Deputy High Commissioner, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and Rafiq Tschannen, Chief of Mission for Iraq and Jordan, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2008

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, Testimony was heard from Robert B. Stephen, Assistant Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Homeland Security Intelligence at a Crossroads: the Office of Intelligence and Analysis’ Vision for 2008.” Testimony was heard from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—JUSTICE'S SPECIAL COUNSEL REGULATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the U.S. Department of Justice's Special Counsel Regulations. Testimony was heard from Patrick J. Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA; VOTER SUPPRESSION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties adopted a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Committee to issue a subpoena to J. Kenneth Blackwell for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Subcommittee regarding voter suppression.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Voter Suppression. Testimony was heard from Asheesh Agarwal, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Tom Emmer, Deputy Minority Leader, House of Representatives, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

COCAINE SENTENCING FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Cracked Justice—Addressing the Unfairness in Cocaine Sentencing. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Jackson-Lee of Texas; and Bartlett of Maryland; Reggie B. Walton, Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Gretchen Shappert, U.S. Attorney, Western District of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE RELIEF MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law met to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the beneficiaries of certain private immigration relief measures.

NOAA/FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing entitled "The fiscal year 2009 budget request for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Testimony was heard from Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce;

and Kenneth Stansell, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

WILD MONONGAHELA ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 5151, Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places." Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; John Manchester, Mayor, Lewisburg, West Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WATER AND POWER AGENCIES BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Requests for the Bureau of Reclamation, the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey, and the Federal Power Marketing Administrations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Robert Hirsch, Associate Director, Water, Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey; the following officials of the Power Administrations, Department of Energy: Stephen J. Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Timothy J. Meeks, Chief Operating Officer, Western Area Power Administration; Leon Jourolmon, Acting Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration; and Jon Worthington, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS PRESERVATION BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Electronic Records Preservation at the White House. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Administration, The White House: Alan R. Swendiman, Director; and Theresa Payton, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Allen Weinstein, Archivist; Gary M. Stern, General Counsel; and Sharon Fawcett, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries.

The Committee approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2009 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 286, Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African American to play in the National

Basketball Association League 58 years ago; H. Con. Res. 292, Honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments; H. Res. 537, amended, Expressing support for the designation and goals of “National 9–1–1 Educational Month, and for other purposes; H.R. 3196, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building;” H.R. 4166, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex;” H.R. 4774, amended, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10250 John Saunders Road in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building;” H.R. 5168, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Cody Crater Post Office Building;” H.R. 5220, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the “Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building;” and H.R. 5400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building.”

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5351, the “Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008.” The rule provides 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).

The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record if offered by Rep. McCrery or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 7 of rule XVI or clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read and separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 983 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schwartz, English of Pennsylvania, Brady of Texas and Bilbray.

NOAA BUDGET/AVIATION WEATHER SERVICE REPORT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Proposal and GAO’s Report on the Aviation Weather Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary; and John L. Hayes, Assistant Administrator, Weather Services and Director, National Weather Service, both with NOAA; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and Eugene Juba, Vice President, Finance, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation.

OVERSIGHT—NSF

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held an oversight hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Arden Bement, Director, and Steven Beerling, Chairman.

STATE’S SMALL BUSINESS HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “State Strategies to Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota; and Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania.

SIMPLIFYING FEDERAL PAPERWORK LANGUAGE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled “Plain Language in Paperwork—The Benefits to Small Business.” Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD/MARITIME TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget: Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Commission and Maritime Administration. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: VADM Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG, Chief of Staff; and Master Chief Charles W. Bowen, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Sean Connaughton, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA DISABILITIES RATING REVISION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Revising the VA Schedule of Rating Disabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; and the following officials of the Veterans Health Administration: Steven H. Brown, M.D., Director, Compensation and Pension Exam Program; Patrick Joyce, M.D., Chief Occupational Health Clinic; and Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel; Joseph Kelley, M.D. Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical and Program Policy (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CYBER INITIATIVE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cyber Initiative. The Committee was briefed by Mick McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: SUSTAINABILITY FROM COUNTER TO COMPOST

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Food for Thought: Sustainability from Counter to Compost." Testimony was heard from Pat Miller, Research Microbiologist in the Sustainable Agricultural Systems Laboratory and Environmental Microbial Systems Laboratory, USDA; Dan Beard, Chief Administration Officer, House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army, Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national

security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Active component, Reserve component, civilian personnel programs, and the future years defense program, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Space and Aeronautics Administration (NASA), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stanley C. Suboleski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), and J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Energy, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2229, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Wyoming Range from leasing and provide an opportunity to retire certain leases in the Wyoming Range, S. 2379, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cancel certain grazing leases on land in Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument that are voluntarily waived by the lessees, to provide for the exchange of certain Monument land in exchange for private land, to designate certain Monument land as wilderness, S. 832, to provide for the sale of approximately 25 acres of public land to the Turnabout Ranch, Escalante, Utah, at fair market value, S. 2508 and H.R. 903, bills to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, S. 2601 and H.R. 1285, bills to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to King and Kittitas Counties Fire District No. 51 a certain parcel of real property for use as a site for a new Snoqualmie Pass fire and rescue station, H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, and H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the