

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5501–5507; 1 private bill, H.R. 5508; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 304; and H. Res. 1003–1005, were introduced. **Page H1154**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1154–55**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1077**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Wayne Graumann, Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, Texas. **Page H1077**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 185 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 79. **Page H1089**

Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, by a ye-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 84. **Pages H1079–H1131**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Hoekstra motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 82. **Pages H1116–28**

Rejected the English (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a ye-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 83. **Pages H1128–30**

H. Res. 1001, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 81, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1090–91**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1001 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 78. **Pages H1079–82**

Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 983 is laid upon the table.

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced

the Speaker's appointment of Representative Frelinghuysen to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy. **Page H1131**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Trade Preference Extension Act of 2008: H.R. 5264, amended, to extend certain trade preference programs. **Pages H1131–37**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes." **Page H1137**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1077.

Senate Referrals: S. 428 was held at the desk. **Page H1077**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1081–82, H1089–90, H1090, H1090–91, H1127–28, H1129–30 and H1131. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7.36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2009 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Drug Safety. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Scientific and Medical Programs, Chief Medical Officer and Acting Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Science Board/National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Shipbuilding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice ADM Barry McCullough, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8); and Allison Stiller, Assistant Secretary, (Research, Development and Acquisition).

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation Commission. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Election Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance Commission: Rosemary Rodriguez, Chair; Caroline Hunter, Vice-Chair; Donetta L. Davidson; and Gracia Hillman, both Commissioners; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Henry Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

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

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans' Affairs: John Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections; James J. O'Neill, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; Belinda Finn, As-

sistant Inspector General, Audits; and Maureen Regan, Counsel to the Inspector General.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Henrietta Fore, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, and Director, United States Foreign Assistance, Department of State.

AIR FORCE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Michael W. Wynne, Secretary; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

MARINE CORPS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request overview for the United States Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps: LTG James F. Amos, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; and BG Michael M. Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

DEFENSE STRATEGIC PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on U.S. Strategic Posture/Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for Strategic Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; and Michael Vickers, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict/Interdependent Capabilities, Office of the Secretary, Policy; and Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

DOD BUDGET; HHS BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Testimony was heard from Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The Committee also held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year

2009 Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DRUGS IN SPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Drugs in Sports: Compromising the Health of Athletes and Undermining the Integrity of Competition.” Testimony was heard from representatives of various professional sports organizations, player associations, and public witnesses.

WIRELESS/BROADBAND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on Wireless Consumer Protection and Community Broadband Empowerment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde, United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008; and, as amended, H.R. 1084, Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007.

The Committee favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 185, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; H. Res. 854, Expressing the gratitude to all member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany; H. Res. 865, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and

violence in the region; H. Res. 951, Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes; H. Con. Res. 154, Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian dissident and writer Alexandria Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko’s death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials; H. Con. Res. 255, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated; H. Con. Res. 278, Supporting Taiwan’s fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008; and H. Con. Res. 290, Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

MULTIDRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis: Assessing the U.S. Response to an Emerging Global Threat. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator; and Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Subcommittee also had a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director, Stop TB Department, World Health Organization.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND VULNERABLE SOCIETIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Climate Change and Vulnerable Societies: A Post-Bali Overview. Testimony was heard from Harlan Watson, Special Representative and Senior Climate Negotiator, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a joint hearing entitled “Project

28: Lessons Learned and the Future of SBI.net.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security: Jayson P. Ahern, Deputy Commissioner; David V. Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; and Gregory Giddens, Executive Director, Secure Border Initiative; Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property, Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TRIBAL LAND TRUSTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Interior’s recently released guidance on taking land into trust for Indian Tribes and its ramifications. Testimony was heard from Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET PARK SERVICE, FOREST SERVICE AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Requests for the National Park Service, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mary Bomar, Director, National Park Service; and Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Gail Kimbell Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

FEDERAL CONTRACTING REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing on Contracting Reform: Expert Recommendations and pending measures. Testimony was heard from Paul A. Denett, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

WALTER REED INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on One Year After Walter Reed: An Independent Assessment of the Care, Support, and Disability Evaluation for Wounded Soldiers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: John Pendleton, Acting Director, Health Care; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Eric Schoomaker, M.D., USA, Surgeon General/Commander U.S. Army Medical Command; and Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); and Patrick W. Dunne, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs.

HOUSE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Capuano, Murphy of Connecticut, Space, Smith of Texas, Boehner, Shays and Kirk, but action was deferred on H. Res. 895, Establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, and for other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3916, To provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies; H.R. 4847, U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008; and H.R. 5161, Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Act.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2009 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

VA CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Construction Authorization. Testimony was heard from Donald Orndoff, Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Improving the Child Welfare System. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davis of Illinois; Fattah and Bachmann; Ken Deibert, Deputy Director, Department of Economic Security—Children,

Youth and Family Services, State of Arizona; Jim Purcell, Executive Director, Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies, New York City; and public witnesses.

SECURITY CLEARANCES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Security Clearances. Testimony was heard from Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Investigations, OPM; Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, OMB; Eric Boswell, Assistant Deputy Director, Security, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda Farrell, Director, Military and Civilian Personnel and Healthcare, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the recent Hallmark/Westland meat recall, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impact of increased minimum wages on the economies of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 177 and H.R. 2085, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, S. 1473 and H.R. 1855, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, S. 1474 and H.R. 1139, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, S. 1929, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed, S. 2370, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and H.R. 2381, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the security of the nuclear power plants in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the real estate market, focusing on building a strong economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the policy options of the United States in post-election Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2304, 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, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine weaknesses in the visa waiver program, focusing on possible safeguards needed to protect the United States of America, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.