

goals and ideals of Earth Day and for developing the scientific and technological capabilities to achieve those goals. **Pages H2528–30**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:22 p.m. **Page H2528**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2530**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, April 23rd:

Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008: H.R. 5613, amended, to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009 and

Pages H2502–08

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel: H. Con. Res. 322, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and to reaffirm the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel. **Pages H2515–27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2495.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2530–31, H2531, and H2531–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FDA FOREIGN DRUG INSPECTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspection Program: Weaknesses Place Americans at Risk.” Testimony was heard from Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner FDA; Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; Carl R. Nielsen, former Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Division of Import Operations, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PRISON ABUSE REMEDIES ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4109, Prison Abuse Remedies Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Sarah V. Hart, Assistant

District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Jeanne S. Woodford, Chief Adult Probation Officer, City and County, San Francisco, California and former Warden, San Quentin State Prison; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETING COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2830, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.” The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. In lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Committee report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Committee report except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. This does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In addition, in the engrossment of H.R. 2830, the Clerk IS directed to add at the end the text of H.R. 2399, the “Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007,” as it

passed the House. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule authorizes the chairman of the Judiciary Committee to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2830. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Wu, Welch of Vermont, Sutton, Foster, Chabot, and Ehlers.

REAUTHORIZING—SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5819, the “SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

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 Small Business 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. 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 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Chairman Thompson and Representatives Cummings, Cuellar, Clay, Bordallo, LaTourette, Poe, Boustany, Bilirakis, Chabot, and Kirk.

Joint Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine phantom traffic, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 827, to establish the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, S. 923 and H.R. 1528, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, S. 956, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 2073, to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims, S. 2513, to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2604, to establish the Baltimore National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, S. 2804, to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Tibet, focusing on a path to peace, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.