

H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments (H. Rept. 110-697);

H.R. 5569, to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program (H. Rept. 110-698);

H.R. 4080, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a separate nonimmigrant classification for fashion models, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-699); and

H.R. 5593, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act (H. Rept. 110-700).

Pages H5042-43

Budget Resolution for FY 2009—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 382.

Pages H4989-H5001, H5003

H. Res. 1214, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 21st.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, June 4th:

National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008: H.R. 5940, amended, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 383.

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Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 5540, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 386.

Pages H4980-89,
H5002-03, H5004-16

Rejected the Sali motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 385.

Pages H5014-16

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110-677) that sought to change the bill's permanent authorization of appropriations to an authorization for five years (by a yea-and-nay vote of 178 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 384).

Pages H5012-14

H. Res. 1233, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 381, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 380.

Pages H5002-03

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, June 4th:

Public Land Communities Transition Act of 2007: H.R. 3058, amended, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 193 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 387.

Pages H5016-17

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9th, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 11th.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H5024 and H5034.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5002, H5002-03, H5003, H5004, H5014, H5015-16, H5016 and H5017. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ANIMAL DRUG PROPOSALS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Committee Prints on Administration Legislative Proposals on the Animal Drug User Fee Act Amendments of 2008 and the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008." Testimony was heard from Bernadette Dunham, D.V.M., Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MULTILATERAL CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FUND

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Examining the Administration’s Proposal to Establish a Multilateral Clean Technology Fund.” Testimony was heard from David H. McCormick, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

IRAN’S NUCLEAR ASPIRATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on More Than Just Enrichment: Iran’s Strategic Aspirations and the Future of the Middle East. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “The Merida Initiative: Examining U.S. Efforts to Combat Transnational Criminal Organizations.” Testimony was heard from Paul Rosenzweig, Assistant Secretary (Acting), Office of International Affairs and Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

PROTECTING EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES IN BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3652, Protecting Employees and Retirees in Business Bankruptcies Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MAHER ARAR DEPORTATION INVESTIGATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight of the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on U.S. Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Report OIG–08–18: The Removal of a Canadian Citizen to Syria. Testimony was heard from Robert L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Clark Kent Ervin, former Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

TRIBAL FUNDS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2306, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2007; and H.R. 3699, To provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in Minnesota Chippewa Tribe *v* United States, Docket Nos. 19 and 188 United States Court of Federal Claims. Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar and Peterson of Minnesota; Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Tribal leaders.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 573, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Corrections Act; H.R. 3702, Montana Cemetery Act of 2007; H.R. 3809, To amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor; H.R. 4199, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; H.R. 4828, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; and H.E. 5583, Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Kanjorski, Turner, Dent and Rehberg; Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Oversight of Federal Financial Management. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, GAO; Daniel Werful, Deputy Controller, OMB; and J. David Patterson, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

FEDERAL OCEAN ACIDIFICATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 4174, Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Feely, Supervisory Chemical Oceanographer, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory,

NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

HOUSING CRISIS TAX INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Housing Crisis: Identifying Tax Incentives to Stimulate the Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MAINTAINING HIGHWAYS/TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Maintaining our Nation’s Highway and Transit Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Pete K. Rahn, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Missouri; Allen D. Biehler, Secretary of Transportation, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

RAILROAD HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Historic Preservation of Railroad Property and Facilities. Testimony was heard from John M. Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Patrick B. Simmons, Director, Rail Division, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; Elizabeth Merritt, Deputy General Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2818, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4089, To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4463, Veterans Health Care Quality Improvement Act; and H.R. 5888, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Doyle and Walz of Minnesota; and Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to continue hearings to examine the organizational structures of the Department of State responsible for arms control, counterproliferation, and nonproliferation, focusing on the processes they have in place for optimizing national efforts, 2 p.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Making GSA Lease and Construction Process Efficient, Transparent, and User-friendly, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for May 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.