

be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Childers amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 110–852) that seeks to strike all after the enacting clause and insert a complete new text entitled “Second Amendment Enforcement Act”.

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H. Res. 1434, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 597.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8136.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8151–52, H8156–57, H8157, H8178–79, H8179, H8180, H8255–56, and H8256. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17th.

Committee Meetings

U.S. FOREIGN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Considerations for an American Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State.

DEFEATING THE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Device Defeat Organization; William Beasley, Joint Rapid Acquisition, Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics); Tom Matthews, Director, Warfighter Requirements and Evaluation, Office of the Under Secretary (Intelligence); MG Jason K. Kamiya, USA, Director Joint Training Directorate (J7); U.S. Joint Training Directorate, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and Bradley Berkson, Director, Programs, Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary.

BUDGET SURPLUS

Committee on the Budget: Hearing on Iraq’s Budget Surplus. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Christopher M. Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TRAVEL PROMOTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 3232, amended; Travel Promotion Act 2007; and H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

DEFEATING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s Efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements.

STATUS OF DTV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition: 154 Days and Counting,” Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Meredith Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008.

HUD’S PROPOSED RESPA RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled: “HUD’s Proposed RESPA Rule.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFEATING AL QAEDA'S AIR FORCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South held a hearing on Defeating al Qaeda's Air Force: Pakistan's F-16 Program in the Fight Against Terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Jeffrey A. Wieringa, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; Mitchell Shivers; MG Burton M. Field, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff; the following officials of the Department of State: Donald Camp, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Agency, and Frank Ruggiero, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Foreign Assistance in the Americas. Testimony was heard from Senator Menendez; Mark Schneider, former Director, Peace Corps; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity Recommendations for the Next Administration." Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTEROPERABILITY IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Interoperability in the Next Administration: Assessing the Derailed 700 MHz D-block Public Safety Spectrum Auction." Testimony was heard from Chief Derek Poarch, Public Safety, Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications; and David Boyd, Director, Command, Control, and Interoperability Division; Deputy Chief Charles Dowd, City of New York Police Department; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FBI

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Compensation. Testimony was heard from Margaret Dee

McGarity, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the impacts that U.S. consumer demand is having on the illegal and unsustainable trade of wildlife products and ongoing and proposed efforts to increase public awareness about these impacts. Testimony was heard from Benito A. Perez, Chief, Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM WORKERS SAFETY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Pineros: Reviewing the Welfare of Workers on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from Hank Kashton, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, Forest Service, USDA; Alex Passantino, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC HIV PROTECTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Domestic Epidemic Is Worse Than We Thought: A Wake-Call for HIV Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and public witnesses.

DC WORKERS JUSTICE EQUITY; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia began consideration of H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Legislative Branch Diversity Management Review. Testimony was heard from Carol Bates, Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol; Carl W. Hoecker, Capitol Police, Francis Garcia, Inspector General, GAO; J. Anthony Ogden, Inspector General, GPO; Karl W. Schornagel, Inspector General, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 5-3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R.

3036, the “No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.” The rule provides one hour of general debate 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. 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.

DHL AND UPS ARRANGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Effects of Proposed Arrangement Between DHL and UPS on Competition, Customer Service, and Employment. Testimony was heard from Senator Brown; Representative Turner; Lee Fisher, Lt. Gov., State of Ohio and Director of Ohio Department of Development; David L. Raizk, Mayor, Wilmington, Ohio; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL IN NEW ORLEANS—SAFETY ON THE ORLEANS RIVER SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Oil Spill in New Orleans in July 2008 and Safety on the Inland River System. Testimony was heard from RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director of Prevention Policy for Marine Safety Security and Stewardship, Department of Homeland Security; David Westerholm, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VA SUICIDE HOTLINE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health hearing on VA Suicide Hotline. Testimony was heard from A. Katherine Power, Director, Center for Medical Health Services, Substances and Mental Health Service Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet E. Kemp, R.N., VA National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DISABILITY BACKLOG

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog. Testimony was from the following officials of the SSA: Frank Cristaudo, Chief Administrative Law Judge; and Patrick O'Connell, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to discuss a Subcommittee report.

Joint Meetings

BELARUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the state of democracy and human rights in Belarus and ways the Belarusian authorities are complying with their Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) election commitments in advance of the September 28 parliamentary elections, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Stephen B. Nix, International Republican Institute, Laura Jewett, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Rodger Potocki, National Endowment for Democracy, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1041)

H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance. Signed on September 15, 2008. (Public Law 110-318)