

## LEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine the consequences of legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Hendrick Reitsema, Eck en Wiel, The Netherlands; Jonathan Imbody, Christian Medical Association, Ashburn, Virginia; Wesley Smith, Discovery Institute, Castro Valley, California; Kathryn Tucker, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle; Rita Marker, International Taskforce on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, Steubenville, Ohio; Ann Jackson, Oregon Hospice Association, and Julie McMurchie, both of Portland, Oregon; and Diane Coleman, Not Dead Yet, Forest Park, Illinois.

## VA DATA PRIVACY BREACH

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to examine the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs data privacy breach, focusing on the recent theft of computer material that contained the names and Social Security numbers of 26.5 million veterans, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, and George J. Opfer, Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## PANDEMIC FLU

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the nation's preparedness for a potential human influenza pandemic, focusing on strategy and threat assessment, and the possible impact on the elderly, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; J. Steven Cline, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh; and Nancy Donegan, Washington Hospital Center/MedStar, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 5477–5520; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 417–421; and H. Res. 843–848, were introduced. **Pages H3306–08, H3358–61**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3308–09, H3361–62**

**Reports Filed:** Reports filed were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 842, providing for consideration of the H.R. 5254 to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries (H. Rept. 109–482);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–483); and

H. Res. 809, directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, adversely (H. Rept. 109–484). **Pages H3306, H3358**

**American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act:** The House passed H.R. 5429, to direct the Secretary of

the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 209. **Pages H3245–59, H3267–68**

Rejected Mr. Miller of California motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 208, after ordering the previous question. **Pages H3258–59, H3266–67**

H. Res. 835, the rule providing for further consideration of the measure was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 207, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H3236–45**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Taylor of Mississippi to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy. **Page H3268**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007:** The House began consideration on

H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Further consideration will resume at a later date. **Pages H3269–H3301, H3311–29, H3330–43**

Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment. **Pages H3329–30**

Agreed to:

Sabo amendment to increase funding for the Fire Grant and Safer Program by \$112 million;

**Pages H3290–92**

Stupak amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement by \$5,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 348 ayes to 74 noes, Roll No. 215); **Pages H3296–97, H3316**

Lynch amendment to increase funding (by offset) for intercity rail passenger transportation, freight rail, and transit security grants by \$50,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 216); **Pages H3298–H3300, H3316–17**

King of Iowa to increase funding (by offset) for Immigration and Customs Enforcement by \$2 million; **Pages H3322–23**

Mica amendment to include the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as a recipient of a report on the April 25, 2006, unmanned aerial vehicle mishap; **Page H3324**

Fossella amendment that adds \$20 million to be used in high threat, high-density areas;

**Pages H3325–28**

Jindal amendment to increase funding (by offset) for real time capabilities assessments by \$9 million;

**Pages H3328–29**

Jindal amendment to reduce FEMA waste, fraud and abuse with respect to identity verification;

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Mica amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill to recruit, hire, or employ nonscreener personnel except for aviation security inspectors and regulatory staff;

**Pages H3335–36**

Rogers of Kentucky en bloc amendments comprised of two amendments offered by Messrs. Gordon and Engel to prohibit funds in the Act from being used in contravention of section 303 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and to prohibit funds made available by the Act from being used for any application for a deepwater port for natural gas with respect to which Massachusetts is designated as an adjacent coastal State under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 until the Commandant of the Coast Guard submits a report to Congress assessing energy needs and conducts, completes and submits a report on a study on the costs of providing security for the proposed deepwater ports; **Page H3338**

Pickering amendment to limit funding on certain FEMA contracts; **Page H3339**

Marshall amendment to increase funding (by offset) for the employment verification program under USCIS by \$20 million (by a recorded vote of 358 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 220); **Pages H3319–20, H3341**

Rejected:

King of Iowa amendment that sought to increase funding for use of constructing a border fence along the southern international border; **Page H3294**

Kucinich amendment that sought to increase funding for FEMA by \$500,000 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 211);

**Pages H3292–93, H3313–14**

Brown of Ohio amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 24th) that sought to redirect funding of the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 212);

**Pages H3293–94, H3314**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to increase funding for the Office of Grants and Training by \$3 million (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 213); **Pages H3294–95, H3314–15**

Langevin amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office by \$36,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 214);

**Pages H3295–96, H3315–16**

Pascrell amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for Emergency Management Performance Grants by \$40,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 217);

**Pages H3301–12, H3317–18**

Markey amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for training, exercises, technical assistance, and other programs by \$14,700,000 (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 218);

**Pages H3312–13, H3318**

Poe amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of May 24th) that sought to increase funding (by transfer) by \$41 million for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Salaries and Expenses account to facilitate agreements under the 287(g) program for state and local law enforcement training and agreements to enforce federal immigration law. The amendment reduces by \$41 million the Chief Information Officer account for information technology; **Pages H3320–22**

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to prohibit use of funds to terminate financial assistance for Katrina evacuees in Houston; **Pages H3336–37**

DeFazio amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Office of Inspector General by \$11,500,000 (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 219); **Pages H3318–19, H3340**

Nadler amendment that sought to strike language regarding the Sodium Iodide Manufacturing Program (by a recorded vote of 117 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 221); and

**Pages H3332–33, H3341–42**

Tancredo amendment that sought to add a new section to prohibit funds in the bill to be used to administer any extension of designation made under the Immigration and Nationality Act before the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to Guatemala, Honduras, or Nicaragua (by a recorded vote of 134 yeas to 284 nays, Roll No. 222).

**Pages H3337–38, H3342**

Withdrawn:

DeFazio amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Office of Inspector General by \$15,000,000; and

**Pages H3300–01**

Marshall amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn which sought to increase funds for Citizenship and Immigration Services by \$20 million offset by reducing, by \$20 million, funds from the Office of the Under Secretary for Management.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Markey amendment that sought to increase funding (by offset) for the Under Secretary for Preparedness by \$35,000,000;

**Pages H3297–98**

Reyes amendment that sought to add \$1.950 billion (with no offset) to the Customs and Border Protection account;

**Page H3323**

Reyes amendment that sought to increase funding (with no offset) for necessary detention bed space, personnel, and removal costs by approximately \$2.1 billion in order to end “catch and release”;

**Pages H3324–25**

The proviso, beginning on page 38, line 11, beginning with the comma and extending through funds on line 14, against the content of the measure;

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The proviso, (Sec. 536), beginning on page 62, line 1, and ending on page 62, line 17, sought to change existing law and constituted legislation in an appropriations bill; and

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Tierney amendment sought to prohibit funds made available by the Act from being used for any application for a deepwater port for natural gas with respect to which Massachusetts is designated as an adjacent coastal State under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 until the Commandant of the Coast Guard submits a report to Congress assessing energy needs and conducts, completes and submits a report on a study on the costs of providing security for the proposed deepwater ports.

**Pages H3338–39**

H. Res. 836, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing

to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 210.

**Pages H3259–66, H3268**

**Late Reports:** Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on June 5 to file a privileged report, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year 2007; and

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Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on June 2 to file a privileged report, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year 2007.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 418, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that resolution.

**Pages H3339–40**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Mac Thornberry and the Honorable Roy Blunt to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 6, 2006.

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**Providing for a recess of the House for a Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia:** Agreed that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3229.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1773 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

**Page H3302, H3354**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nays votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3244–45, H3266–67, H3267–68, H3268, H3313–14, H3314, H3314–15, H3315–16, H3316, H3316–17, H3317–18, H3318, H3340, H3341, H3341–42, and H3342. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at midnight on Thursday, May 25, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 418, stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in that resolution, in which

case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007; REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FY 2007**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Legislative Branch; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs.

The Committee also approved Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007.

### **DOD HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Applying Lessons Learned From Hurricane Katrina: How the Department of Defense Is Preparing for the Upcoming Hurricane Season. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and MG Richard J. Rowe, USA, Director, Operations, U.S. Northern Command; MG C. Mark Bowen, USA (ret.), The Adjutant General, State of Alabama; and MG Douglas Burnett, USAF, The Adjutant General, State of Florida.

### **LINE-ITEM VETO**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Line-Item Veto, Perspectives on Applications and Effects. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005.

### **SEC INVESTOR PROTECTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Continued hearings entitled "Protecting Investors and Fostering Efficient Markets: A Review of the S.E.C. Agenda." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Office of Thrift Supervision." Tes-

timony was heard from John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and public witnesses.

### **NUCLEAR SMUGGLING PREVENTION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Enlisting Foreign Cooperation in U.S. Efforts to Prevent Nuclear Smuggling." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; David Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Material Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Frank Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

### **OVERSIGHT—SMITHSONIAN BUSINESS VENTURES**

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Smithsonian Business Ventures." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: Lawrence M. Small, Secretary; Alice C. Maroni, Chief Financial Officer; Gary M. Beer, Chief Executive Officer, Smithsonian Business Ventures; and John E. Huerta, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 860, To provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas; H.R. 5247, amended, Support for the Museum of the History of the Polish Jews Act of 2006; H.R. 5333, Shoulder-fired Missile Threat Reduction Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 338, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere; H. Con. Res. 408, amended, Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror; H. Con. Res. 409, Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; H. Res. 608, amended, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China; H. Res. 784, Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women; H. Res. 792, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the independence of Guyana and extending best wishes to Guyana for peace and