CAUCASUS: FROZEN CONFLICTS AND CLOSED BORDERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on The Caucasus: Frozen Conflicts and Closed Borders. Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

CAPITOL POLICE RADIO UPGRADES

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Capitol Police held a hearing on the United States Capitol Police Radio Upgrades. Testimony was heard from Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., U.S. Capitol Police; James O. Crane, Commander, Special Operations Division, Metropolitan Police Department; David G. Boyd, Director, Command, Control and Interoperability Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and Steve Souder, Director, Department of Public Safety Communications, Fairfax, Virginia.

ADA RESTORATION ACT; JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3195, amended, ADA Restoration Act of 2007; and H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on: From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John H. Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Management. National Ocean Service, Service. NOAA and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General; former Representative Leon Panetta of California; Carol Shafto, Mayor, City of Alpena, Michigan; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LAND FEE AUTHORITY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing on Paying to Play: Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Mary Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; George Eskridge, member House of Representatives, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN’S JUSTICE SYSTEM POLICE FORCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of the U.S. Efforts to Train and Equip Police and Enhance the Justice Sector in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; the following officials of the Department of State: Frank Ward, Office of Inspector General; David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; MG Bobby Wilkes, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asia, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; and Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any rule reported on the legislative day of June 19, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4174, amended, Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007; H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008; and, as amended, the Heavy Duty Plug-in-Hybrid Vehicles Research Program.

S-CORPS STATUS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing entitled “S-corps: Recommended Reforms that Promote Parity, Growth and Development for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MANAGING NEW YORK AIRSPACE CONGESTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Congestion