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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3176–3182. **Page S5962**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 802, To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–394)

H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements. (S. Rept. No. 110–395)

S. 3181, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 110–396)

S. 3182, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 110–397)

S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel. (S. Rept. No. 110–398) **Page S5962**

Measures Passed:

Higher Education Act Extension: Senate passed S. 3180, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages S5970–71**

Nation's Soil Resources: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 440, recognizing soil as an essential natural resource, and soils professionals as playing a critical role in managing our Nation's soil resources, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5971**

Congratulating Boston Celtics: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 596, congratulating the Boston Celtics on winning the 2008 National Basketball Asso-

ciation Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5971–72**

Measures Considered:

Foreclosure Prevention Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S5949**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4983 (to the House Amendment striking section 1 through Title V and inserting certain language to the Senate amendment to the bill), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5949**

Bond Amendment No. 4987 (to Amendment No. 4983), to enhance mortgage loan disclosure requirements with additional safeguards for adjustable rate mortgages with an initial fixed rate and loans that contain prepayment penalty. **Page S5949**

Dole Amendment No. 4984 (to Amendment No. 4983), to improve the regulation of appraisal standards. **Page S5949**

Sununu Amendment No. 4999 (to Amendment No. 4983), to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan. **Page S5949**

Kohl Amendment No. 4988 (to Amendment No. 4983), to protect the property and security of homeowners who are subject to foreclosure proceedings. **Page S5949**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, and that the hour prior to the cloture vote be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S5972**

FISA Amendments Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of

H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 5:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5972.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6344–6351; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94; H. Con. Res. 376–377; and H. Res. 1294–1295, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3546, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012 (H. Rept. 110–729);

H.R. 3195, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–730, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3195, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–730, Pt. 2.)

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Berkley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 to exempt from the means test in bankruptcy cases, for a limited period, qualifying reserve-component members who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active

duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 60 days: H.R. 4044, amended, to amend the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 to exempt from the means test in bankruptcy cases, for a limited period, qualifying reserve-component members who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 60 days;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 11 of the United States Code to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under Chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days."

Pages H5804–05

Commemorating the 44th anniversary of the deaths of civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, Mississippi, while working in the name of American democracy to register voters and secure civil rights during the summer of 1964, which has become known as "Freedom Summer": H. Res. 1293, to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the deaths of civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, Mississippi, while working in the name of American democracy to register voters and secure

civil rights during the summer of 1964, which has become known as “Freedom Summer”;

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Providing emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts: H.R. 6344, to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts;

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Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2008: H.R. 6109, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster hazard mitigation program;

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Old Post Office Building Redevelopment Act of 2008: H.R. 5001, amended, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia;

Pages H5818–20

Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act: H.R. 2452, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage;

Pages H5820–24

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that publicly owned treatment works monitor for and report sewer overflows, and for other purposes.”

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Amending the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety: H.R. 6040, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety;

Pages H5824–26

Recognizing the achievements of America's high school valedictorians of the graduating class of 2008: H. Res. 1229, amended, to recognize the achievements of America's high school valedictorians of the graduating class of 2008, to promote the importance of encouraging intellectual growth, and to reward academic excellence of all American high school students;

Pages H5828–30

Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth: H. Res. 1242, to honor the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 438;

Pages H5831–32, H5841–42

Recognizing Pittsfield, Massachusetts, as being home to the earliest known reference to the word “baseball” in the United States as well as being the birthplace of college baseball: H. Res. 1050, amended, to recognize Pittsfield, Massachusetts, as being home to the earliest known reference to the word “baseball” in the United States as well as being the birthplace of college baseball;

Pages H5832–34

Supporting the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States: H. Con. Res. 372, to support the goals and ideals of Black Music Month and to honor the outstanding contributions that African American singers and musicians have made to the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 353 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 439;

Pages H5834–36, H5842–43

Congratulating James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States: H. Res. 1051, amended, to congratulate James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for 100 years of service and leadership to the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 354 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 440; and

Pages H5836–38, H5843–44

Expressing the sense of the Congress that schools in the United States should honor the contributions of individuals from the territories of the United States by including such contributions in the teaching of United States history: H. Con. Res. 2, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that schools in the United States should honor the contributions of individuals from the territories of the United States by including such contributions in the teaching of United States history.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of the Congress that children in the United States should understand and appreciate the contributions of individuals from the territories of the United States and the contributions of such individuals in United States history.”

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New and Emerging Technologies 911 Improvement Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3403, to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H5826–28

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Authorizing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012: H.R. 3546, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

Pages H5805–07

Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Mr. Donald Payne of Newark, New Jersey; Mr. Howard Dodson of New York, New York; and Ms. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Kirk gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5800.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5841–42, H5842–43, and H5843. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee action, as amended, the Legislative Branch Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

OIL PRICE SPECULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Energy Speculation: Is Greater Regulation Necessary to Stop Price Manipulation?—Part II. Testimony was heard from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman and Commissioner, CFTC; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies, 11:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine climate change impacts on the transportation sector, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2907, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, an original bill entitled, "The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008", an original bill entitled, "The National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008", and promotion lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold an oversight hearing to examine trade functions, focusing on customs and other trade agencies, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider H.R. 176, to authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), H.R. 2553, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, S. 2120, to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty, expand the middle class, and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, S. 2166, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, S. 3097, to amend the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000, S. 3168, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association, S. 3169, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the eleventh replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund, and international Convention Against Doping in Sport, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on October 19, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110–14), certain pending nominations, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the emergence of the superbug,

focusing on antimicrobial resistance in the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ending excessive speculation in commodity markets, focusing on legislative options, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine from Nuremberg to Darfur, focusing on accountability for crimes against humanity, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Agriculture, to hold a hearing to review trading energy markets; followed by consideration of H.R. 6334, Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Oil Prices Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2009; Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations, Fiscal Year 2008; Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009: Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies; and Homeland Security; 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, to consider Recommendations for Classified Appropriations, 3:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on H.R. 3654, SAFE Commission Act, and the Long-Term Fiscal Challenge, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Is OSHA Failing to Adequately Enforce Construction Safety Rules? 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3014, Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on The Future of Universal Service: To Whom, By Whom, For What, and How Much? 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills: H.R. 6306, To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contributions to, the fifteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association and the eleventh replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 6315, To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, an international clean technology fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 3329, Homes for Heroes Act of 2007; H.R. 6216, Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 6309, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008; H.R. 4461, Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007; H.R. 1746, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 5767, Payments System Protection Act; and H.R. 6308, Municipal; Bond Fairness Act.; and

to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5267, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2008, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Online Pharmacies and the Problem of Internet Drug Abuse, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Planning for a Changing Climate and its Impacts on Wildlife and Oceans; and a hearing on H.R. 4455, Wildlife Without Borders Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on The Silent Invasion: Finding Solutions to Minimize the Impacts of Invasive Quagga Mussels on Water Rates, Water Infrastructure and the Environment, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Examination of AEY Contracts with the U.S. Government, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of Coalition Support Funds for Pakistan, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 6275, Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008; H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007; H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chipewewa Indians, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, to continue hearings on American Decline or Renewal? Part 2—the Past and Future of Skilled Work 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Sustainable, Energy-Efficient Road Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Connecting Communities: The Role of the Surface Transportation Network in Moving People and Freight, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment, hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA/DOD Cooperation and Reintegration of National Guard and Reserves, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Protecting Social Security Beneficiaries from Predatory Lending and Other Harmful Financial Institution Practices, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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Florida, as the Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; (13) H. Res. 1291—Expressing gratitude for the contributions of the American GI Forum on its 60th anniversary; (14) H. Res. 1271—Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States; (15) H.R. 6312—To advance credit union efforts to promote economic growth, modify credit union regulatory standards and reduce burdens, and to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions; (16) H. Con. Res. 370—Expressing support for designation of September 2008 as “Gospel Music Heritage Month” and honoring gospel music for its valuable and longstanding contributions to the culture of the United States; (17) H. Res. 1283—Expressing heart-

felt sympathy for the victims and their families following the tornado that hit Little Sioux, Iowa, on June 11, 2008; (18) H. Con. Res. 195—Expressing the sense of the Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established; (19) H.R. 4010—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the “Minnie Cox Post Office Building”; (20) H. Res. 970—Expressing support for designation of June 30 as “National Corvette Day”; (21) H. Con. Res. 365—Honoring the life of Robert Mondavi; and (22) H.R. 5687—The Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2008. Complete consideration of H.R. 5876—Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture at approximately 11 a.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, June 24

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 6331—Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008; (2) H.R. 6327—The Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2008; (3) H.R. 6307—Fostering Connections to Success Act; (4) H. Con. Res. 163—Expressing the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus; (5) H. Res. 353—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased Federal commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment; (6) H.R. 2818—Veterans' Epilepsy Treatment Act of 2008; (7) H. Res. 1098—Supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran; (8) H. Res. 1231—Supporting the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and calling on the American people to recognize such a day; (9) H.R. 2245—To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood "Bud" Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; (10) H.R. 4264—To name the Department of Veterans Affairs spinal cord injury center in Tampa, Florida, as the "Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center"; (11) H.R. 4289—To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; (12) H.R. 4918—To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami,

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