

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9349–S9437

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3550–3572, S. Res. 679–684, and S. Con. Res. 102–103. **Pages S9414–15**

Measures Reported:

S. 24, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–483)

S. 150, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–484)

S. 642, to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–485)

S. 1911, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion. (S. Rept. No. 110–486)

S. 2970, to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies. (S. Rept. No. 110–487)

S. 2994, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern. (S. Rept. No. 110–488)

S. 3489, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. (S. Rept. No. 110–489)

S. 3551, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act. (S. Rept. No. 110–490)

S. 1387, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–491)

H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–492)

H.R. 1771, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes. (S. Rept. No. 110–493)

S. 1828, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–494)

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams. (S. Rept. No. 110–495)

S. 3563, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. (S. Rept. No. 110–496)

S. 2080, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–497)

S. 2549, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Inter-agency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations. (S. Rept. No. 110–498)

S. 3564, to restore the value of every American in environmental decisions. (S. Rept. No. 110–499)

S. 3565, to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones. (S. Rept. No. 110–500)

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 110–501)

H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 5975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office”.

H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically.

H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the “Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office”.

S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William “Bill” Sandberg Post Office Building.

S. 3317, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Corporal John P. Sigsbee Post Office”.

S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances.

S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”.

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Measures Passed:

Drug Endangered Children Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act: Senate passed H.R. 923, to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, clearing the measure for the President.

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Health Centers Renewal Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1343, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dorgan (for Kennedy/Hatch) Amendment No. 5642, in the nature of a substitute.

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Military Personnel Citizenship Processing Act: Senate passed S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act: Senate passed H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, clearing the measure for the President.

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John W. Warner Rapids: Senate passed S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”.

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Improving Government Accountability Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Salazar (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 5644, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.

App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. **Page S9434**

Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 680, to authorize production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S9434**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 682, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation. **Pages S9434–35**

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 683, designating the week of October 19 through October 25, 2008, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Page S9435**

Crisis in Darfur, Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 684, calling for a comprehensive strategy to address the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. **Page S9435**

State-based Alcohol Regulation: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 551, celebrating 75 years of successful State-based alcohol regulation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9436–37**

National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 665, designating October 3, 2008, as “National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9437**

Messages from the House: **Page S9410**

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 8:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9437.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AUTOMOBILE TRADE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Cassidy, Kelley Drye Warren LLP, John T. Bozzella, Chrysler LLC, Ron Gettelfinger, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Charles W. McMillion, MBG Information Services, and Myron Brilliant, United States Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of sundry organizations, all of Washington, D.C.

NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Ensign; Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Michael Weber, Director, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Edward Pritchard, Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, Federal Railroad Administration, and Ted Willke, Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Sandra Schubert, Environmental Working Group, Kevin D. Crowley, National Academies, and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, all of Washington, D.C.; and James David Ballard, California State University, Northridge, Department of Sociology.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Bush Administration’s environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after receiving testimony from Carl Pope, Sierra Club, and Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Defenders of Wildlife, both of Washington, D.C.; Jim Ball, Evangelical Environmental Network, Suwanee, Georgia; and Allen Schaeffer, Diesel Technology Forum, Frederick, Maryland.

AFRICAN RESOURCES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Africa's management of its extractive industries, including the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) which aims to strengthen governance by improving transparency and accountability in the extractives sector by setting a global standard for companies to publish the fees they pay and for governments to disclose the money they receive, after receiving testimony from Todd Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Paul Collier, University of Oxford Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford, United Kingdom; David L. Goldwyn, Goldwyn International Strategies, Washington, D.C.; and Simon Taylor, Global Witness, London, United Kingdom.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to Libya, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine domestic partner benefits for federal employees, including S. 2521, to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees, after receiving testimony from Howard C. Weizmann, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Yvette C. Burton, IBM Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and Human Capital Management Segments, New York, New York; Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Sherri Bracey, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank A. Hartigan, San Francisco, California.

PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) future preparedness planning, after receiving testimony from Marko Bourne, Director, Policy and Program Analysis, Fed-

eral Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nancy J. Dragani, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; Larry Gispert, Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida, on behalf of the International Association of Emergency Managers; and Jane Bullock, Bullock and Haddow, Washington, D.C.

EXTRACTING NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine extracting natural resources in foreign countries, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law relative to human rights issues, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Krilla, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; *Ka Hsaw Wa, EarthRights International, Bennett Freeman, Calvert Group, and Arvind Ganesan, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nnimmo Bassey, Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria.

*Ka Hsaw Wa is a pseudonym used to protect his ability to investigate human rights abuses and to protect his family members still living in Burma.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on actions needed to improve management of the expansion process and to assess and mitigate risks to ensure the safety of all Americans, after receiving testimony from Stewart A. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Office of Policy Directorate; and Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts to accelerate the exchange of health information between the Departments and to develop systems or capabilities that allow for the ability of systems to use data that are exchanged, after receiving testimony from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, Government Accountability Office; S. Ward Casscells, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and Charles Campbell, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, both of the Department of Defense; and Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, Veterans Health Administration.

END-OF-LIFE/PALLIATIVE CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to respect Americans' legal and medical care choices at the end of life, after receiving testimony from W.A. Drew Edmondson, Oklahoma Attorney General, Oklahoma City; Joan Curran, Gundersen Lutheran Health System, La-Crosse, Wisconsin; Joseph D. O'Connor, American

Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Bloomington, Indiana; Diane E. Meier, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Departments of Geriatrics and Medicine, New York, New York; Joan M. Teno, Brown University Warren Alpert School of Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island; and Patricia A. Bomba, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, Rochester, New York.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 7032–7059; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; H. Con. Res. 425–428; and H. Res. 1492–1498, were introduced. **Pages H9423–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9425–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3202, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents of Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–877, Pt. 1);

S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building” (H. Rept. 110–878);

H. Res. 1490, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–879);

H. Res. 1491, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–880);

H.R. 6849, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–881); and

H.R. 1497, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to extend its protections to plants illegally harvested outside of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–882). **Page H9423**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9087**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all those who lost their lives in the October 1983 bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. **Page H9217**

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

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009: S. 3001, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 631;

Pages H9090–H9216, H9231

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals for 2008: H.R. 7005, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals for 2008, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 634;

Pages H9306–11, H9364–65

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide disaster assistance relief: H.R. 7006, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide disaster assistance relief, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 635;

Pages H9312–19, H9365

Amending the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008: H.R. 6849, amended, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average

crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less;

Pages H9319–21

Elevating the Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978: H.R. 6406, amended, to elevate the Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978;

Pages H9321–23

Providing for agreement by the House of Representatives to the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2095, with an amendment: H. Res. 1492, to provide for agreement by the House of Representatives to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases and to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, with an amendment;

Pages H9325–64

J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building Designation Act: S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building”—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9366–67

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Okeechobee Hurricane of September 1928 and its associated tragic loss of life: H. Res. 1376, amended, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Okeechobee Hurricane of September 1928 and its associated tragic loss of life;

Pages H9367–69

Veterans’ Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act of 2008: S. 2162, amended, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders;

Pages H9369–87

Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2008: H.R. 3023, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans; and

Pages H9387–H9405

Amending title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000: H.R. 6980, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000.

Pages H9405–06

Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009: The House agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–875, to H.R. 2638, to make appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yeand-nay vote of 370 yeas to 58 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 632.

Pages H9231–H9305

H. Res. 1488, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill, was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 228 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 630, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 231 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 629.

Pages H9218–31

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1488 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeand-nay vote of 242 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 628.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 23rd:

Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008: H.R. 5265, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 418 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 633 and

Pages H9305–06

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Establishment Resolution: H. Res. 1451, to establish the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission in the House of Representatives.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 22nd:

United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008: S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 636—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9365–66

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

Solemnly commemorating the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and remembering those who lost their

lives and those who were injured: H. Res. 1421, amended, to solemnly commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and to remember those who lost their lives and those who were injured and **Pages H9216–18**

First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building”. **Pages H9323–25**

Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Monday, September 22nd, or Tuesday, September 23rd, as applicable:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: H.R. 160, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; **Page H9406**

Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2008: H.R. 2933, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act; **Page H9406**

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008: H.R. 4828, amended, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site; **Page H9406**

Establishing a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles: H.R. 6323, amended, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles; **Page H9406**

National Pain Care Policy Act of 2008: H.R. 2994, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; and **Page H9406**

Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2008: H.R. 1532, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis. **Page H9406**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9087 and H9231.

Senate Referrals: S. 1382 and S. 2932 were held at the desk; S. Con. Res. 101 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 3328 and S. 2816 were referred to the Committee on Homeland Security; S. 1810 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. 1255 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H9420**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9220, H9229–30, H9230, H9231, H9305, H9305–06, H9364–65, H9365, and H9365–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an oversight hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; Bernard Ungar, CVC Project Executive; and Terrie S. Rouse, CEO, Visitor Services; Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; Bill Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

AMERICAN GRAND STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Consideration for an American Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from GEN Jack Keane, USA (Ret.), former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Hazardous Substance Releases and Reporting under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). Testimony was heard from Susan P. Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Anu Mittal, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; and a public witness.

FUTURE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES: EXPLORING SOLUTIONS FOR THE MARKET CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on The Future of Financial Services: Exploring Solutions for the Market Crisis. Testimony was heard from Representatives Watt of North Carolina; Brad Sherman; Dennis Moore of Kansas; Al Green of Texas; Emanuel Cleaver; Lincoln Davis of Tennessee; Ron Klein of Florida; Ed Perlmutter; Bill Foster; Andre Carson; Joe Crowley; Jeb Hensarling; Scott Garrett; and J. Gresham Barrett; Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

REPORT CARD ON HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing on A Report Card on Homeland Security Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Michael E. Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center; Russell Porter, Director, Intelligence Fusion Center and Intelligence Bureau, Department of Public Safety, State of Iowa; Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County, State of California; and a public witness.

GENERAL ELECTION PREPARATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on House Administration held a joint hearing on Federal, State and Local Efforts to Prepare for the 2008 General Election. Testimony was heard from Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on recent trends concerning annual budgets for the National Wildlife Refuge System and implications for management activities. Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Jim Kurth, Acting Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organiza-

tion, and Procurement held a hearing on Passing the Baton: Preparing for the Presidential Transition. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; Gail Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, GSA; and public witnesses.

HOW INFORMATION POLICY AFFECTS COMPETITIVE VIABILITY IN MINORITY CONTRACTING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on How Information Policy Affects Competitive Viability in Minority Contracting. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of U.S.-Pakistan Relations: From Ad Hoc and Transactional to Strategic and Enduring. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on any legislative day through September 27, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of September 25, 2008, relating to the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 928) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

(2) The bill (S. 2324) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council

of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

(3) The bill (S. 1046) to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

(4) The bill (H.R. 6045) to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2012.

(5) The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 214) expressing the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for the 1913 racially motivated conviction of Johnson, which diminished his athletic, cultural, and historic significance, and tarnished his reputation.

(6) The bill (H.R. 4120) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

(7) A bill relating to webcasting.

(8) The bill (H.R. 1777) to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

(9) A bill relating to India nuclear cooperation.

(10) The bill (H.R. 176) to authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

(11) The bill (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, and for other purposes.

(12) The bill (H.R. 3202) to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents of Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

(13) The bill (S. 3426) to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents of Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

(14) The bill (S. 3052) to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

(15) The bill (H.R. 2798) to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

(16) The bill (H.R. 3887) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

(17) The bill (H.R. 1157) to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

(18) The bill (H.R. 6568) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and carry out an educational campaign with respect to pulmonary hypertension, and for other purposes.

(19) The bill (H.R. 3232) to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote tourist, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

(20) The bill (H.R. 3402) to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services.

(21) The bill (H.R. 1283) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

(22) The bill (S. 1382) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

(23) The bill (S. 1810) to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

(24) The bill (S. 2932) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

(25) The bill (H.R. 1343) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

(26) The bill (S. 901) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs.

(27) The bill (H.R. 477) to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes.

(28) The bill (S. 999) to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

(29) The bill (H.R. 507) to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

(30) The bill (S. 1117) to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

(31) The bill (H.R. 545) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(32) The bill (S. 85) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(33) The bill (S. 267) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(34) The bill (H.R. 970) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

(35) The bill (S. 1378) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

(36) The bill (S. 3549) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

(37) The bill (S. 906) to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

(38) The bill (H.R. 1534) to prohibit certain sales, distributions, and transfers of elemental mercury, to prohibit the export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

(39) The resolution (H. Res. 1333) supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month.

(40) The bill (H.R. 6460) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes.

(41) The bill (S. 2080) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage

treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

(42) The bill (H.R. 2452) 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.

(43) The bill (S. 2844) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

(44) The bill (H.R. 2537) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FROM MIDWEST DISASTERS OF 2008

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Small Business Recovery from the Midwest Disasters of 2008. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolution.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD OVERSIGHT OF ELECTIONS FOR UNION REPRESENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on National Mediation Board Oversight of Elections for Union Representation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Mediation Board: Read C. Van de Water, Chairman; and Harry R. Hoglander, Member of the Board; and a public witness.

GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity continued oversight hearings on G.I. Bill Implementation. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Keith Pedigo, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Testimony was heard from Charles E. F. Millard, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporations; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO.

PENDING BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to consider pending business.

PENDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to consider pending business.

HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Joint Hearings: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a joint hearing to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Conner, Deputy Secretary, Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, all of the Department of Agriculture; Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Baton Rouge; Lyle W. Asell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines; Barbara Prather, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo; Wallace Ellender IV, American Sugar Cane League, Bourg, Louisiana; Natalie Jayroe, Second Harvest Food

Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jay Hardwick, National Cotton Council, Newellton, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Middle East peace process, focusing on progress and prospects, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ways to prevent nuclear terrorism, focusing on hard lessons learned from troubled investments, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing cost growth of major Department of Defense (DOD) weapons systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement; followed immediately by hearings to examine H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 514, to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida, S. 724, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and S. 1058, to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, H.R. 1943, to provide for an

effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons, S. Res. 659, A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day, the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, A. Brian Albritton, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Dennis Michael Klein, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, C. Darnell Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, all of the Department of Justice, and the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nominations of Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, and Gineen Bresso Beach, of New York, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2009, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review advances in animal health within the livestock industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Safeguarding Retiree Benefits, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to Review of Continuing Security Concerns at DOE's National Labs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, oversight hearing to Examine Recent Treasury and FHFA Actions Regarding the Housing GSE's, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider the Interim Authority Resolution Mass Communication Quarterly Reporting Policy, 1 p.m., and a hearing on Ensuring the Rights of College Students to Vote, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 883, Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act; H.R. 6754, White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act; H.R. 6768, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Tumors and Cell Phone Use: What the Science Says, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Small Business Competition Policy: Are Markets Open for Entrepreneurs? 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety: An Update, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing on The Future of LIHEAP Funding: Will Families Get The Cold Shoulder This Winter? 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 25

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Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Senate expects to begin consideration of Consolidated Appropriations bill.

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