

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4603–4705

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 871–894, S. Res. 111–113, and S. Con. Res. 19.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Resolution (S. Res. 73) Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate”. (S. Rept. No. 111–14)

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Measures Passed:

National Adopt A Library Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 113, designating April 23, 2009, as “National Adopt A Library Day”. **Pages S4704–05**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a bust of Sojourner Truth. **Page S4705**

Acceptance of a Statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 101, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan from the people of California for placement in the United States Capitol. **Page S4705**

Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Schumer Amendment No. 1006, to provide additional funding to the SEC to use in enforcement proceedings. **Pages S4614–15, S4621**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 162), Kyl Amendment No. 986, to limit the amount that may be deducted from proceeds due to the United States

under the False Claims Act for purposes of compensating private intervenors to the greater of \$50,000,000 or 300 percent of the expenses and cost of the intervenor. **Pages S4604, S4609–11, S4617**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 984, to increase funding for certain HUD programs to assist individuals to better withstand the current mortgage crisis.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 996 (to Amendment No. 984), to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States. **Page S4604**

Vitter Amendment No. 991, to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1000, to authorize monies for the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to audit and investigate recipients of non-recourse Federal loans under the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility. **Pages S4604, S4616–17, S4631**

Coburn Amendment No. 982, to authorize the use of TARP funds to cover the costs of the bill.

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Thune Amendment No. 1002, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under the Troubled Assets Relief Program for debt reduction. **Pages S4605–07**

DeMint Amendment No. 994, to prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock. **Pages S4607–08**

Coburn Amendment No. 983, to require the Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency to investigate and report on the activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that may have contributed to the current mortgage crisis. **Pages S4608–09**

Kohl Amendment No. 990, to protect older Americans from misleading and fraudulent marketing practices, with the goal of increasing retirement security. **Pages S4611–14**

Ensign Amendment No. 1004, to impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs. **Pages S4615–16**

Ensign Amendment No. 1003 (to Amendment No. 1000), to impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs. **Pages S4616–17**

Hatch Amendment No. 1007, to prohibit the Department of Labor from expending Federal funds to withdraw a rule pertaining to the filing by labor organizations of an annual financial report required by the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959. **Pages S4620–21**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee substitute amendment, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 23, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2009, and that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back and any pending germane amendments be disposed of, and the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to; provided that Senate vote on passage of the bill at 12:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, notwithstanding Rule XII, paragraph 4, without further intervening action or debate; provided further, that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2009, there be 60 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amendment, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S4657**

House Messages:

Budget Resolution—Motions To Instruct Conferees: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, disagreed to the amendment of the House, agreed to the request for a conference with the House, agreed to the motion to authorize the Chair to appoint conferees, after taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the concurrent resolution to be instructed to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report the following motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4641–57**

Adopted:

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 163), Conrad (for Stabenow) Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report include a Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund to Invest in Clean Energy and Preserve the Environment (as provided in section 202 (b) of S. Con. Res. 13, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S4653–54**

By 66 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 164), Gregg (for Johanns) Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that if the final conference report includes a Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund to Invest in Clean Energy and Preserve the Environment and Climate Change Legislation similar to section 202 of S. Con. Res. 13, as passed by the Senate, then that Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund shall also include the language contained in section 202 (c) of S. Con. Res. 13, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S4652, S4654**

Gregg (for Ensign) Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report include the point of order against legislation that raises taxes directly or indirectly on middle-income taxpayers (single individuals with \$200,000 or less in adjusted gross income or married couples filing jointly with \$250,000 or less in adjusted gross income) as contained in section 306 of the concurrent resolution, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S4652, S4655**

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 167), Cornyn Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on the inclusion in the final conference report of the point of order against legislation that raises Federal income taxes on small businesses as contained in section 307 of the concurrent resolution, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S4651, S4655–56**

Alexander Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report include the Senate position maintaining a competitive student loan program that provides students and institutions of higher education with a comprehensive choice of loan products and services, as contained in section 203 of S. Con. Res. 13, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S4646–47, S4656**

Coburn Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report include a reserve fund that promotes legislation that achieves savings by going through the Federal Budget line by line, as President Obama has called for, to eliminate wasteful, inefficient, and duplicative spending, as set forth in Section 224 of S. Con. Res. 13. **Pages S4648, S4656**

By 79 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 168), DeMint Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report shall include a point of order against legislation that eliminates the ability of Americans to keep their health plan and eliminates the ability of Americans to choose their doctor, as contained in section 316 of the concurrent resolution, as passed by the Senate, and insist further that an additional condition be added providing such legislation shall not decrease the number of Americans enrolled in private health insurance, while increasing the number of Americans enrolled in government-managed, rationed health care. **Pages S4648–50, S4656**

By 63 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 169), Vitter Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that if the final

conference report includes any reserve funds involving energy and the environment, that such sections shall include the requirements included in section 202(a) of the Senate-passed resolution to require that such legislation would not increase the cost of producing energy from domestic sources, including oil and gas from the Outer Continental Shelf or other areas; would not increase the cost of energy for American families; would not increase the cost of energy for domestic manufacturers, farmers, fishermen, or other domestic industries; and would not enhance foreign competitiveness against U.S. businesses.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 165), Gregg Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report limit the increase in public debt for the period of 2009 through 2019 to an amount no greater than the amount of public debt accumulated from 1789 to January 20, 2009.

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By 38 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 166), Sessions Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report shall freeze non-defense and non-veterans funding for 2 years, and limit the growth of non-defense and non-veterans funding to 1% annually for fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

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The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Conrad, Murray, and Gregg.

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Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress:

Senators McCain and Risch. **Page S4705**

National Museum of the American Latino: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to P.L. 110–229, the appointment of the following to be members of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino:

Eduardo Padron of Florida, Sean D. Reyes of Utah, and Ellie Lopez-Bowlan of Nevada. **Page S4705**

Sebelius Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services; provided that there be 8 hours of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, and that confirmation be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold. **Pages S4657–58**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. **Pages S4658, S4705**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S4705**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S4617, S4653–57**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 10 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4705.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS, U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Frank, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commission, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, who was introduced by Representative Schiff, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of

the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the United States Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

TECHNOLOGY NEUTRALITY IN ENERGY TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, after receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Department of Energy, Knoxville, Tennessee; Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; and John M. Urbanchuk, LECC LLC, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

AFGHAN WAR SOLDIERS' STORIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine soldiers' stories from the Afghan war, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Bacevich, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Genevieve Chase, Alexandria, Virginia; Christopher McGurk, New York, New York; Westley Moore,

Washington, D.C.; and Rick Reyes, Los Angeles, California.

STIMULUS FUNDING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine state and local stimulus funding, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Ray Scheppach, National Governors Association, and Carolyn M. Coleman, National League of Cities, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Gerald Hill, Asso-

ciation of American Indian Physicians, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community. Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 2058–2099; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 105–108; and H. Res. 356–363 were introduced. **Pages H4731–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4734**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1746, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (H. Rept. 111–83) and

H. Res. 251, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG)(H. Rept. 111–84). **Page H4731**

National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1145, to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 205. **Pages H4693–H4718**

Agreed to the Nunes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 204. Subsequently, Representative Gordon (TN) reported the bill back

to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H4715–17**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H4698**

Agreed to:

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires that the National Water Research Development Plan specified in the bill be revised and resubmitted to Congress every 4 years after its initial submission; authorizes appropriations of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014; (1) requires review of measures related to abating water quality impairment, (2) requires the committee to work with institutions of higher education, (3) requires cooperation with commercial end users, (4) requires relevant information be posted on a public website, and (5) requires research into watershed hydrology; requires that the plan include a focus on the (1) development of the effect of invasive species on water supplies, (2) development of technologies to treat eutrophic water bodies, (3) development of a program to assist state and local regions regarding land conservation, (4) improvement of understanding of chemical impairments to water supply and quality, and (5) identification of whether a need exists for additional water research facilities; requires the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to write to Congress and evaluate the budget

as it relates to water research; expresses the sense of Congress that the interagency committee should collaborate with public institutions of higher education; and requires the EPA to establish a pilot program exploring the use of energy audits of water-related infrastructure to identify energy and water saving opportunities; **Pages H4699–H4703**

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that adds to the water research and development plan an assessment of potential water storage projects that would enhance water supply, water planning, and other beneficial uses; **Page H4704**

Cardoza amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that directs the Secretary of the Interior and the National Academy of Science to study the impact of changes to snow pack, including snow pack in the Sierra Nevadas, on water resources and its relation to water supply, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; **Pages H4704–05**

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires agencies included in the interagency committee to work on improvement of understanding of water-intensive sectors of the economy and industrial needs for water; **Page H4705**

Arcuri amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires the plan to include improvement of understanding of competing water supply uses and how different uses interact with and impact each other; **Pages H4705–06**

Kirk amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that adds to the plan a direction that agencies included in the interagency committee work to achieve projection of the long-term ice cover and water level outlook for major water bodies in the United States, including the Great Lakes, the potential impacts of the results of such projections on infrastructure, and resource management options based on such projections; **Pages H4706–07**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that creates a wastewater and stormwater reuse and recycling technology demonstration program within the Environmental Protection Agency; **Page H4708**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires the interagency committee to assess the role of Federal water research funding in helping to develop the next generation of scientists and engineers at institutions of higher education; **Pages H4711–12**

Kosmas amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that directs agencies under the interagency committee to assess the impact of natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes on water resources (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 200); and

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Teague amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires that the plan’s analysis of the energy required to provide reliable water supplies and the water required for the production of alternative and renewable energy resources (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 201).

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Rejected:

Roskam amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that would have required GAO to study whether any of the requirements of the underlying legislation are duplicative of existing programs. Prior to implementation of the bill, the President would, based upon the GAO report, determine whether the programs were duplicative or not. If the President differed in his determination from the GAO conclusions, he must offer a justification for his determination. The effective date would be delayed until the President has made that determination (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 202) and

Pages H4707, H4713–14

Shadegg amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that would have required the interagency committee to identify and recommend against duplication of Federal water-related research, development, and technological innovation activities by more than one agency or program. It also would have required the President to ensure that Federal agencies do not request appropriations for activities duplicated by state, local, and tribal governments (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 203).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4719**

H. Res. 352, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, April 22nd:

COPS Improvements Act of 2009: H.R. 1139, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 342 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 206 and

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Expressing support for designation of March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”: H. Res. 247, to express support for designation of March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27th for morning hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4695.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 18 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4712–13, H4713, H4713–14, H4714–15, H4716–17, H4717–18, H4718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS AT THE USDA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review Federal food safety systems at the USDA. Testimony was heard from Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., The Attorney General, Department of Justice.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Clarence Thomas; and Stephen G. Beyer.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol, and CBO. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO, Visitors Services, Capitol Visitors Center; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, CBO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Outside Witnesses, and on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from Chief Judge William Greene, U.S. Court of Appeals, Veterans Claims; BG John W. Nicholson, USA (ret.), Secretary; American Battle Monuments Commission; Terrence C. Salt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Arlington National Cemetery; and Timothy C. Cox, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Request. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

U.S.-PAKISTAN MILITARY PARTNERSHIP—EFFECTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: The Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Military Partnership. Testimony was heard from LTG David W. Barno, USA, (ret.); Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Department of Defense; public witnesses.

ARMY AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army aircraft programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense; BG Walter Davis, USA, Director, Army Aviation; and BG William Crosby, USA, Program Executive Officer, Aviation.

MEASURING VALUE AND RISK IN SERVICES CONTRACTS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on measuring value and risk in services contracts. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of GAO: William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team; and John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

REDUCTION IN HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and Their Families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on Communications Networks and Consumer Privacy: Recent Development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; Dian M. Grueneich, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

Hearing continues tomorrow.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act. Testimony was heard from Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to Africa: A Call for Foreign Aid Reform. Testimony was heard from Earl Gast, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1913. Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

NONNATIVE WILDLIFE INVASION PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 669, Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Lawrence M. Riley, Division Coordinator, Wildlife Management Division, Department of Game and Fish, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009; and H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas and Foxx; Stephen P. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 299, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year; H. Res. 340, Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, New York; H. Res. 341, Expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Geneva and Coffee Counties in Alabama, on March 10, 2009; H. Res. 342, Expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day;" and H.R. 1271, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building."

H-2B GUESTWORKER PROGRAM—IMPROVING DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS OF GUESTWORKS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "The H-2B Guestworker Program and Improving the Department of Labor's Enforcement of the Rights of Guestworkers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NOAA'S GEOSTATIONARY WEATHER SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on Oversight of NOAA's Geostationary Weather Satellite System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NOAA, Mary Ellen Kicza, Assistant Administrator, Satellite and Information Services; and George Morrow, Director, Flight Projects Directorate, Goddard Space Flight Center; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO.

STIMULATING INNOVATION AT SMALL HIGH-TECH BUSINESSES-ROLE OF THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Role of the SBIR and STTR Programs in Stimulating Innovation at Small High-Tech Businesses. Testimony was heard from Sally Rocky, Acting Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMBAT PTSD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 952, COMBAT PTSD Act. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VA NON-COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA Non-competitive Contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Shawne Carter McGibbon, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy; and Joseph Jordan, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development; Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT-IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to review the implementation and impact of the unemployment insurance provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Labor; Michael L. Thurmond, Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of Georgia; Joseph Walsh, Deputy Director, Iowa Workforce Development, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TARP

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a quarterly report by the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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