Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act: H.R. 2182, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act; **Pages H5722–23**

Amending chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing: H.R. 1170, amended, to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing; **Pages H5723–24**

Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009: H.R. 1088, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute; **Pages H5724–25**

Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009: H.R. 1089, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 270; **Pages H5725–26, H5766**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: ''To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and reemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.''. **Page H5766**

Urging all Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the national cemeteries, memorials, and markers on Memorial Day: H. Res. 360, to urge all Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the national cemeteries, memorials, and markers on Memorial Day, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting ''nay'', Roll No. 272; **Page H5726–28, H5767–68**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 120, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week; **Pages H5728–30**

Honoring police officers and law enforcement professionals during Police Week: H. Res. 426, to honor police officers and law enforcement professionals during Police Week; and **Pages H5738–40**

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: S. 896, amended, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 54 nays with 1 voting ''present'', Roll No. 271. **Pages H5740–65, H5766–67**

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

Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009: H.R. 1676, amended, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes. **Pages H5730–38**

Congratulating Anthony Kevin ''Tony'' Dungy for his accomplishments as a coach, father, and exemplary member of his community: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 70, to congratulate Anthony Kevin ''Tony'' Dungy for his accomplishments as a coach, father, and exemplary member of his community. **Page H5765**

Honoring Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 49, to honor Karen Bass for becoming the first African-American woman elected Speaker of the California State Assembly. **Pages H5765–66**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Hastings (FL), Co-Chairman; Representatives Markey (MA), Slaughter, McIntyre, Butterfield, Smith (NJ), Aderholt, Pitts, and Issa. **Page H5768**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:28 p.m. **Page H5788**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5784, H5788.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5766, H5766–67 and H5767–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was

heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the National Archives. Testimony was heard from Adrienne Thomas, Acting Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriatons: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Defense Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Wayne Arny, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment).

AIR FORCE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense: Michael B. Donley, Secretary; and GEN Norman A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION METRICS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Panel held a hearing on Measuring Performance: Developing Good Acquisition Metrics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David P. Fitch, Director, AT&L Leadership Center of Excellence, Defense Acquisition University; and Daniel A. Nussbaum, Visiting Professor, Department of Operations Research, Naval Postgraduate School; and a public witness.

NAVY AVIATION BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower, and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: VADM David Architzel, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; and LTG George J. Trautman, USMC, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Aviation Programs, U.S. Marine Corps.

SCHOOLS USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Examining the Abusive and Deadly Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools. Testimony was heard from Greg D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

WESTERN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CAPITAL LOSS/CORRUPTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Capital Loss, Corruption and the Role of Western Financial Institutions." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT RATING AGENCY REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Approaches to Improving Credit Rating Agency Regulation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY'S RIGHTWING EXTREMISM ASSESSMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 404, Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, copies of documents relating to the Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Assessment titled, "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment."

CARMELO RODRIGUEZ MILITARY MEDICAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1478, Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009.

RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 233,

Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Alexander; and public witnesses.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS/GUAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Implementation of Public Law 110–229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. Testimony was heard from Felix P. Camacho, Governor of Guam; Benigno Repeki Fitial, Governor, Northern Mariana Islands; Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Vice Speaker, Guam Legislature; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Nikolao Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Richard C. Barth, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL BUDGET/ POLICIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled ''ONDCP's Fiscal Year 2010 National Drug Control Budget and the Priorities, Objectives, and Policies of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under the New Administration.'' Testimony was heard from Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing entitled ''The State of Federal Information Security.'' Testimony was heard from Vivek Kundra, Chief Information Officer, OMB; Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jacquelyn Patillo, Acting Chief Information Officer; and Margaret Graves, Acting Chief Information Officer; and a public witness.

AFGHAN/PAKISTAN'S CIVILIAN SURGE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, held a hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Resourcing the Civilian Surge. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Paul Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asia Bureau; James A. Bever, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Ambassador John Herbst, Coordinator, Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization; David S. Sedney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central Asian Affairs, Department of Defense; and Michael Michener, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

JOB CREATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 2352, the Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waves all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard by Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Cardoza, Pingree, Polis (CO), Watson (CA), Davis (AL), Klein (FL), Boccieri, and Graves.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 627, THE CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules. Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 627, the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule provides that the question of adoption of the motion shall be divided for a separate vote on concurring in

section 512 of the Senate amendment. The rule further provides that if either portion of the divided question fails of adoption, then the House shall be considered to have made no disposition of the Senate amendment. The rule provides that House Resolution 450 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard by Chairman Frank (MA), and Representative Bachus.

NASA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Christopher Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

SCIENCE OF INSOLVENCY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Science of Insolvency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEVEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety. Testimony was heard from Eric Halpin, Special Assistant, Dam and Levee Safety, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

VA MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Medical Care: The Crown Jewel and Best Kept Secret. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Hutter, Chief Officer, Legislative, Regulatory, and Intergovernmental Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

GULF WAR ILLNESS RESEARCH

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness Research: Is Enough Being Done? Testimony was heard from R. Craig Postlewaite, DVM, Deputy Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert D. Walpole, former Special Assistant, Gulf War Illness Issues, Office of the Assistant Director, Central Intelligence, CIA; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

SSA'S EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Administration's (SSA's) employment support programs for disability beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Sue Suter, Associate Commissioner, Employment Support Programs, SSA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead Architecture. The Committee was briefed by Betty Sapp, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Joint Meetings

WEAPON SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for military space programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and Future Years Defense Program for active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold a closed meeting to examine financing comprehensive health reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.