Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$8215-\$8500

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1530–1539, and S. Res. 226–230.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010". (S. Rept. No. 111–62)

S. 1533, to provide an extension of public transportation programs authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. (S. Rept. No. 111–61)

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 111–63)

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Measures Passed:

Energy and Water Appropriations Act: By 85 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 248), Senate passed H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S8216–8263

Adopted:

Reid Amendment No. 1846 (to Amendment No. 1813), to modify provisions relating to the Department of the Interior. Pages S8216, S8221

Dorgan Amendment No. 1844 (to Amendment No. 1813), to provide a technical correction to a Corps of Engineers project. Pages \$8221-22

Dorgan Amendment No. 1845 (to Amendment No. 1813), to provide transfer authority for the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 1855 (to Amendment No. 1813), to require all agencies to include a separate category for administrative expense when submitting their appropriation requests to the Office of Management and Budget for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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Sanders Amendment No. 1903 (to Amendment No. 1813), to provide additional amounts for technical assistance grants.

Pages S8243–44

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 1878 (to Amendment No. 1813), to require public disclosure of reports required in appropriations bills. Page S8245

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 246), Dorgan/Bennett Amendment No. 1895 (to Amendment No. 1813), to provide requirements regarding the authority of the Department of Energy to enter into certain contracts.

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Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 1864 (to Amendment No. 1813), of a perfecting nature.

Pages S8251-52

Dorgan (for Boxer/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 1859 (to Amendment No. 1813), to permit certain water transfers.

Pages \$8253-59

Dorgan (for Merkley) Modified Amendment No. 1867 (to Amendment No. 1813), to clarify that the Secretary of Energy is required to consider low-risk finance programs that substantially reduce or eliminate upfront costs for building owners to renovate or retrofit existing buildings to install energy efficiency or renewable energy technologies as eligible for certain loan guarantees.

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Dorgan (for Tester) Amendment No. 1842 (to Amendment No. 1813), to extend the period for offering certain leases for cabin sites at Fort Peck Lake, Montana.

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Dorgan (for Landrieu/Vitter) Modified Amendment No. 1888 (to Amendment No. 1813), to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study

of the residual risks associated with the options relating to the project for permanent pumps and closure structures, Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana.

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Dorgan (for Kaufman/Carper) Amendment No. 1891 (to Amendment No. 1813), to prevent Federal preemption of the planning processes of the State of Delaware regarding the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening Project.

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Dorgan (for Kyl/Collins) Amendment No. 1892 (to Amendment No. 1813), to prohibit funds appropriated for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve from being made available to any person that has engaged in certain activities with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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Nelson (FL)/Martinez Amendment No. 1852 (to Amendment No. 1813), to provide for the Federal share of the cost of Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area.

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Nelson (FL)/Martinez Modified Amendment No. 1893 (to Amendment No. 1813), to ensure that previously appropriated funding for the Tampa Harbor Big Bend Channel project is used for the original intended purpose of the funding and not reprogrammed.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 1813, in the nature of a substitute. Page S8216

Rejected:

By 35 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 245), Coburn Amendment No. 1879 (to Amendment No. 1813), to reduce the appropriation for Departmental Administration of the Department of Energy so that the Department can set an example for all Americans by reducing unnecessary energy usage. Pages S8244–50

By 26 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 247), Coburn Amendment No. 1884 (to Amendment No. 1813), to prohibit no bid contracts by requiring the use of competitive procedures to award contracts and grants funded under this Act.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 244), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Alexander Amendment No. 1862 (to Amendment No. 1813), to limit disbursement of additional funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program to certain automobile manufacturers, to impose fiduciary duties on the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to shareholders of such automobile manufacturers, to require the issuance of shares of common stock to eligible taxpayers which represent the common stock to eligible taxpayers which represent the common stock holdings of the United States Government in such

automobile manufacturers. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would increase mandatory spending, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S8216, S8223–25

Chair sustained a point of order against Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 1874 (to Amendment No. 1813), to express the sense of the Senate that the investment by the Federal Government in the automotive industry of the United States is temporary, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, pursuant to the precedent of May 17, 2000 (Lott Precedent), which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S8222-23, S8227

Chair sustained a point of order against Corker Modified Amendment No. 1865 (to Amendment No. 1813), to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to delegate management authority over troubled assets purchased under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, to require the establishment of a trust to manage assets of certain designated TARP recipients, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Dorgan, Byrd, Murray, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed, Lautenberg, Harkin, Tester, Inouye, Bennett, Cochran, McConnell, Bond, Hutchison, Shelby, Alexander, and Voinovich.

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National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 228, designating the week beginning September 14, 2009, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week".

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National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, designating the week beginning August 30, 2009, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

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Richard A. Baker, Historian Emeritus of U.S. Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 230, designating Richard A. Baker as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

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Highway Trust Fund Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3357, to restore sums to the

Highway Trust Fund, and that when the bill is considered, it be considered under the following limitations: that there be general debate of 20 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form, with the time under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; that the only amendments in order be the following and that debate time on each amendment be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that no other amendments be in order; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill: Ensign amendment relative to unemployment benefits; Bond amendment relative to SAFETEA-LU; Vitter amendment relative to highway trust fund; and DeMint amendment relative to offset ui/highway/housing substitute; provided further, that upon disposition of the bill, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related agencies programs; that once the bill is reported, Senator Kohl be recognized to offer a substitute amendment, which is the text of the Senate committee reported bill, S. 1406. Page S8262

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Text of H.R. 2647 as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—248) Pages S8225, S8250, S8251, S8251, S8263
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and

adjourned at 8:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$8500.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2010.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 5,946 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance, after receiving testimony from Meredith B. Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; John C. Coates IV, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Ann Yerger, Council of Institutional Investors, John Castellani, Business Roundtable, J.W. Verret, George Mason University School of Law, and Richard Ferlauto, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Thune, Daniel R. Elliott, III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface

Transportation Board, who was introduced by Senator Brown, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Udall (CO), all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

PAKISTAN'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Pakistan's internally displaced persons (IDP) crisis, after receiving testimony from Eric P. Schwartz, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration; Jon C. Brause, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; Wendy J. Chamberlin, Middle East Institute, and Imtiaz Ali, United States Institute of Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Harris L. Wofford, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 372, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- H.R. 885, to elevate the Inspector General of certain Federal entities to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, with an amendment;
- S. 1510, to transfer statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division from the District of Columbia Code to the United States Code;
- S. 1288, to authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, with an amendment;
- S. 872, to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, with an amendment;
- S. 806, to provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office";
- S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building";
- S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office";
- H.R. 774, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46–02 21st Street in

Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building";

H.R. 987, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office";

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.R. 1397, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building";

H.R. 2090, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building";

H.R. 2162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the "Herbert A Littleton Postal Station";

H.R. 2325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office":

H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kile G. West Post Office Building";

H.R. 2470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Tara Jeanne O'Toole, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, and Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rafael Borras, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Federal Labor Relations

Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Isakson and Chambliss, Jeffrey L. Viken, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERAN'S DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veteran's disability compensation, focusing on the steps the Department of Veterans Affairs is taking to improve disability claims processing, after receiving testimony from Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, and Thomas J. Pamperin, Deputy Director for Policy, Compensation and Pension Service, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Transition Policy and Care Coordination; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Michael P. Allen, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida; and John Wilson, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical research and education, after receiving testimony from Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven E. Nissen, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio; Eric G. Campbell, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Thomas P. Stossel, Brigham & Women's Hospital, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Jack Rusley, American Medical Student Association, Providence, Rhode Island; James H. Scully Jr., American Psychiatric Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Murray Kopelow, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, Chicago, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3370–3398; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 171; and H. Res. 689–690, 692–695 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2749, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–234) and H. Res. 691, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2749) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market (H. Rept. 111–235).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Jonathan Falwell, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia.

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

Improved Oversight by Financial Inspectors General Act of 2009: H.R. 3330, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to provide more effective reviews of losses in the Deposit Insurance Fund and the Share Insurance Fund by the Inspectors General of the several Federal banking agencies and the National Credit Union Administration Board; Pages H8967-70

Rural Homeowners Protection Act of 2009: H.R. 2034, to permit refinancing of certain loans under the Rural Housing Service program for guaranteed loans for rural housing;

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Neighborhood Preservation Act: H.R. 2529, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to authorize depository institutions and depository institution holding companies to lease foreclosed property held by such institutions and companies for up to 5 years;

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Extending the authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program: H.R. 3139, amended, to extend the authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program; Pages H8973-75

Amending the Federal securities laws to clarify and expand the definition of certain persons under those laws: H.R. 2623, to amend the Federal securities laws to clarify and expand the definition of certain persons under those laws; Pages H8975-76

Congratulating Continental Airlines on its 75th Anniversary: H. Res. 631, to congratulate Continental Airlines on its 75th Anniversary; and

Pages H8988-90

Restoring sums to the Highway Trust Fund: H.R. 3357, amended, to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 68 nays, Roll No. 659. Pages H9016–23

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 690, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 173 nays with 11 voting "present", Roll No. 656.

Pages H8986-88

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 2749, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 657. Pages H8990–H9016

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 28th:

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: S. 1513, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; Page H8988

Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009: H.R. 1665, amended, to structure Coast Guard acquisition processes and policies, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 658;

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Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall: H. Res. 496, amended, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 432 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 660; Pages H9023-24

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the general aviation industry should be recognized for its contributions to the United States: H. Res. 508, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the general aviation industry should be recognized for its contributions to the United States;

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Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009: H.R. 2093, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring;

Condemning the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and expressing condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks: H. Res. 675, to condemn the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and to express condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks; and Page H9038

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan: H. Con. Res. 159, to recognize the fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 27th:

Expressing support for designation of the month of September as "National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month": H. Res. 373, to express support for designation of the month of September as "National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month";

Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building"; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 483, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 30th. Pages H9024-35

H. Res. 685, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 655. Pages H8976-86

Agreed to the Polis amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 654. Pages H8985-86

Honoring the memory and lasting legacy of Sally Crowe: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 682, to honor the memory and lasting legacy of Sally Crowe. Page H9035 Authorizing printing of the pocket version of the United States Constitution: The House agreed to discharge and agree to S. Con. Res. 35, to authorize printing of the pocket version of the United States Constitution. Pages H9035-36

Judicial Survivors Protection Act of 2009: The House agreed to discharge and pass S. 1107, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death.

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Expressing the sense of the Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon: The House agreed to discharge and agree to S. Con. Res. 29, to express the sense of the Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation.

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Expressing condolences to the family and loved ones of Agent Robert Rosas: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 681, to express condolences to the family and loved ones of Agent Robert Rosas and to stand in solidarity with the brave men and women of the United States Border Patrol as they remember the service and sacrifice of Agent Rosas and continue their mission to preserve and defend our borders.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8966.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 19 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H9051

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8985-86, H8986, H8987-88, H9015-16, H9016, H9022-23, H9023. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 511, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village; H.R. 940, To provide for the conveyance of National Forest

System land in the State of Louisiana; H.R. 1002, Pisgah National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; and H.R. 3175, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida.

MILITARY—PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Psychological Stress in the Military: What Steps are Leaders Taking? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA; ADM Vice Chief, Naval Operations; GEN James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; GEN William M. Fraser III, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; LTG Rick Lynch, USA, Commanding General, III American Armored Corps and Fort Hood, U.S. Army; and MG Paul E. Lefebvre, USMC, Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps, USA; Vice Chief of Staff; ADM Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COMPENSATION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: On July 28, the Committee ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3269, Corporate and Financial Institution Compensation Fairness Act of 2009.

PUBLIC HOUSING FUTURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Academic Perspectives on the Future of Public Housing." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on New Challenges for International Peacekeeping Operations. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Department of State; COL William J. Flavin, USA, (ret.), Directing Professor, Doctrine, Concepts, Training, and Education Division, U.S. Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, U.S. Army War College; Richard S. Williamson, former Special Envoy to Sudan and Ambassador to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights; and public witnesses.

U.S. SUDAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health held a hearing on Sudan: U.S. Policy and Implementation of the Comprehensive

Peace Agreement. Testimony was heard from Roger P. Winter, former Special Representative on Sudan to the Deputy Secretary of State; Richard S. Williamson, former Special Envoy to Sudan and Ambassador to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights; and a public witness.

U.S. REGIONAL POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Ushering in Change: A New Era for U.S. Regional Policy in the Pacific. Testimony was heard from Alcy Frelick, Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

PANDEMIC FLU READINESS/RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Beyond Readiness: An Examination of the Current Status and Future Outlook of the National Response to Pandemic Influenza." Testimony was heard from Jane Holl Lute, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; William Corr, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Richard Muth, Executive Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Maryland; Mark B. Horton, Director, Department of Public Health, State of California; Thomas A. Farley, Commissioner of Health, New York City; and a public witness.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS—WORKLIFE SERVICES CENTER MANAGEMENT

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Management of the Worklife Services Center at the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: Karl Schornagel, Inspector General; and Dennis Hanratty, Director, Human Resources.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 636, adversely, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the transfer or release of detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba into the United States; H.R. 3245, Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 847, amended, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009; and H.R. 2811, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species gerera as an injurious animal.

The committee also approved a resolution authorizing the House General Counsel to seek immunity for certain witnesses in connection with the Porteous Impeachment inquiry.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Began markup of the following bills: H.R. 1916, Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act; H.R. 481, North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 1641, Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act; H.R. 905, Thunder Bay National Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act; H.R. 1771, Chesapeake Bay Science Education and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 1053, Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009.

INADVERTENT PEER-TO-PEER FILE SHARING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Inadvertent File Sharing Over Peer-to-Peer Networks: How It Endangers Citizens and Jeopardizes National Security." Testimony was heard from Orlando Cabrera, former Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

LEAFY GREENS MARKETING AGREEMENTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Examining the Impact of Leafy Greens Marketing Agreements." Testimony was heard from Michael R. Taylor, Senior Advisor, to the Commissioner, Food and Drugs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, USDA.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2749, the "Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009." The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. It provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3246, Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009; H.R. 3165, Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009; H.R. 3029, To establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combine cycle power generation systems; and H.R. 3247, To establish a social and behavioral sciences research program at the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

SBA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Its Programs." Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, SBA; and William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO.

AVIATION NAVIGATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on NextGen: Area Navigation (RNAV)/Required Navigation Performance (RNP). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard L. Day, Senior Vice President, Operations, Air Traffic Organization, FAA; and Ann Calvaresi-Barr, Principal Assistant Inspector General, Auditing and Evaluation; and public witnesses.

MILITARY PARALYMPIC PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on Meeting the Needs of Injured Veterans in the Military Paralympic Program. Testimony was heard from Dinah F.B. Cohen, Director, Computer/Electronic Accomodations Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Diane Hartmann, Director, Office of National Programs and Special Events, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Program Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—IRAN UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to receive a briefing on Iran Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

GLOBAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Climate for Innovation: Technology and Intellectual Property in Global Climate Solutions." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D931)

H.J. Res. 56, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on July 27, 2009. (Public Law 111–42)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, 3 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John M. McHugh, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, Joseph W. Westphal, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Juan M. Garcia III, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on assessing economic sanctions and other United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine climate services, focusing on solutions from commerce to communities, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine climate change and national security, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a comprehensive strategy for Sudan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to continue consideration of pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the increase of gang activity in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 7, pro-

posing an amendment to the Constitution relative to the election of Senators, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review PL 83–566 watershed proposals for the Dunloup Creek Watershed and the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the U.S. security relationship with Russia and its impaction transatlantic security, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on efforts to improve shipbuiding effectiveness, 1:15 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, briefing on Hurricane Preparedness for the 2009 Hurricane Season, 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Beyond ISE Implemenation: Exploring the Way Forward for Information Sharing," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on a look at H.R. 1826, Fair Elections Now Act, and the Public Financing of Congressional Campaigns, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on Proposals for Reform of the Military Commissions System, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009; and H.R. 233, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to continue hearings entitled "Unconventional Fuels, Part II: The Promise of Methane Hydrates," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2802, To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; H.R. 2806, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness; and H.R. 3113, Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 2517, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009, 9 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled "Making Sense of It All: An Examination of USPS's Station and Branch Optimization Initiative and Delivery Route Adjustments," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled "National Archives and Records Administration Organizational Issues," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Should Animal Disease Research Be Moved Off Plum Island," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on A Systems Approach to Improving K-12 STEM Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade, hearing entitled "The Future of Specialty Crops for Small Family Farmers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following measures: H.R. 3371, Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3376, United States Mariner and Vessel Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 3360, Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2209, Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 3224, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland; H.R. 2121, To provide for the transfer of cer-

tain Federal Property to the Galveston Historical Foundation; H.R. 2423, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse," and to designate the jury room in the Federal building and United States courthouse as the "Marcel C. Notzon II Jury Room;" H.R. 2913, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse;" H.R. 3193, To designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse;" H. Con. Res. 136, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of Citizenship Day; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; and other matters cleared for consideration, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VRE Contracts for Veteran Counseling, 1:30 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Implications of VA's Limited Scope of Gulf War Illness Research, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on NSA Surveillance Authority Compliance, 3 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Russia Collection Strategy, 12 p.m., 304 HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Thursday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3357, Highway Trust Fund Act.

(Senate will recess from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. for a Members only briefing with Secretary Clinton and Secretary Gates.)

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Resume consideration of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

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