

States Securities and Exchange Commission; Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodities Futures Trading Commission; James J. Angel, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, Washington, D.C.; Thomas Peterffy, Interactive Brokers Groups, Greenwich, Connecticut; Manoj Narang, Tradeworx Inc., Red Bank, New Jersey; Kevin Cronin, Invesco Ltd., Atlanta, Georgia; and Stephen Luparello, Financial Industry Regulator Authority, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Scott C. Doney, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, Mario Cordero, of California, and Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, both to be a Federal Maritime Com-

missioner, and a promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Coast Guard.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Marco A. Hernandez, and Michael H. Simon, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Steve C. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be Chair, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6500–6507, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1757, were introduced. **Pages H8263–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8264**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1755, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3082) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–675);

H.R. 3190, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act (H. Rept. 111–676); and

H. Res. 1756, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 5281) to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–677). **Page H8263**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8091**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Lieutenant Christilene Whalen, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Patuxent River, Maryland. **Page H8091**

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

Social Security Number Protection Act of 2010: S. 3789, to limit access to Social Security account numbers; **Pages H8100–02**

Recognizing and supporting the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans to augment the services provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs in providing timely and world-class care for veterans and members of the Armed Forces suffering from PTSD and related psychiatric disorders: H. Res. 1746, amended, to recognize and support the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans to augment the services provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs in providing timely and world-class care for veterans and members of the Armed Forces suffering from PTSD and related psychiatric disorders, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 621; **Pages H8102–04, H8151–52**

Excluding an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act: H.R. 5470, to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety

alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act;

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Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act: H.R. 4501, amended, to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers and solicit such transactions through an Internet Web site, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 324 yeas to 81 nays, Roll No. 620; **Pages H8105–07, H8151**

Weekends Without Hunger Act: H.R. 5012, amended, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a weekend and holiday feeding program to provide nutritious food to at-risk school children on weekends and during extended school holidays during the school year.”. **Page H8114**

CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010: S. 3817, amended, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts.

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Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Seniors Protection Act of 2010: H.R. 5987, amended, to ensure that seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities who receive Social Security and certain other Federal benefits receive a one-time \$250 payment in the event that no cost-of-living adjustment is payable in 2011, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 611 and

Pages H8094–H8100, H8170–71

Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act of 2010: H.R. 6495, amended, to improve compliance with mine safety and health laws, empower miners to raise safety concerns, and prevent future mine tragedies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 616. **Pages H8131–44, H8145**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 7th:

Congratulating imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize: H. Res. 1717, amended, to con-

gratulate imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 612; **Page H8108**

Supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands: H. Res. 1540, amended, to support the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and to call on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 613;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and calling on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations and other criminal groups operating on Federal lands.”.

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Expressing support for designation of 2011 as “World Veterinary Year”: H. Res. 1531, to express support for designation of 2011 as “World Veterinary Year” to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 406 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 614; **Pages H8109–10**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors: H. Res. 1402, amended, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, and to express support for designation of February 16, 2011, as “Citizen Diplomacy Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 394 yeas to 13 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 617; **Pages H8145–46**

Honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon: H. Res. 1704, amended, to honor the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 359 yeas to 44 noes with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 618; **Pages H8146–47**

Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2010: S. 3998, to extend the Child Safety Pilot Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 401 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 624; and **Page H8222**

Providing for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs: H.R. 3353, to provide for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs. **Page H8243**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: H. Res. 1752, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 615, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–675, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 622.

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H. Res. 1755, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 619, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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DREAM Act: The House concurred in the Senate amendments numbered 1 and 2 to H.R. 5281, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and concurred in the Senate amendment numbered 3 with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–677, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 625.

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H. Res. 1756, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 623, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8091 and H8243.

Senate Referrals: S. 3984 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 3199 and S. 3036 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8107, H8108, H8108–09, H8109–10, H8144–45, H8145, H8145–46, H8146–47, H8150, H8151, H8151–52, H8220–21, H8221–22, H8222, and H8242–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SEC OFFERING LIMIT INCREASE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “A Proposal to Increase the Offering Limit Under SEC Regulation A.” Testimony was heard from Representative Eshoo; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010 (FULL-YEAR CR AND FOOD SAFETY)

Committee on Rules: Granted by a non-record vote, a rule for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Full-Year FY11 CR and Food Safety). The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3082 with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and 20 minutes 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 motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Dingell, and Kagen.

REMOVAL CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2010 (DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS (DREAM) ACT)

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8–2, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 5281, the Removal Clarification Act of 2010 (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act). The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary that the House concur in the Senate amendments numbered 1 and 2, and that the House concur in the Senate amendment numbered 3 with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as