

agreed to the motion to proceed to executive session to consider Treaty Doc. 111–5, between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol. **Page S10261**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, as if in Executive Session, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 16, 2010, Senate proceed to Executive Session and begin consideration of the treaty, and that the treaty be considered read. **Pages S10308–09**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Clyde E. Terry, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

41 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—277) **Pages S10251, S10255, S10261**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10309.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ramona Emilia Romero, of Pennsylvania, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 6522–6526; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; H. Con. Res. 334; and H. Res. 1763, 1765, 1767–1769 were introduced. **Pages H8519–20**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8520**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1764, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2965) to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–681) and

H. Res. 1766, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United

States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–682). **Page H8519**

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

*Amending the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 to improve the Littoral Combat Ship program of the Navy:* H.R. 6494, amended, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 to improve the Littoral Combat Ship program of the Navy; **Pages H8359–62**

*Congratulating Auburn University quarterback and College Park, Georgia, native Cameron Newton on winning the 2010 Heisman Trophy:* H. Res. 1761, to congratulate Auburn University quarterback and College Park, Georgia, native Cameron Newton on winning the 2010 Heisman Trophy for being the most outstanding college football player in the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 378

yeas to 15 nays with 18 voting “present”, Roll No. 636; **Pages H8362–63, H8388–89**

*For the relief of Shigeru Yamada:* S. 4010, for the relief of Shigeru Yamada; **Pages H8363–65**

*For the relief of Hotaru Nakama Ferschke:* S. 1774, for the relief of Hotaru Nakama Ferschke; **Pages H8365–68**

*Supporting the critical role of the physician assistant profession and supporting the goals and ideals of National Physician Assistant Week:* H. Res. 1600, amended, to support the critical role of the physician assistant profession and to support the goals and ideals of National Physician Assistant Week; **Pages H8368–69**

*National Alzheimer's Project Act:* S. 3036, to establish the National Alzheimer's Project; **Pages H8369–72**

*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2010:* S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; **Pages H8372–74**

*Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act:* S. 3386, to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet; **Pages H8374–76**

*Truth in Caller ID Act:* S. 30, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information; **Pages H8376–80**

*Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010:* Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4337, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain rules applicable to regulated investment companies; **Pages H8412–17**

*Omnibus Trade Act of 2010:* H.R. 6517, amended, to extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty; **Pages H8418–52**

*Supporting a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and condemning unilateral measures to declare or recognize a Palestinian state:* H. Res. 1765, to support a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to condemn unilateral measures to declare or recognize a Palestinian state; **Pages H8466–71**

*Providing for the approval of final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 that apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives:* H. Res. 1757, to provide for the approval of final regu-

lations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 that apply to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives; **Pages H8481–87**

*Providing for the approval of final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 that apply to certain legislative branch employing offices and their covered employees:* S. Con. Res. 77, to provide for the approval of final regulations issued by the Office of Compliance to implement the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 that apply to certain legislative branch employing offices and their covered employees; and **Pages H8487–92**

*Providing for the furnishing of statues by the District of Columbia for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol:* H.R. 5493, amended, to provide for the furnishing of statues by the District of Columbia for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol. **Pages H8492–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the furnishing of statues by the District of Columbia and territories and possessions of the United States for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.”. **Page H8495**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 14th:

*Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 5446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Florida Avenue in Cocoa, Florida, as the “Harry T. and Harriette Moore Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 631; **Pages H8380–81**

*Expressing support for designation of January 23rd as “Ed Roberts Day”:* H. Res. 1759, to express support for designation of January 23rd as “Ed Roberts Day”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 8 nays with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 632; **Pages H8381–82**

*Recognizing the 45th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program:* S. Con. Res. 72, to recognize the 45th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 401 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 633; **Pages H8382–83**

*Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 6205, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac

T. Cortes Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 634; and

**Pages H8383–84**

*Congratulating Gerda Weissmann Klein on being selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom:* H. Res. 1743, amended, to congratulate Gerda Weissmann Klein on being selected to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 407 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 637.

**Pages H8389–90**

**Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010:** The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2965, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–681, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 638.

**Pages H8383–88, H8390–H8410**

H. Res. 1764, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 635, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H8383, H8388**

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

*Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2010:* S. 841, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation;

**Pages H8411–12**

*Requiring reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery:* S. 3860, to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery;

**Pages H8452–56**

*Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010:* S. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001;

**Pages H8456–66**

*International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010:* S. 987, to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage;

**Pages H8471–74**

*Calling on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a “Country of Particular Concern” with respect to religious freedom:* H. Res. 20, amended, to call on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a “Country of Particular Concern” with respect to religious freedom; and

**Pages H8475–81**

*Honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta:* H. Res. 1377, to honor the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta.

**Pages H8495–H8500**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H8359 and H8390.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 4005 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Pages H8359, H8517**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye-a-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8380–81, H8381–82, H8382–83, H8383–84, H8388, H8388–89, H8389–90 and H8410. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY POSITION LIMITS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review implementation of provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to position limits. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: Gary Gensler, Chairman; and Bart Chilton, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

### FORECLOSURE CRISIS CAUSES/EFFECTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Concluded hearings on Foreclosed Justice: Causes and Effects of the Foreclosure Crisis—Part II. Testimony was heard from Senator Whitehouse, and public witnesses.

### SBIR/STTR REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009 (DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL REPEAL ACT OF 2010)

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6–2, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2965, the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010). The rule makes in order a motion offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2965 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 Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate