

S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 525, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness;

S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices; and

S. 544, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 536, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans.

### INDIAN TRUST REFORM

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine trust management reform within the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Ross O. Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, and Keith Harper, Native American Rights Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Jim Gray, Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust funds, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Charles C. Colombe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Rosebud; and Darrell Hillaire, Lummi Indian Nation, Bellingham, Washington, on behalf of the California Tribal Trust Reform Consortium.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1181–1210; 1 private bill, H.R. 1211; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88–90, and H. Res. 145, were introduced. **Pages H1263–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1264–65**

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

H. Res. 144, providing for further consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 109–15). **Page H1263**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1027**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Mary E. Moore, Pastor, New Salem Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. **Page H1027**

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

*Sense of the House that a National Tartan Day should be established:* H. Res. 41, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as “National Tartan Day” to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States; and **Pages H1029–31**

*Recognizing the contributions of the U.S. Marine Corps and other units of the Armed Forces on the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima:* H. Res. 119, recognizing the contributions of the United States Marine Corps and other units of the United States Armed Forces on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. **Pages H11031–34**

**Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users:** The House began consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Further proceedings will resume tomorrow, March 10. **Pages H1038–H1205**

Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the

bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–14 be adopted; and further that the bill, as amended, is considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment.

**Pages H1055–H1184**

Accepted:

Moran of Kansas amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) amends the exemption for maximum driving and on duty time for drivers of motor carriers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies at the time of planting or harvest for a 100 air mile radius to the distribution point of the source of the commodities by including in the definition of “agricultural commodities”, livestock, food, feed, and fiber, and other farm products (by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 57);

**Pages H1187–88, H1189–90**

Kuhl amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that names a portion of Interstate 86 in upstate New York in the vicinity of the City of Corning, the “Amo Houghton Bypass”, after Former Congressman Amo Houghton who retired from Congress in 2004 after serving 18 years;

**Pages H1190–91**

Cox amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that clarifies that states are not preempted under federal law from requiring one or both of the following from tow-truck operators when they are removing a vehicle from private property without the consent of the vehicle owner or operator: first, a state can require that the tow-truck operator have written permission from the owner of the private property authorizing the non-consensual tow; and second, a state can require that the owner of the private property be present at the time the vehicle is towed from the private property.

**Pages H1192–94**

Osborne amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that exempts the State of Nebraska from the ISTEA 1991 truck length freeze, subject to a change in state statute, to allow the operation of commercial vehicle combinations not exceeding 81 feet, six inches for custom harvesters operating in the State of Nebraska (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 58); and

**Pages H1191–92, H1202–03**

Graves amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that eliminates liability under state law for an owner of a motor vehicle or their affiliate who is engaged in the business of renting and leasing motor vehicles provided there is no negligence or criminal wrongdoing on the part of the motor vehicle owner or affiliate (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 60).

**Pages H1199, H1202, H1204**

Rejected:

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that sought to exempt commercial

motor vehicle operators working in field operations for the natural gas and oil industry from the hours of service rules issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 56); and

**Pages H1186–87, H1188–89**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that sought to streamline tolling authority to charge tolls on new lanes, and dedicates those revenues to the user fee purpose (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 59).

**Pages H1194–99, H1203–04**

Withdrawn:

Boozman amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allowed operators of a property carrying motor vehicle to take up to two hours of off-duty time, as defined by FMSCA, during their 14 hours on duty, so as not to exceed 16 hours; and

**Pages H1184–86**

Kuhl amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–14) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have amended the exemption for maximum driving and on duty time for drivers of motor carriers transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies at the time of planting or harvesting for a 100 air mile radius to the distribution point of the source of the commodities, by increasing the air mile radius to 150.

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H. Res. 140, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H1034–38**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1188–89, H1189–90, H1203, H1203–04, and H1204. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### CFTC REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management continued hearings on Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Intelligence Program Budget. Testimony