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SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured, including related provisions of S. 406, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Montana State Auditor John Morrison, Commissioner for Insurance and Securities, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Doug Newman, Newman Concrete

Services, Inc., Hallowell, Maine, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Al Mansell, National Association of Realtors, and Len Nichols, The New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Thomas Haynes, The Coca-Cola Bottlers' Association, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association Healthcare Coalition; and William N. Lindsay III, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1713–1746; 1 private bill, H.R. 1747; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 223, were introduced. **Pages H2393–94**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2394–95**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Monsignor George B. Flinn, Vicar General, Pastoral Life in Ministry, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania. **Page H2153**

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

Ray Charles Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building"; **Pages H2157–58**

Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building"; **Pages H2158–60**

Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the ter-

rorist bombing in Oklahoma City: H. Res. 184, recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City; **Pages H2160–65**

Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building"; **Pages H2165–66**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week: H. Res. 130, amended, recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week; **Pages H2166–67**

Expressing condolences and sympathies in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota: H. Con. Res. 126, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the Congress in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 113; and **Pages H2167–71, H2179**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the polio vaccine: H. Res. 208, amended, recognizing the University of Pittsburgh and Dr.

Jonas Salk on the fiftieth anniversary of the milestone discovery of the Salk polio vaccine, which has virtually eliminated the disease and its harmful effects, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 114.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: Resolution recognizing the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Jonas Salk, the University of Michigan, and Dr. Thomas Frances, Jr., on the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery and the declaration that the Salk polio vaccine was potent, virtually eliminating the disease and its harmful effects.

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Energy Policy Act of 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, April 21.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the Waxman amendment be allowed to be considered at any time.

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Agreed to:

Hall manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that makes a number of changes to the bill;

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Slaughter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that requires any escalator being installed in federal buildings to be an Intermittent Escalator;

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Dingell amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes \$20 million for the Administrator of General Services Administration to install a photovoltaic solar electric system at the headquarters of the Energy Department;

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Abercrombie amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that authorizes a 3-year demonstration program for producing ethanol from sugar cane;

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Conaway amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that provides that the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Labor and Interior Departments, will evaluate and report on both the short and longer term availability of skilled workers to meet the energy security needs of the U.S.;

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Rogers of Michigan amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that amends the Johnson (CT) amendment, to direct the Administrator of the EPA to revise certain Federal vehicle fuel economy adjustment factors to provide consumers with accurate fuel economy information on new vehicle labels (by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 119); and

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Johnson of Connecticut amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–49), as amended by the Rogers (MI) amendment, that requires the EPA’s fuel econ-

omy test procedures reflect current driving patterns and conditions and provide consumers with more accurate information about fuel economy (by a recorded vote of 346 yeas to 85 noes, Roll No. 120).

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Rejected:

Solis amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike all of Title III, Subtitle D, the Refinery Revitalization Act (by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 115);

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Kaptur amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to provide the Secretary of Energy the authority to include in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve alternative fuels, including ethanol and biodiesel and rename the reserve the “Strategic Fuels Reserve” (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 116);

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Waxman amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to require the Administration to take “voluntary, regulatory, and other actions” to reduce oil demand in the U.S. by 1 million barrels per day from projected levels by 2013 (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 262 noes, Roll No. 117);

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Bishop of New York amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to contain a number of provisions designed to reduce dependence on nonrenewable energy sources (by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 118);

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Boehlert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to direct the Secretary of Transportation to increase fuel economy standards from today’s average of 25 miles/gallon to 33 miles/gallon over 10 years (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 121);

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Markey amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to strike the provisions that will allow oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 122); and

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Dingell amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–49) that sought to increase penalties for violations of the Federal Power Act and authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to refund electricity overcharges (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 123).

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H. Res. 219, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Earlier it was agreed to proceed with the consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 112.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2178, H2179, H2179–80, H2375, H2375–76, H2376, H2376–77, H2377–78, H2378, H2379, H2379–80, and H2380. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Testimony was heard from David Eisner, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. AID.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Frederick D. Gregory, Deputy Administrator, NASA.

VIDEO AND DATA INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at Video and Data Services.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER: FINANCIAL LITERACY AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Generations Working Together: Financial Literacy and Social Security Reform.” Testimony was heard from former Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming; and former Representatives Tim Penny of Minnesota; and Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC CHECK CLEARING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act.” Testimony was heard from Louise L. Roseman, Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action H.R. 285, Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Norman Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; James S. Gilmore III, Chairman, National Council on Readiness and Preparedness; and public witnesses.