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MORTGAGE MARKET SECURITIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of securitization relating to subprime mortgage market turmoil, including the mechanics of the nonprime mortgage securitization process, the impact of recent increases in defaults and delinquencies on the nonprime securitization market, characteristics of the securitization process that present challenges in mitigating potential foreclosures, and factors taken into consideration in the securitization process when assessing credit risk for mortgage-backed securities and monitoring assigned ratings, after receiving testimony from Gyan Sinha, Bear, Stearns and Co. Inc, David Sherr, Lehman Brothers Inc., Susan Barnes, Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, and Warren Kornfeld, Moody's Investors Service, all of New York, New York; Kurt Eggert, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California; and Christopher L. Peterson, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

XM-SIRIUS RADIO

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed merger between XM and Sirius satellite radio services, after receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Sirius Satellite Radio, and David Bank, RBC Capital Markets, both of New York, New York; W. Russell Withers, Jr., Withers Broadcasting Companies, Mount Vernon, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, on behalf of Common Cause, Consumer Federation of America, Free Press, and Media Access Project, and Gigi B. Sohn, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.

WORKPLACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine domestic violence in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Laura A. Fortman, Maine Department of Labor, Augusta; Kathy Rodgers, Legal Momentum, New York, New York; Sue K. Willman, Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; and Yvette Cade, Temple Hills, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1863–1904; and 19 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 112–115; and H. Res. 299–300, 303–314 were introduced. **Pages H3473–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3476–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness (H. Rept. 110–89);

H.R. 309, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–90);

H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska (H. Rept. 110–91);

H.R. 285, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–92);

H.R. 249, to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 110–93);

H.R. 162, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana (H. Rept. 110–94);

H.R. 319, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–95);

H. Res. 301, providing for consideration of H.R. 1257, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation (H. Rept. 110–96); and

H. Res. 302, providing for consideration of H.R. 1361, to improve the disaster relief programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–97).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007: H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness;

Pages H3406–09

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of Celilo Falls: H. Res. 217, to express the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the 50th anniversary of Celilo Falls;

Pages H3409–12

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project: H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project;

Pages H3412–13

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project: H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project;

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Directing the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history: H.R. 309, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history;

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Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act: H.R. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard;

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Copper Valley Native Allotment Resolution Act of 2007: H.R. 865, amended, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska;

Pages H3415–16

Authorizing the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park: H.R. 1191, amended, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park;

Pages H3416–17

Taxpayer Protection Act of 2007: H.R. 1677, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 214;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day: H. Res. 196, to support the goals and ideals of World Water Day, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 215;

Pages H3424–26, H3436–37

Condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society: H. Con. Res. 100, amended, to condemn the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay” and 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 216;

Pages H3426–29, H3437

American National Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007: H.R. 1681, amended, to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century; and

Pages H3429–32

Amending the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program: H.R. 1515, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:04 p.m. **Page H3435**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, April 16th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 273, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 217 and **Pages H3432–34, H3437–38**

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research: H. Con. Res. 76, to honor the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 218. **Pages H3438–39**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, April 18th:

Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week: H. Res. 293, to support the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week. **Pages H3432–34**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, electing the following Member to serve on the Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Baldwin, to rank immediately after Representative Sherman. **Page H3439**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3478–79.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3435–36, H3436–37, H3437, H3438, H3438–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review the market structure of the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from James E. Link, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administrator, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Force Posture/Acquisition Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and Claude Bolton, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William Fallon, USN, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Charles W. Grim, M.D., Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Central Command. Testimony was heard from ADM William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, Central Command, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Richard Kapka, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and James Simpson, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act.” Testimony was