

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3138–3160, 3162–3170; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 190–191; and H.Res. 565 were introduced. **Pages H8395–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8397–98**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3161, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–258). **Page H8390**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8297**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8297**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Galen E. Hahn, Evangelical United Church of Christ, Portsmouth, Ohio. **Page H8297**

Authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made": Agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 190, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page H8301**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, July 25th:

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes: H. Con. Res. 187, to express the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes. **Pages H8301–07**

Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2008: The House passed H.R. 3074, to make appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 715. Consideration of the measure began on Monday, July 23rd.

Pages H8307–90

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 714. **Pages H8388–90**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3074 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 558, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Page H8318**

Agreed to:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that redirects \$20 million in funding within the Public Housing Operating Fund; **Pages H8308–09**

Turner (OH) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that increases funding, by offset, for the Home Investment Partnerships Program by \$6,760,000; **Pages H8314–17**

DeFazio amendment that prohibits funds from being used to establish or implement a cross-border motor carrier demonstration or pilot project or program to allow Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate beyond the commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border; **Pages H8347–48**

Gary G. Miller (CA) amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to take any action to issue a final rule or notice based on, or otherwise implement, all or any part of the proposed rule of the Department of Housing and Urban Development published on Friday, May 11, 2007, relating to standards for mortgagor's investment in mortgaged property; **Pages H8348–49**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used by the Federal Aviation Administration to eliminate, consolidate, de-consolidate, co-locate, execute inter-facility reorganization, or plan for the consolidation/deconsolidation, inter-facility reorganization, or co-location of any FAA air traffic control facility or service, with exception of the reversal of the transfer of the radar functions from the Palm Springs Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) to the Southern California TRACON (by a recorded vote of 268 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 703); **Pages H8341–44, H8357–58**

Harman amendment that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” designation; **Page H8359**

Peterson (PA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to establish or collect tolls on Interstate 80 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; **Page H8359**

Walberg amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Transportation to promulgate regulations based on race, ethnicity, or sex; **Pages H8373–75**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to provide homeownership assistance for applicants described in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Page H8375**

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to employ workers described in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; **Page H8375**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that redirects \$10 million in funding for “Grants-in-Aid for Airports” administered by the Federal Aviation Administration of the Department of Transportation; **Pages H8377–78**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in violation of section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, with respect to workers on federally-funded transportation projects; and **Pages H8378–79**

Hunter amendment that prohibits funds from being used to participate in a working group pursuant to the Security and Prosperity Partnership (by a recorded vote of 362 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 707). **Pages H8359–60, H8381–82**

Rejected:

Shays amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Brownfields Redevelopment by \$1 million; **Pages H8313–14**

Mica amendment (that was debated on July 23rd) that sought to strike language relating to the rescission of funds under the Highway Trust Fund (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 691); **Page H8321**

Bachmann amendment (that was debated on July 23rd) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$106 million (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 308 noes, Roll No. 692); **Pages H8321–22**

Flake amendment (that was debated on July 23rd) that sought to strike language relating to Operating Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 693); **Page H8322**

Flake amendment (that was debated on July 23rd) that sought to reduce funding for Capital and Debt Service Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation by \$425 million (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 694); **Page H8323**

Chabot amendment (that was debated on July 23rd) that sought to reduce funding for Public and Indian Housing by \$330 million (by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 695); **Pages H8323–27**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center in Prosser, Washington; **Pages H8331–32**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Huntsville Museum of Art in Huntsville, Alabama; **Pages H8336–37**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Hunting and Fishing Museum of Pennsylvania in Tionesta, Pennsylvania; **Pages H8337–39**

Westmoreland amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to strike the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 696); **Pages H8309–12, H8353**

Sessions amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to support Amtrak’s route with the highest loss, measured by passenger per mile cost as based on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation’s September 2006 Financial Performance of Routes Report (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 697); **Pages H8328–30, H8353–54**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Belmont Complex in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania (by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 698); **Pages H8330–31, H8354–55**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in Wausau, Wisconsin (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 699); **Pages H8332–34, H8355**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the National Forest Recreation Association in Woodlake, California (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 352 noes, Roll No. 700);

Pages H8334–36, H8355–56

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Friends of the Cheat Rails to Trails Program (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 701);

Pages H8339–40, H8356–57

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Houston Zoo in Houston, Texas (by a recorded vote of 77 ayes to 347 noes, Roll No. 702);

Pages H8340–41, H8257

Frelinghuysen amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Federal Aviation Administration to implement its preferred alternative of the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace Redesign project (by a recorded vote of 65 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 704);

Pages H8344–47, H8358–59

Hensarling amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Edmunds Center for the Arts, City of Edmunds, Washington (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 705);

Pages H8349–51, H8380–81

Hensarling amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for parking facilities (by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 706);

Pages H8351–52, H8381

Jordan amendment that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in this Act by \$3.2 billion (by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 708);

Pages H8360–64, H8383–83

Price (GA) amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in this Act by \$507,767,000 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 709);

Pages H8364–68, H8383

Musgrave amendment that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in this Act by \$253,690,000 (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 710);

Pages H8368–72, H8383–84

Price (GA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds made available for the mortgage insurance programs under title II of the National Housing Act from being used for any housing trust fund established under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 711);

Pages H8372–73, H8384–85

King (IA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (relating to wage rate requirements; commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act) (by a re-

corded vote of 148 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 712); and

Pages H8375–76, H8385

Frank (MA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement or enforce the requirement under section 12(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 713, after agreeing by unanimous consent to vacate the voice vote taken earlier in the day).

Pages H8337, H8385–86

Withdrawn:

Corrine Brown (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have amended the referenced statement of managers with respect to the item relating to the City of Maitland, Florida;

Pages H8312–13

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity by \$5,820,000;

Pages H8319–20

Slaughter amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the Office of Lead Hazard Control by \$10 million;

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Gary G. Miller (CA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section at the end of title II relating to Moving to Work Demonstration Agreements;

Pages H8327–28

Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have stated the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction; and

Pages H8376–77

Jackson-Lee (TX) en bloc amendments that were offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to technology for temporary disaster housing and relating to funding for necessary communication equipment for transportation workers.

Pages H8379–80

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H8297, H8359.

Senate Referrals: S. 1856 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 1868 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8398–99.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8321, H8321–22, H8322–23, H8323, H8323–24, H8353, H8353–54, H8354–55, H8355, H8355–56, H8356–57, H8357, H8357–58, H8358–59, H8380–81, H8381, H8381–82, H8382–83, H8383, H8383–84, H8384–85, H8385, H8385, H8389–90, H8390. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SURFACE COMBATANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the surface combatant construction update. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: VADM Paul Sullivan, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ship Programs; RADM Barry McCullough, USN, Director, Warfare Integration; and RADM Charles Goddard, USN, Program Executive Officer, Ships; the following officials of the CBO: Eric Labs, and J. Michael Gilmore; Ronald O'Rourke, CRS, Library of Congress; and Paul Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing on the Misclassification of Workers as Independent Contractors: What Policies and Practices Best Protect Workers? Testimony was heard from Paul DeCamp, Wage and Hour Administrator, Department of Labor; David Socolow, Commissioner of Labor, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

HELPING VULNERABLE YOUTH

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children: Perspectives on Helping the Nation's Vulnerable Youth. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet continued hearings entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission—Part 2." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman; Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S.

Adelstein, Deborah Taylor Tate; and Robert McDowell, all Commissioners.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.

LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN DEPORTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Deportees in Latin America and the Caribbean. Testimony was heard from Gary Mead, Assistant Director, Management, Office of Detention and Removal Operations, Bureau of U.S. Immigration and Customs Management, Department of Homeland Security; Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by public witnesses.

FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN VULNERABILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Federal Efforts to Mitigate Vulnerabilities in the Food Supply Chain." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: David Acheson, Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA; and Carol Maczka, Assistant Administrator, Office of Food Defense and Emergency Response, Food Safety Inspection Service; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Tom McGinn, D.V.M., Chief Veterinarian and Director, Food and Agriculture Security, Office of Health Affairs; and Dan Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol; Lee M. Myers, D.V.M., Assistant Commissioner, Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Chemical Security-A Rising Concern for America: Examination of the Department's Chemical Security Regulation and its Effect on the Public and Private Sector." Testimony was heard from Bob Stephan, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.