

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, who was introduced by Representative Lantos and Senator Hutchison, Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its continuing importance, after receiving testimony from Representative John Lewis (GA); Gail Heriot, Commissioner, United States Commission on Civil Rights; Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Edu-

cational Fund, Inc., Peter A. Zamora, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and Robert N. Driscoll, Alston and Bird LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robert P. Moses, Algebra Project, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ADVISING SENIORS ON FINANCIAL ISSUES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the qualifications for those who advise seniors about financial issues, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, St. Paul; William Francis Galvin, Massachusetts Secretary of State, Boston; Joseph P. Borg, North America Securities Administrators Association, Inc., and Nicholas A. Nicolette, Financial Planning Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC); Gary Bhojwani, Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Edwin J. Pittock, Society of Certified Senior Advisors, Denver, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3473–3479; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 203–204; and H. Res. 632, 634–635, were introduced. **Page H10156**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10156–57**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 633, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2786) to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans (H. Rept. 110–316). **Page H10156**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. S. L. Roberson, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan. **Page H10079**

Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007: Representative Delahunt, Chairman; Representatives Davis (AL) and Herseth Sandlin. **Page H10082**

Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007: Representative Pence, Ranking Member; Representatives LaTourette and Hulshof. **Page H10082**

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

Extending the condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives to the Government and the people of Greece for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the devastating fires raging through Greece since June 2007: H. Res. 629, to extend the condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives to the Government and the people of Greece for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the devastating fires raging through Greece since June 2007, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 851; **Pages H10082–84, H10112–13**

South Pacific Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007: H.R. 3062, amended, to authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific Island students; **Pages H10084–85**

United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act of 2007: S. 377, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H10085–88**

Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient: H. Res. 34, amended, to recognize the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient; **Pages H10088–91**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the life and accomplishments of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.”

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Recognizing the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war against terrorism: H. Res. 508, amended, to recognize the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war against terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 508 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 852;

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Commending the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation: H. Res. 575, amended, to commend the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation; **Pages H10093–95**

Percy Sutton Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”; **Pages H10095–97**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month: H. Res. 554, to support the goals and ideals of National Passport Month;

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Expressing the sympathy and pledging the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding in 20 counties in eastern Kansas beginning on June 26, 2007: H. Res. 544, to express the sympathy and pledge the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding in 20 counties in eastern Kansas beginning on June 26, 2007, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 853; **Pages H10098–H10100, H10114**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week: H. Con. Res. 165, to support the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; **Pages H10100–02**

John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H10102–04**

Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”; **Pages H10104–05**

Cal Ripken Way Designation Act: H.R. 3218, to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as “Cal Ripken Way”; **Pages H10105–07**

Honoring the city of Minneapolis, first responders, and the citizens of the State of Minnesota for their valiant efforts in responding to the horrific collapse of the Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge: H. Res. 606, to honor the city of Minneapolis, first responders, and the citizens of the State of Minnesota for their valiant efforts in responding to the horrific collapse of the Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge; **Pages H10107–11**

Recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States: H. Con. Res. 181, to recognize and commend all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed

Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States; and

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Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the six missing miners and three rescuers who were killed in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies: H. Res. 631, to honor the sacrifice and courage of the six missing miners and three rescuers who were killed in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and to recognize the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 4th:

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China: H. Res. 552, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 850.

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In Memory of the late Honorable Paul Gillmor of Ohio: The House agreed to H. Res. 632, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Paul Gillmor, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Gillmor, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10157–59.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10111, H10112–13, H10113–14, and H10114. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:19 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 632, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Paul Gillmor.

Committee Meetings

IRAQI GOVERNMENT'S RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Comptroller General's assessment of the Iraqi government's record of performance. Testimony was

heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

DOD'S ROLE IN PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS ROLE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in provincial reconstruction teams. Testimony was heard from Ginger Cruz, Deputy Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 2015, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Baldwin, and Cleaver; and public witnesses.

CREDIT AND MORTGAGE MARKETS RECENT EVENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Recent Events in the Credit and Mortgage Markets and Possible Implications for U.S. Consumers and the Global Economy." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert K. Steel, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance; and John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; and Erik R. Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

IRAQI BENCHMARKS: AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

SECURITY GAPS—HOLDING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GAPS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Holding the Department of Homeland Security Accountable for Security Gaps." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

TASK FORCE ON ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION POLICY; WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE; AND FISA

Committee on the Judiciary: Agreed to a resolution establishing a Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy.

The Committee also held a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence