

FUTURE OF WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding opportunities for women entrepreneurs, focusing on the future of women's small business programs, after receiving testimony from Anoop Prakash, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, and Debra S. Ritt, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, both of the Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Wendi Goldsmith, Bioengineering Group, Salem, Massachusetts; Ann Marie Almeida, Association of Women's Business Centers, Camden, Maine; Gale King, Treats By Gale,

LLC, Burke, Virginia; and Rosemary Bratton, Wyoming Women's Business Center, Laramie.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Martin F. Conatser, American Legion, Champaign, Illinois.

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: 25 public bills, H.R. 3607–3631; 1 private bill, H.R. 3632; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216; and H. Res. 667–669 were introduced. **Pages H10695–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10696–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3540, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (H. Rept. 110–337, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 1). **Page H10695**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10629**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H10629, H10636**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Honda wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science and Technology, effective today. **Page H10631**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 137 yeas to 265 nays, Roll No. 886. **Pages H10633–34**

Discharge Petition: Representative Boehner moved to discharge the Committees on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 559, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 479) to amend the

Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (Discharge Petition No. 2). **Page H10697**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 667, electing the following Members to serve on certain committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Langevin. Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Pascrell. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Richardson (to rank immediately after Representative McNerney). Committee on Small Business: Representatives Higgins and Hirono. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Richardson. **Page H10635**

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, by a recorded vote of 267 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 890.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–335, modified by the amendment printed in part B of such report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10650–80**

Accepted:

Oberstar modified manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that requires the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to begin schedule reduction meetings if aircraft operations exceed hourly maximum arrival and departure rules at airports; call for an update of the Department of Transportation Inspector General's 2000 report on air carrier flight delays, cancellations, and causes for such delays and cancellations. Essential Air Service communities receive additional resources to help their communities continue to receive service, including a repeal of the local participation match, a notice to communities prior to termination of eligibility, procedures for the restoration of eligibility, and the creation of an Office of Rural Aviation. The amendment also provides for labor integration during airline mergers, directs the FAA to conduct rulemakings on flight time limitations, OSHA standards for flight attendants, and aircraft rescue and firefighting standards, and includes provisions on cabin air quality; **Page H10680**

LaTourette amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that provides the Secretary the authority to grant Airport Improvement Program funds no greater than \$1,220,000 to Lake County for the purpose of purchasing the Lost Nation Airport from the city of Willoughby; **Pages H10680-81**

Poe amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that extends drug and alcohol testing to individuals performing maintenance work on U.S. air carriers at foreign aircraft repair stations; **Page H10681**

Shays amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that requires a GAO report assessing the possibility of utilizing market-based strategies for air congestion reduction, such as incentivizing airlines to move flights to off-peak times, implementing slotting systems for airports or quotas, and comparing these strategies' effectiveness against redesigning airspace; **Pages H10681-82**

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that states that Section 807, which establishes a working group on "Consolidation and Realignment of FAA Facilities", covers consolidation of FAA regional offices and also ensures that the working group could include representatives of the employees of the regional offices; **Page H10682**

Costello amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that requires the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations requiring air carriers to provide initial and annual recurring training for flight attendants and gate attendants regarding serving alcohol, dealing with disruptive passengers, and recognizing intoxicated persons. The training

must include situational training on methods of handling an intoxicated person who is belligerent;

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Klein (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that requires, subject to appropriations, the Secretary of Transportation to investigate consumer complaints regarding flight cancellations, overbooking of flights, baggage problems, ticket refund problems, incorrect or incomplete fare information, the rights of frequent flyer passengers, and deceptive or misleading advertising. The amendment also requires the Secretary to provide, as an annex to the Department's annual budget request, an estimate of resources that would have been needed to investigate all consumer complaints received the previous fiscal year; and **Pages H10684-85**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 110-335) that requires the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to carry out a study on the feasibility of developing a publicly searchable, Internet Web-based resource that provides information regarding the acceptable height and distance that wind turbines may be installed in relation to aviation sites and the level of obstruction such turbines may present to such sites (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 889). **Pages H10685-87**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H10687**

H. Res. 664, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 888, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 887.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24th for morning hour debate. **Page H10690**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 26th. **Page H10690**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110-59). **Page H10690**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10629.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10633–34, H10634–35, H10635, H10686, H10687. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ACCOUNTABILITY DURING CONTINGENCY OPERATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Accountability During Contingency Operations: Preventing and Fighting Corruption in Contracting and Establishing and Maintaining Appropriate Controls on Materiel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas F. Gimble, Principle Deputy Inspector General; Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing; LTG N. Ross Thompson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; Kathryn Condon, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General Army Materiel Command; and Peter Velz, Foreign Affairs Specialist for Iraq, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle East.

FEDERAL BUDGET EFFICIENCY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Using Taxpayers' Dollars Most Efficiently: Perspectives on Performance Budgeting. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM LEAD-TAINTED IMPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection continued hearings entitled "Protecting Children From Lead-Tainted Imports." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINIMIZING/MITIGATING MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Legislative and Regulatory Options for Minimizing and Mitigating Mortgage Foreclosures." Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Daniel H. Mudd, President and CEO, Fannie Mae; Richard F. Syron, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and public witnesses.

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S. Assistance in East Asia and the Pacific: An Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Glyn T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Lisa Chiles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Ensuring the Health and Safety of Our First Responders in the Wake of Catastrophic Disasters." Testimony was heard from Jon R. Krohmer, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia A. Basscetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; Mike D. McDaniel, Secretary, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES FEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Increase Rule. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security: Jonathan R. Scharfen, Deputy Director; Rendell Jones, Chief Financial Officer; and Michael Aytes, Associate Director, Domestic Operations; and public witnesses.

VIRGIN ISLANDS EDUCATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs approved for full Committee action H. R. 53, Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 193, Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety; H. Res. 303, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 584,