

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,

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month;” H. Res. 605, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H. Res. 641, Acknowledging the importance of understanding the history of the United States of America and recognizing the need to foster civic responsibility in all citizens; H.R. 2089, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office;” H.R. 2276, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the “Corporal Christopher E. Eskelson Post Office Building;” H.R. 3233, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the “Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building;” H.R. 3297, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTample Post Office Building;” H.R. 3307, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building;” H.R. 3308, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the “Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office;” H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the “Corporal Stephen B. Bixler Post Office;” H.R. 3382, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 299 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office;” H.R. 3518, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendix Post Office Building;” H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; H.R. 1110, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 3530, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the “Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of

Sickle Disease Awareness Month; and H.R. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXPANSION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 3567, Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS’ WORKFORCE TRANSITION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing on Licensure and Certification of Transitioning Veterans. Testimony was heard from Leslye A. Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; John McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Services, Department of Labor; Keith N. Wilson, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on FISA with the DNI. Testimony was heard from Michael McConnell, Director, National Intelligence; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARDS

Select Committee on Energy: Held a hearing entitled “Renewable Electricity Standards: Lighting the Way.” Testimony was heard from William Ritter, Governor of Colorado; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: Business meeting to consider original bills entitled, “American Infrastructure Investment and Improvement Act”, “The Habitat and Land Conservation Act of 2007”, and to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 8 a.m., SD-215.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.