

Farrow, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Bruce P. Lanphear, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; Thomas G. Neltner, Sierra Club, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of sundry organizations; Mike Nagel, National Association of Home Builders, Roselle, Illinois; and David E. Jacobs, National Center for Healthy Housing, Columbia, Maryland.

TRADE: HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, after receiving testimony from Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Cal Dooley, Grocery Manufacturers/Food Products Association, Washington, D.C.; Sandy Kennedy, Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), Arlington, Virginia; and Jean Halloran, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

HATCH ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, after receiving testimony from James M. Byrne, Deputy Special Counsel, and Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief, Hatch Act Unit, both of the Office of Special Counsel; B. Chad Bungard, General Counsel, Merit Systems Protection Board; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, John Gage, American Federation

of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, and Thomas Devine, Government Accountability Project, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf, and receiving testimony from Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, and Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, both of Washington, D.C.; Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, JAGC, USN (Ret.), Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire; Dawn E. Johnsen, Indiana University Bloomington School of Law, Bloomington, Illinois; and Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and Mary Jo White, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, both of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2007".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 3884–3910; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 239; and H. Res. 756–761 were introduced. **Pages H11775–77**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11777–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–386);

H.R. 3247, to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–387);

H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–388);

H.R. 505, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (H. Rept. 110–389); and

H.R. 3564, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative

Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011 (H. Rept. 110–390). **Page H11775**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11731**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 981. **Pages H11731, H11733–34**

Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts: Representative-elect Niki Tsongas presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on October 16, 2007, the Honorable Niki Tsongas was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Page H11734**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Ms. Niki Tsongas, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Pages H11734–35**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 273 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 982 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H11735–54**

Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–62) and the bill were referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means. **Page H11754**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H11755**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 24th. **Page H11755**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2007—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–65). **Page H11756**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H11733–34 and H11753–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY'S STRUCTURAL CHANGES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; and Robert Perito, Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute for Peace.

TAX CODE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3796, amended, Early Warning and Health Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007.

INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RENDITION OF TORTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on Rendition to Torture: The Case of Maher Arar. Testimony was heard from Maher Arar; and public witnesses.