

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Towns, and Jordan (OH). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 4403, 9003, 9006, 9010, 9015, 9019, and 9020 of the House bill, and secs. 7039, 7051, 7315, 7501, and 9001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Lampson, and McCaul (TX). **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of subtitle D of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velázquez, Shuler, and Chabot. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 2203, 2301, 6019, and 6020 of the House bill, and secs. 2604, 6029, 6030, 6034, and 11087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Norton, and Graves. **Page H2123**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 1303 and title XII of the House bill, and secs. 12001–12601, and 12701–12808 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rangel, Pomeroy, and McCrery. **Page H2123**

For consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201–12601, and 12701–12808), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives DeLauro and Putnam. **Page H2123**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2152–65.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2907, H2097–98, H2098–99, H2113, H2113–14, H2114–15, H2115, H2116, H2116–17, H2118, H2118–19, H2120–21, H2121 and H2122. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce I. Knight, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA.

U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE; INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION; BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the USTR. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the International Trade Administration. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, ATF, Department of Justice.

FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Communications Commission. Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Daniel Nichols, Assistant Chief.

ARMY BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Army Budget. Testimony was heard from Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

STATUS—IRAQ WAR AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS; STATUS OF U.S. GROUND FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ryan C. Crocker, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

The Committee also held a hearing and on the current status of U.S. ground forces. Testimony was

heard from GEN Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; and GEN Robert A. Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5522, amended, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008; and H.R. 5715, To ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families.

PROTECTING THE MEDICAID SAFETY NET ACT OF 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5613, Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008.

HOUSING STABILIZATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP RETENTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention.” Testimony was heard from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Randall Kroszner, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

IRAQ REPORT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Report on Iraq. Testimony was heard from David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ryan C. Crocker, Ambassador to Iraq, Department of Defense.

FEMA RESPONSE/RECOVERY CAPABILITIES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Ensuring FEMA’s Ability to Respond and Recover in the Wake of a National Catastrophe.” Testimony was heard from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Acting Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

HOMELAND SECURITY’S MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a

hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Solving the Department of Homeland Security’s Management Challenges.” Testimony was heard from Elaine Duke, Deputy Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the 2008 Presidential Primaries and Caucuses: “What we’ve learned so far.” Testimony was heard from April E. Pye, Interim Director, Registration and Elections, Fulton County, Georgia; Alisha Alexander, Elections Administrator, County Board of Elections, Prince George’s County, Maryland; Linda Weedon, Deputy Director, Elections, Maricopa County, Arizona; and public witnesses

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5608, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments Act, H.R. 3522, To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, H.R. 3490, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007, S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe, and H.R. 5680, To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary; and Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Robert McSwain, Acting Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5687, as amended, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees; H.R. 752, amended, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 1734, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630

Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office;” H. Res. 1026, Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; H.R. 5601, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7925 West Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Sergeant Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building;” and H.R. 5631, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building.”

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a joint hearing on 2010 Census, Progress on the Development of the Field Data Collection Automation Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of the Census: Department of Commerce: Steven H. Murdock, Director; and Preston Jay Waite, Deputy Director; the following officials of the GAO: Mathew Scire, Director, Strategic Issues; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL SECURITY ID CARDS; BACKGROUND CHECKS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Federal Security: ID Cards and Background Checks. Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; Kathy Dillaman, Associate Director, Investigations, OPM; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Michael Sade, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Integrated Technology Service, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; Thomas Wisner, Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

COLUMBIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT RELATING TO CONSIDERATION

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a rule providing that section 151(e)(1) and section 151(f)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not apply in the case of H.R. 5724, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

GAS PRICES' IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “The

Impact of Increasing Gas Prices on Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AVIATION DELAYS AND CONSUMER ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Delays and Consumer Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and D. J. Gribbin, General Counsel, Office of the Secretary; and public witnesses.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Transportation Challenges of Metropolitan Areas. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Assistant Director, Department of Transportation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Held a hearing on Ending Homelessness for our Nation’s Veterans. Testimony was heard from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Libby Perl, Analyst in Housing, CRS; a representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE TAX ACT; TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5720, Housing Assistance Tax Act of 2008; and H.R. 5719, Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008.

ASSESSING THE FIGHT AGAINST AL- QAEDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Assessing the Fight Against Al-Qaeda. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GLOBAL WARMING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Healthy Planet, Healthy People: Global Warming and Public Health.” Testimony was heard from Howard Frumkin, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 10, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Housing Administration's role in addressing the housing crisis, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government in Iraq meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, the future U.S. military presence in Iraq, and the situation in Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety oversight, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing Hawaii's Air Service Market, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine identity theft, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine negotiating a long-term relationship with Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine climate change, focusing on a challenge for public health, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, and Gordon James Whiting,

of New York, all to be Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on NOAA, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn, and on EEOC, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Waste, 9 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Secretary of DHS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Government Accountability Office, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on European Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on U.S. Policy and Program in Iraq, 11 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn, and on U.S. Treasury International Assistance Programs and U.S. Contributions to International Financial Institutions, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: hearing on Contingency Contracting: Implementing a Call for Urgent Reform, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army acquisition programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workplace Protections, hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Strengths and Weaknesses of Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Using Existing Clean Air Act Authorities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings entitled "Using FHA for Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Power for the 21st Century: The Constitutional Perspective, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing and briefing on the Crisis in the Andes: The Border Dispute Between Columbia and Ecuador, and Implications for the Region, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization and Improvement of DNA Initiatives of the Justice For All Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5541, Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act; and H.R. 5648, Emergency Wildland Fire Response Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Investigation into the Sale of Sensitive, In-Demand Military Equipment and Supplies on the Internet, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Modernizing the Tax Code: Updating the Internal Revenue Code to Help Small Businesses Stimulate the Economy,” 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cosco Busan and Marine Casualty Investigation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Old Post Office Building: The General Services Administration’s Plans for Future Use, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008, and H.R. 5509, Noble Warrior Act, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on extending unemployment insurance, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Colombia, 8:30 a.m., and, executive, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget—Cyber Initiative, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the displacement of Iraqi citizens on Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Turkey, and other surrounding countries in the region, 2:30 p.m., 1100, Longworth Building.