

Mailman School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, and Martha Stewart, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, both of New York, New York; Robyn I. Stone, Institute for the Future of Aging Services, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Serv-

ices for the Aging; Todd Semla, American Geriatrics Society, Evanston, Illinois; Mary McDermott, Wisconsin Home Care Commission, Verona; and Sally Bowman, Oregon State University College of Health and Human Sciences, Corvallis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5813–5827; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; H. Con. Res. 329; and H. Res. 1110–1116 were introduced. **Pages H2441–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2443–44**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2357**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Charles B. Simmons, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. **Page H2357**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008: H.R. 5813, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008. **Pages H2361–62**

Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008: The House passed H.R. 2634, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, by a recorded vote of 285 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 199. **Pages H2367–75, H2376–94**

Agreed to the Mario Diaz-Balart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 291 yeas to 130 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 198. Subsequently, Representative Frank (MA) reported the bill back to the House

with the amendments and the amendments were agreed to. **Pages H2391–93**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Pages H2385–87**

Accepted:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that adds a Sense of the Congress that, due to the current humanitarian and political instability in Haiti, including food shortages and political turmoil, the Secretary of the Treasury should use his influence to expedite the complete and immediate cancellation of Haiti’s debts to all international financial institutions, or if such debt cancellation cannot be provided, to urge the institutions to immediately suspend the requirement that Haiti make further debt service payments on debts owed to the institutions; **Pages H2389–90**

Frank (MA) modified amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that makes various technical corrections within the bill’s “Findings” section, and adds under the eligibility criteria the requirement that a country must also be complying with minimum standards for eliminating human trafficking, must be cooperating with American efforts to stop illegal immigration to the United States, and be committed to free and fair elections (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 196); and **Pages H2387–88, H2390**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–586) that adds a provision to Section 1626, defining an “eligible low-income country” to include that the government shall have been chosen by, and permits, free elections (by a recorded vote of 382 ayes to 41 noes, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 197). **Pages H2388–89, H2390–91**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2394**

H. Res. 1103, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 193, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 192.

Pages H2372–74

Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, April 17th.

Pages H2362–67, H2374–76, H2394–99

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–590 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

Page H2362

Agreed to the George Miller (CA) motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 395 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 200.

Pages H2398–99

H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 195, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 194.

Pages H2374–75

Beach Protection Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2537, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, by voice vote. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, April 10th.

Pages H2399–H2411, H2412–24

Accepted:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of April 8, 2008) that makes technical and clarifying changes to the bill;

Pages H2412–14

Bilbray amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that adds a new section relating to the use of molecular diagnostics for monitoring and assessing coastal recreation waters;

Pages H2414–16

Kucinich amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that provides that in cases where a source of pathogenic contamination is identified, the State or local government shall make information on the existence of such source available to the public on the Internet within 24 hours of the identification of such source;

Pages H2416–19

Kirk modified amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that inserts a new section entitled “Monitoring Protocol For Mercury”;

Pages H2419–20

Richardson amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that adds a new section relating to the National List of Beaches; and

Pages H2420–21

Inslee amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that requires the Administrator of the EPA to conduct a study on the long-term impact of climate change on pollution of coastal recreation waters.

Pages H2421–23

Withdrawn:

McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in coastal recreation waters.

Pages H2423–24

Point of Order:

Fossella amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that sought to add a new title to the bill entitled “Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2008” (agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 201).

Pages H2399–H2411

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

Page H2424

H. Res. 1083, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, April 10th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, April 14th:

Expressing support for the designation of the month of April 2008, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month:

H. Res. 1097, amended, to express support for the designation of the month of April 2008, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month to provide attention to the tragic circumstances that face some of our Nation’s children on a daily basis and to underscore our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect so that all children can live in safety and security, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 202.

Page H2411

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2362.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2373, H2374, H2374–75, H2375, H2390, H2390–91, H2392–93, H2393–94, H2398–99, H2410–11, H2411. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the SEC. Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agency Agencies held a hearing on Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, Special Operations Command, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the National Industrial Security Program: Addressing the Implications of Globalization and Foreign Ownership for the Defense Industrial Base. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense; Troy Sullivan, Deputy Under Secretary, Counterintelligence and Security; Kathleen Watson, Director, Defense Security Service; and William Schneider, Chairman, Defense Science Board; and Ann Calvaresi-Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

GROUND FORCE READINESS SHORTFALLS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on H. Res. 834, Regarding the readiness decline of the Army, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Reserves, and the implications for national security. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RETIREMENT PLAN DISCLOSURE RULES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3185, 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2007.

PROTECTING THE MEDICAID SAFETY NET ACT OF 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5613, Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008.

REFORM INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Examining Proposals to Reform Insurance Regulation." Testimony was heard from David G. Nelson, Assistant Sec-

retary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND SOUND MORTGAGE SERVICING ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 5679, Foreclosure Prevention and Sound Mortgage Servicing Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Laura A. Maggiano, Deputy Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Judy Caden, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Ensuring Successful Implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Kathleen Kraninger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Screening Coordination Office; and Robert Jacksta, Executive Director, Traveler Security and Facilitation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Derwood Staeben, Senior Advisor, Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, Department of State; Liz Luce, Director, Department of Licensing, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NON-AGRICULTURAL FOREIGN WORKERS PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held an oversight hearing on the H-2b Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stupak, Bishop of New York and Gilchrest; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DRIFTNET FISHING MORATORIUM; SHARK CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the implementation of the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported fishing provisions of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and a hearing on H.R. 5741 Shark Conservation Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State; Rebecca Lent, Director, Office of International Affairs, NOAA, Department of Commerce; CAPT Michael Giglio, USCG, Chief,