

bill payment delinquencies of up to 180 days an extenuating circumstance which shall not interfere with parents' ability to receive PLUS loans for their children's tuition; and

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George Miller (CA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–590) that makes technical and conforming changes; states that loan limit increases available under this Act are available only to students meeting the requirements of section 484(a) of the HEA; targets the loan limit increases to those students and families in most need; in regard to school-wide lender-of-last-resort eligibility, specifies that the Secretary of Education shall determine whether a school qualifies and provides criteria for the Secretary to consider in making the determination; specifies that funds received by lenders from loan sales be used to originate new loans; clarifies that the Secretary has the authority to enter into forward commitments to purchase new loans; and clarifies that, at the discretion of the Secretary, a loan purchased by the Secretary may continue to be serviced by the current lender (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 203).

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H. Res. 1107, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, April 16th.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:21 p.m.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Lou Costantino, an employee of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 23rd.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he provided notification of his intent to add the Solomon Islands to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–105).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2468.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2466–67, H2467. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY MORALE-WELFARE-RECREATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Leslye A. Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy; MG John A. Macdonald, USA, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Commander, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command; RADM Robert J. Bianchi, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; BG Keith L. Thurgood, USAR, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Timothy R. Larsen, Director, Personal and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Richard Page, Acting Director, Defense Commissary Agency; John Baker, Fleet and Family Readiness Program Director, Navy Installations Command; and Arthur J. Myers, Director of Services, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Missile Defense Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Charles E. McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; LTG Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and LTG Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights. Testimony was heard from Senators Levin and Wyden; Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Chief Counsel and First Senior Deputy Comptroller; and John Bowman, General Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

PREVENTING NUCLEAR IRAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing on *Between Feckless and Reckless: U.S. Policy Options to Prevent a Nuclear Iran*. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Feltman, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5464, A Child is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act, and H.R. 5352, Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Emanuel, Sestak, Rothman and Klein of Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5541, amended, Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement 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, and for other purposes; S. 2457, To provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western Tribe); H.R. 1575, amended, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act; and H.R. 3490, amended, Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007.

MEAT INDUSTRY SAFETY/TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on *After the Beef Recall: Exploring Greater Transparency in the Meat Industry*. Testimony was heard from Richard Raymond, Under Secretary, Food Safety, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC LANDS USE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on *Maintaining Public Lands for Hunting, Fishing, Ranch-*

ing and Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING—SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5819.SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.

GREENING WASHINGTON AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on *First in a Series: Greening Washington and the National Capital Region*. Testimony was heard from David Winstead, Commissioner, Public Building Service, GSA; George Hawkins, Director, Department of the Environment, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**ARMENIA AND MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Armenia and the United States, focusing on Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) negotiations on Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia's qualifications for assistance from the Millennium Challenge Account, after receiving testimony from Matthew Bryza, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Vigen Sargsian, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia; and Arman Grigorian, Williamsburg, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee hearings are scheduled.