

Kameran L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECRET LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine secret law—certain counterterrorist measures employed since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and the threat to democratic and accountable government, after receiving testimony from John P. Elwood, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, Bradford A. Berenson, Sidley Austin, LLP, former Associate Counsel to the President, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler, all of Washington, D.C.; Dawn E. Johnsen, Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, former Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; Heidi Kitrosser, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and J. William Leonard, former Director of the In-

formation Security Oversight Office, National Archives, Leonardtown, Maryland.

HIRING AND RETAINING ELDERLY WORKERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine establishing government as a model for hiring and retaining elderly workers, focusing on critical gaps in leadership and institutional knowledge, increasing the challenges government agencies face in maintaining a skilled workforce, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, and Robert N. Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, United States Office of Personnel Management; Thomas M. Dowd, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5926–5936; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 81, were introduced. **Page H2947**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2947–49**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1167, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–614). **Page H2947**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2859**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Nathan Meador, Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, Illinois. **Page H2859**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. The House reconvened at 12:15 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Pages H2860, H2863**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland: The House and

Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Emanuel, Larson (CT), Obey, Markey, Neal (MA), Maloney (NY), Kennedy, Crowley, Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, McCotter, Ros-Lehtinen, McCrery, Walsh (NY), King (NY), McHugh, and Ferguson; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kennedy, Leahy, Dodd, Kerry, Casey, McConnell, Cornyn, Cochran, and Collins. **Pages H2860–63**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 358 yeas to 51 nays with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 229—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2867–85, H2908–09**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft: H. Res. 444, to support the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, to honor the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and to recognize the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; **Pages H2886–88**

Promoting the safe operation of 15-passenger vans: H. Res. 964, amended, to promote the safe operation of 15-passenger vans; **Pages H2888–90**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Promoting the safe operation of 15-passenger vans.”

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Making technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007: H.R. 5919, to make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007;

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Commending the University of Kansas Jayhawks for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship: H. Res. 1096, to commend the University of Kansas Jayhawks for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship; **Pages H2894–96**

Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team on Winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships: H. Res. 1100, amended, to congratulate the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team on Winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships; **Pages H2896–98**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: H. Con. Res. 330, to support the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; **Pages H2898–H2901**

Recognizing the roles and contributions of America’s teachers to building and enhancing our Nation’s civic, cultural, and economic well being: H. Res. 1130, to recognize the roles and contributions of America’s teachers to building and enhancing our Nation’s civic, cultural, and economic well being. **Pages H2901–03**

Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week: H. Res. 1119,

to support the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week; **Pages H2903–04**

Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month: H. Res. 1149, amended, to express support for the designation of April 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month, and to support efforts to devote new resources to research the causes of the disease, environmental and otherwise, along with treatments and workforce strategies to support individuals with sarcoidosis; **Pages H2904–06**

Supporting the mission and goals of Workers Memorial Day: H. Res. 1154, to support the mission and goals of Workers Memorial Day in order to honor and remember the workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace; and **Pages H2906–07**

Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007: H.R. 1777, amended, to amend the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws. **Pages H2922–24**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 308, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service. **Pages H2885–86**

Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 5522, to require the Secretary of Labor to issue interim and final occupational safety and health standards regarding worker exposure to combustible dust, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 165 noes, Roll No. 233. **Pages H2909–22**

Rejected the Walberg motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 232. **Pages H2919–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2914**

Accepted:

George Miller (CA) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–613) that makes four adjustments to the bill: (1) corrects the short title; (2) provides that engineering controls required by the interim standard shall be effective 6 months after issuance of the standard (rather than 30 days); (3)

maintains the provision that DOL shall include appropriate and relevant NFPA standards in the final standard but eliminates references to specific NFPA standards; and (4) clarifies that the final standard shall be conducted in accordance with usual rule-making procedural requirements, including those that provide for small business review (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 230).

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Rejected:

Wilson (SC) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–613) that sought to direct OSHA to wait for the outcome of the Imperial Sugar investigation and findings from the combustible dust National Emphasis Program before deciding on whether to move forward with a standard (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 237 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 231).

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

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H. Res. 1157, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 228, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 227.

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Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ryan (WI) gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. **Page H2922**

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Kind gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. **Page H2922**

Food and Energy Security Act of 2007—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House began consideration of the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, May 1st. **Pages H2924–30**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2859 and H2922.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2907–08, H2908, H2909, H2918, H2919, H2921, and H2921–22. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor; Vincent Gray, Chairman, City Council; and Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

21ST CENTURY HIGH-PERFORMANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3021, 21st Century High-Performance Public School Facilities Act.

FHA HOUSING STABILIZATION AND HOMEOWNERSHIP RETENTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of H.R. 5830, FHA Housing Stabilization and Homeownership Retention Act of 2008.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5916, Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008; and H.R. 5834, North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension calendar: H.R. 3658, To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service; 2008; H.R. 1011, Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan; H. Res. 1063, Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H. Res. 1109, Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place