

freight movement, after receiving testimony from Paul Brubaker, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; Rear Admiral Richard M. Larrabee, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Astrid C. Glynn, New York State Department of Transportation, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), both of New York, New York; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.; and Glenn Vanselow, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, Portland, Oregon.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to the 47 million Americans without health care insurance, focusing on the current health care marketplace, after receiving testimony from Raymond Arth, Phoenix Products, Inc., Avon Lake, Ohio, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; Ronald A. Williams, Aetna, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; Mark A. Hall, Wake

Forest University Health Sciences, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Lisa Kelly, Lake Jackson, Texas.

COERCIVE INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of coercive interrogation techniques, focusing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) role, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Valerie E. Caproni, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and John E. Cloonan, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent, West Caldwell, New Jersey, all of the Department of Justice; Philippe Sands, University College London, London, United Kingdom; and Philip B. Heymann, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6219–6231; 1 private bill, H.R. 6232; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 369–370; and H.Res. 1256, 1259–1261 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5215–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5541, to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–704, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3754, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects (H. Rept. 110–705);

H.R. 1553, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-

based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–706); and

H. Res. 1257, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (H. Rept. 110–707).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Walberg moved to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of H.R. 3089, to secure unrestricted reliable energy for American consumption and transmission (Discharge Petition No. 8).

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hooley, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science and Technology, effective today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Matsui, wherein she resigned from the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective today. **Page H5126**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Doyle, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Marshall, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1256, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Childers. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Matsui. Committee on Financial Services: Representatives Speier, Cazayoux, and Childers. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Carson. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Cazayoux.

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Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1253, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6003, to reauthorize Amtrak, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 392, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 391.

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

Merida Initiative to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Organized Crime Authorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6028, amended, to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 393;

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Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783: H. Res. 1063, to mark 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 to acknowledge 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 394;

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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: H. Con. Res.

322, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation: H. Con. Res. 318, amended, to support the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 395;

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Honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict: H. Con. Res. 337, to honor Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict;

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Honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans: H. Con. Res. 336, to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 396;

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Awarding posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi: S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi—clearing the measure for the President;

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Recognizing the importance of manufactured housing in the United States: H. Res. 1010, to recognize the importance of manufactured housing in the United States;

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Edward William Brooke III Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 682, to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation—clearing the measure for the President;

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Recognizing the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Cooperative Credit Association, the “Bank of the People”, and the birth of the American credit union: H. Res. 1145, to recognize the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Cooperative Credit Association, the “Bank of the People”, and the birth of the American credit union;

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National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3229, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States

Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center; and

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Mother's Day Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2268, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

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

Expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II: H. Res. 1235, to express support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and to recognize the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II.

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Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that if the gentleman from Ohio, Representative Kucinich, offers a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House at any time on the legislative day of June 10, 2008 (1) the previous question shall be considered as ordered thereon without intervening motion except one motion to refer; and (2) the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on such a vote on a motion to refer as though under clause 8(a)(1)(A) of rule 20.

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Chief Administrative Officer Designations: Read a letter from Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer, wherein he designated Ali Qureshi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Operations and Walter Edwards, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Customer Solutions to act in his stead in the event of his death, resignation, separation from office or disability until a Chief Administrative Officer is appointed.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Kucinich rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered a resolution, and the Chair directed the Clerk to report the resolution. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5141, H5142, H5142–43, H5172–73, H5173, H5174. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

Committee Meetings

PHTHALATES AND BISPHENOL-A CONSUMER SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Safety of Phthalates and Bisphenol-A in Everyday Consumer Products." Testimony was heard from Michael A. Babich, Chemist, Consumer Product Safety Commission; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John R. Bucher, Associate Director, National Toxicology Programs, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; and Norris Alderson, Associate Commissioner, Science, FDA; L. Earl Gray, Research Biologist, EPA; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition: 252 Days and Counting." Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Bernadette McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INSURANCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 5840, Insurance Information Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Jeremiah O. Norton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Brian P. Kennedy, member, House of Representatives, State of Rhode Island; Michael T. McRaith, Director, Division of Insurance, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCE AND RENDITION TO TORTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture: The Perspective of the State Department's Legal Adviser. Testimony was heard from John B. Bellinger III, Legal Adviser, Department of State.

FAIRNESS IN NURSING HOME ARBITRATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration