

predict tornado events; and also requires NASA to examine if there are other areas where NASA can work with NOAA in the area of tornado research;

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Yarmuth amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that requires NASA to respond to recommendations in recent reports of the Government Accountability Office and the National Academy of Sciences to ensure the public has access to correct and timely research and data on global warming; and

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Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that clarifies that the NASA Outreach and Technology Assistance Program will include small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses; also gives preference, in selection for the program, to socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and HUBZone small business concerns.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Lampson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that seeks to exempt NASA from Section 526(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 if the contract does not specifically require the contractor to provide an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional source, the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source, and the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source and

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Hodes amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that seeks to establish a scholarship program in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord, New Hampshire who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. The scholarship would go to women pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, and engineering.

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H. Res. 1257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 406, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 405.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5342, H5343, H5343–44, H5344, H5345, H5347–48, H5360–61, H5361, H5362. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

### **CHEMICAL FACILITY SECURITY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5533, Chemical Facilities Act of 2008; and HR. 5577, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Robert B. Stephan, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **SUBPOENAS—FOOD SAFETY RECORDS; FDA'S FOOD PROTECTION PLAN**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and approved the issuance of subpoenas for records in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing investigation regarding the safety of the Nation's food supply.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "American Lives Still at Risk: When Will FDA's Food Protection Plan Be Fully Funded and Implemented?" Testimony was heard from Lisa Shames, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; David W. K. Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **RUSSIA, IRAN AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Russia, Iran, and Nuclear Weapons: Implications of the Proposed U.S.-Russia Agreement. Testimony was heard from Representative Markey; John C. Rood, Acting Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; Robert J.

Einhorn, former Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Non-proliferation, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations: An Overview. Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Arvizu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

### FAIR HOUSING ACT ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Enforcement of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Testimony was heard from Jessie Liu, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

### GREEN CARDS—HIGHLY-SKILLED WORKER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigrations, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on the Need for Green Cards for Highly Skilled Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CARBON DIOXIDE—ENHANCES OIL RECOVERY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Spinning Straw Into Black Gold: Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Carbon Dioxide. Testimony was heard from Timothy Spisak, Chief, Fluid Minerals Division, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Scott Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### U.S.-PALAU FREE ASSOCIATION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Associations Between the United States and the Republic of Palau. Testimony was heard from Tom Bussanich, Director, Budget Grants Management Division, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Glyn T. Davies, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Billy Kuartei, Chief of Staff to H. E. Tommy Remengesau, Republic of Palau.

### OVERSIGHT—HYDROPOWER

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Hydropower: Providing 75% of America's Current Renewable Energy, Exploring its role as a continued source of Clean, Renewable Energy for the Future. Testimony was heard from Bob Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Bob Morton, member, Senate, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

### ABRAMOFF INVESTIGATION REPORT; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Approved a Committee report entitled "Jack Abramoff's Contacts with White House Officials."

The Committee also ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 984, Expressing the support for the designation of July 26, 2008, as National Day of the Cowboy; H. Res. 1002, amended, Expressing the support for the designation of April 2008 as Public Radio Recognition Month; H. Res. 1029, amended, Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio "Chi Chi" Rodriguez for his continuing success on and off the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country; H. Res. 1219, Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 1237, Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; H. Con. Res. 195, Expressing the sense of Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established; H. Con. Res. 370, Expressing support for the designation of Gospel Music Heritage Month and honoring gospel music for its valuable contributions to American culture; H.R. 4010, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building"; H.R. 5506, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building"; H.R. 5975, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office"; H.R. 6061, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street

in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”; H.R. 6085, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”; H.R. 6092, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building”; H.R. 6150, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”; and S. 171, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building.”

#### **EPA’S INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing on Toxic Communities: How EPA’s IRIS Program Fails the Public. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TAX REPORTING**

*Committee on Small Business*: Held a hearing entitled “Electronic Payments Tax Reporting: Another Tax Burden for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MARITIME COMMERCIAL VESSEL DISCHARGES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Commercial Vessel. Testimony was heard from James Hanlon, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, EPA; Andrew Fisk, Bureau Director, Land and Water Quality, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Maine; William W. Walker, Executive Director, Department of Marine Resources, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

#### **VETERAN’S MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1197, Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007; H.R. 3008, Rural Veterans Services Outreach and Training Act; H.R. 3070, Disabled Veterans’ Caregiver Compensation Act; H.R. 3795, You Were There, You Get Care Act of 2007; H.R. 4274, Gold Star Parents Annuity Act of 2007; H.R. 5155, Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008; H.R. 5448, Full Faith in Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 5454, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption

of service connection of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis for purposes of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 5709, Veterans Disability Fairness Act; H.R. 5954, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans for presumptions of service connection for purposes of benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs for diseases associated with service in the Armed Forces and exposure to biological, chemical, or other toxic agents as part of Project 112, and for other purposes; H.R. 5985, Compensation for Combat Veterans Act; and H.R. 6032, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson’s Disease. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wu, Shea-Porter, Allen, Thompson of California; and Rehberg; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation Pension Services, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sidath Viranga Panangala. Analyst, Veterans Policy, CRS, Library of Congress; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—DOD PROGRAMS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on DOD Programs. The Committee was briefed by LTG James Clapper, USAF (Ret.), Under Secretary of Defense, Intelligence.

#### **GLOBAL CHANGE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Change National Intelligence Assessment. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **IRAQ WAR FUNDING**

*Joint Economic Committee*: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future costs of funding the war in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer, Helena; and Christine Eibner, RAND Corporation, Captain Tom Tarantino (Ret.) USA, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), and William W. Beach, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.