

Issues, Government Accountability Office; Marcus C. Peacock, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Jim Dyer, Chief Financial Officer and Performance Improvement Officer, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Scott Pace, Associate Administrator for Program Analysis and Evaluation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Daniel A. Tucker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Budget; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Annapolis; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

TRIBAL COURTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tribal courts and the administration of justice in Indian country, after receiving testimony from Pat Ragsdale, Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Joe Little, Associate Deputy Director, Office of Justice Services-Division of Tribal Justice Support, both of the Department of the Interior; Roman J. Duran, Jicarilla Apache Nation Courts, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the National American Indian

Court Judges Association; Joseph Thomas Flies-Away, Hualapai Judiciary, Peach Springs, Arizona; Theresa M. Pouley, Tulalip Tribal Court Judge, Tulalip, Washington, on behalf of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association; John St. Clair, Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Court of the Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, Wyoming; and Dorma L. Sahneyah, Hopi Tribal Chief Prosecutor, Kykotsmovi, Arizona.

CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH POLYGAMY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crimes associated with polygamy, focusing on the need for a coordinated state and federal response, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Gregory A. Brower, United States Attorney, District of Nevada, and Brett L. Tolman, United States Attorney, District of Utah, both of the Department of Justice; Terry Goddard, Arizona Attorney General, Phoenix; Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, Austin; Stephen Singular, Denver, Colorado; Dan Fischer, Sandy, Utah; and Carolyn Jessop, West Jordan, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 6593–6598, 6600–6624; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 396; and H. Res. 1373–1380 were introduced. **Pages H7163–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7165–66**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2780, to amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–770);

H.R. 6388, to provide additional authorities to the Comptroller General of the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–771);

H.R. 674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–772);

H.R. 2192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–773);

H.R. 4255, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–774);

H.R. 6599, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–775);

H.R. 4806, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the overclassification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–776); and

H.R. 5983, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–777). **Pages H7131, H7163**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7061**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Kelly D. McInerney, Bible Baptist Church, Wilmington, Ohio. **Page H7061**

Discharge Petition: Representative Souder moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 1331, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1399) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia (Discharge Petition No. 14).

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1367, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 525, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 524. **Pages H7071–79**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Providing for the sale of light grade petroleum from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and its replacement with heavy grade petroleum: H.R. 6578, amended, to provide for the sale of light grade petroleum from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and its replacement with heavy grade petroleum, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 527. **Pages H7079–93**

Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6578 be extended by 15 minutes, equally divided and controlled. **Page H7085**

National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, and to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, by a yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 530. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 23rd. **Pages H7093–97**

Rejected the Poe motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 151 yeas to 268 noes with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 529. **Pages H7094–96**

Accepted:

Childers amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–760), that was debated on Wednesday, July 23rd, that seeks to provide that none of the funds may be used to employ workers in violation of section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (by a recorded vote of 416 yeas to 1 no with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 528). **Page H7093**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H7097**

H. Res. 1344, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 23rd.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H7096**

Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 115 nays, Roll No. 531—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7097–H7122, H7132–33**

H. Res. 1362, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 526. **Pages H7065–71, H7079**

Relating to the House procedures contained in section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003: The House agreed to H. Res. 1368, relating to the House procedures contained in section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 532, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H7122–32, H7133–34**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, July 23rd:

Supporting the designation of a National Child Awareness Month to promote awareness of children’s charities and youth-serving organizations across the United States and recognizing their efforts on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment for the future of our Nation: H. Res. 1296, amended, to support the designation of a National Child Awareness Month to promote awareness of children’s charities and youth-serving organizations across the United States and to recognize their efforts on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment for the future of our Nation, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 533. **Page H7134**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro

tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 28, 2008.

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Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Appointments: The Chair announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, pursuant to section 1(b) of H. Res. 895, 110th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Minority Leader: Mr. David Skaggs of Colorado, Chairman; Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of California, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Karan English of Arizona, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Abner Mikva of Illinois, Alternate. Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. Porter J. Goss of Florida, Cochairman; Mr. James M. Eagen, III of Colorado, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Allison R. Hayward of Virginia, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Bill Frenzel of Virginia, Alternate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 28th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29th for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 30th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7061.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7077–78, H7078, H7079, H7092–93, H7093, H7095–96, H7096–97, H7132–33, H7133, and H7134. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS RENEWABLE FUELS STANDARD ELIGIBILITY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review Renewable Fuels Standard implementation and agriculture producer eligibility. Testimony was heard from Robert Meyers, Principal Deputy Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Arthur Blazer, Forestry Division, Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT; IMPROVING PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Benefits of Physical and Health Education for our Nation's Children. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kind and Wamp; Lori Rose Benson, Director, Fitness and Health Education, Department of Education, New York City; Richard Simmons, Fitness Expert; Tim Brown, former Oakland Raider; and public witnesses.

CARBON SEQUESTRATION'S DRINKING WATER RISKS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Carbon Sequestration: Risks, Opportunities, and Protection of Drinking Water." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Robert C. Burruss, Research Geologist, Energy Resources Team, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Scott M. Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Long-Term Care Insurance: Are Consumers Protected for the Long Term?" Testimony was heard from John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, GAO; Jack E. Vogelsong, Chief, Division of Long Term Living Outreach and Education, Department of Aging, State of Pennsylvania; Sean Dilweg, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin; Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Florida; Eric Dinallo, Superintendent, Department of Insurance, State of New York; Mike Kreidler, Commissioner, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL MARKETS REGULATORY RESTRUCTURING; WEAK DOLLAR'S ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Continued hearings entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets." Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC; and Timothy F. Geithner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve System.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Implications of a Weaker Dollar for Oil Prices and the U.S. Economy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.