

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

**HEALTH CARE**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine aging in rural areas of the United States, focusing on preserving elderly citizens' access to health care, after receiving testimony from John Hammarlund, Regional Administrator, Seattle and Chicago Regional Offices, Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid, and Tom Morris, Associate Administrator, Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Margaret Davidson, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), LeGrande, Oregon; Bill Finerfrock, National Association of Rural Health Clinics, Washington, D.C.; Scott Ekblad, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland; Dennis E. Burke, Good Shepherd Health Care System, Hermiston, Oregon; and Tim Size, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, Sauk City.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 87 public bills, H.R. 6684–6771; and 23 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 400–408; and H. Res. 1394–1398, 1400–1408, were introduced. **Pages H7784–88**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7789–90**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1907, to authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and the economies of coastal communities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–811);

H.R. 2535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes (H. Rept. 110–812);

H.R. 3437, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–813);

H.R. 6041, to redesignate the Rio Grande American Canal in El Paso, Texas, as the “Travis C. Johnson Canal” (H. Rept. 110–814);

H.R. 5293, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–815); and

H. Res. 1399, providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2008, through September 4, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–816). **Pages H7783–84**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. William H. Hild, Jr., First Baptist Church, Sarasota, Florida. **Page H7633**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 545. **Pages H7673–74**

**College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a yea-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 544. **Pages H7643–49, H7658–73**

H. Res. 1389, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Page H7643**

**Point of Personal Privilege:** Representative Rangel rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Page H7674**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 1396, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 138 noes with 34 voting “present”, Roll No. 546. **Pages H7674–76**

**Order of Procedure:** Agreed by unanimous consent that, during further proceedings today in the House and the Committee of the Whole, the Chair is authorized to reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to five-minute voting

under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18. **Page H7681**

**Paycheck Fairness Act:** The House passed H.R. 1338, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 556. **Pages H7637-42, H7676-77, H7678-H7704**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 555. **Pages H7701-03**

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 H7691**

Accepted:

Bean amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that strikes Section 3(b), "Application of Provisions," from the bill; **Page H7693**

Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that prohibits the grant program created by the Paycheck Fairness Act from being used for Congressional earmarks; **Pages H7697-98**

Altmire amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that delays the effective date of the bill by six months from the time of enactment. The amendment requires the Department of Labor to educate small businesses about what is required under law and assist them with compliance (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 552); **Pages H7695-96, H7699-H7700**

Giffords amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that clarifies that a plaintiff must show intent (malice or reckless indifference) to recover punitive damages (by a recorded vote of 397 ayes to 29 noes, Roll No. 553); and **Pages H7696-97, H7700**

Cazayoux amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that clarifies that nothing in the Paycheck Fairness Act would affect the obligation of employers and employees to fully comply with all the applicable immigration laws (by a recorded vote of 410 ayes to 16 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 554). **Pages H7697, H7700-01**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110-807) that would have directed the Secretary of Labor to study and report back to Congress within 90 days the effect of the Equal Pay Act amendments contained in the bill (section 3) on employers' ability to recruit and hire employees regardless of gender; the effective date of these amendments would be delayed pending the Secretary's re-

port. If the Secretary found that these amendments are likely to significantly hinder employers' ability to hire and recruit employees regardless of gender, they would not go into effect (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 551). **Pages H7693-95, H7698-99**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H7705**

H. Res. 1388, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 548, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 547. **Pages H7676-77**

**Resolving pending claims against Libya by United States nationals:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 3370, to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7705-06**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, July 30th:

*Employee Verification Amendment Act of 2008:* H.R. 6633, to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 557. **Pages H7704-05**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 29th:

*Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008:* H.R. 6309, amended, to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level and establish additional requirements for certain lead hazard screens; **Page H7706**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level, and for other purposes." **Page H7706**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nation's domestic apple industry:* H. Res. 1143, to support the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nation's domestic apple industry; **Page H7706**

*Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6208, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”; **Page H7706**

*Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the “Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office”; **Pages H7706–07**

*Recognizing the significance of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and the greatness of America in her ability to admit and remedy past mistakes:* H. Res. 1357, amended, to recognize the significance of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and the greatness of America in her ability to admit and remedy past mistakes; **Page H7707**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the significance of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the greatness of America in her ability to admit and remedy past mistakes and to recognize that there are other communities who may have suffered the mistakes of our government but have not received an apology and reparations.”. **Page H7707**

*Authorizing funding for the National Advocacy Center:* H.R. 6083, amended, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center; **Page H7707**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors. **Page H7707**

*Amending title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges:* S. 3295, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H7707**

*Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials,*

*to promote community safety and help provide homeland security:* H. Res. 1324, to request that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security; **Page H7707**

*United States Parole Commission Extension Act of 2008:* S. 3294, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H7707**

*United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008:* H.R. 4255, amended, 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; **Page H7707**

*Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008:* H.R. 6225, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer; **Page H7707**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7707**

*Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008:* H.R. 6221, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans; **Page H7707**

*Amending 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.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; **Page H7709**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month:* H. Res. 1288, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; **Page H7709**

*Congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I*

**Women's Basketball Championship:** H. Res. 1151, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship; and **Page H7709**

**Recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth:** H. Res. 1332, to recognize the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and to encourage employers to increase employment of former foster youth. **Page H7709**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 6599, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, August 1st.

**Pages H7649–58, H7677–78, H7709–75.**

Accepted:

Buyer amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that provides that \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated shall be for the installation of alternative fueling stations at 35 medical facility campuses; **Pages H7751–52**

Hensarling amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that prohibits the use of funds to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence Act and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–140; 42 U.S.C. 17142); **Pages H7762–63**

Taylor amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that prohibits the use of funds to implement section 2703 of Public Law 109–234; **Pages H7763–64**

Stupak amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that prohibits the use of funds to carry out section 111(c)(5) of title 38, United States Code, during fiscal year 2009; **Pages H7764–65**

Wamp amendment (No. 36 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that prohibits the use of funds to modify the standards applicable to the determination of the entitlement of veterans to special monthly pensions; **Page H7765**

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that prohibits the use of funds to enforce section 3, Policy of VHA Directive 2008–25; and **Pages H7765–76**

Gingrey amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that prohibits

the use of funds for the taking of private property for public use without just compensation. **Pages H7772–73**

Withdrawn:

Burgess amendment (No. 35 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding by \$400,000,000, by offset, for design and construction of petroleum refineries for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; **Pages H7742–44**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to insert a new section under title II for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the number of medical centers specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder in underserved urban areas; **Pages H7755–57**

Filner en bloc amendment (consisting of amendments No. 18 and No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to rehabilitative services for veterans and servicemembers with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury; **Pages H7757–58**

Filner amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to insert a new section under title II for the payment to veterans who served in the Philippines during World War II; and **Pages H7758–61**

Terry amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the construction of any new national veterans' cemetery, unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs provides to Congress a list of six new locations for establishment of national cemeteries that includes Omaha, Nebraska. **Pages H7761–62**

Point of Order sustained against:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that sought to add a new Division B entitled "American Energy Act" and **Pages H7724–42**

Buyer amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2008) that sought to provide that \$150,000,000 of the amount appropriated shall be for the installation of appropriate solar electric energy roof applications. **Pages H7752–55**

Proceedings Postponed:

Garrett amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the grants for construction of state extended care facilities account by \$18,018,000; **Pages H7749–51**

McCaul amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that seeks to

prohibit the use of funds for a project or program named for an individual then serving as a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or Senator of the United States Congress; **Page H7764**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that seeks to a new section at the end of the bill for the elimination of military construction congressional earmarks; and

**Pages H7766–72**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2008) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enforce subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act).

**Pages H7773–75**

H. Res. 1384, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 550, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 549.

**Pages H7677–78**

**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2010. **Page H7775**

**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 September 8, 2008. **Page H7775**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7633, H7658 H7723–24 and H7749.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2617 and S. 3370 were held at the desk. **Pages H7633, H7658**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7673, H7673–74, H7675–76, H7676, H7676–77, H7677–78, H7678, H7698–99, H7699–7700, H7700, H7700–01, H7703, H7704 and H7705. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:08 a.m. on Friday, August 1st.

## Committee Meetings

### SUPREME COURT—GUANTANAMO DECISION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba:

Administration Perspectives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Daniel Dell'Orto, Acting General Counsel; COL Steve David, USA, Chef Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions, Department of the Army; and Sandra Hodgkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Detainee Affairs; and Greg Katsas, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### U.S. GRAND STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A New U.S. Grand Strategy (Part 2). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NAVY DESTROYER ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on Navy Destroyer Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Ship Programs; and VADM Barry McCullough, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Resources and Capabilities; Eric Labs, Senior Analyst, CBO; Paul Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and Ron O'Rourke, Specialist in National Security, CRS, Library of Congress.

### MIDDLE CLASS INCOME GAP

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Projects held a hearing on The Growing Income Gap in the American Middle Class. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 6594, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney of New York; Nadler, and King of New York; Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, City of New York; and public witnesses.

### RECENT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Recent Salmonella Outbreak: Lessons Learned and Consequences to Industry and Public Health." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Lonnie J. King, D.V.M., Director, National Center for Zoonotic, Bacter-Borne, and Enteric Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and David