

sands resources on Federal lands developed by providing the President with the ability to determine the quickest and most responsible way to access oil shale resources (Discharge Petition No. 17).

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Page H8044**

Discharge Petition: Representative Pearce moved to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 5868, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the retention of members of the Armed Forces on active service or in an active status who would otherwise be retired or separated for a combat-related disability, but who are still medically able to perform noncombat-related military occupational specialties or duties (Discharge Petition No. 18).

Motion To Adjourn: Agreed to the Hoyer motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 588. **Page H8046**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–146).

Pages H8021–22

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8043–44, H8044, H8045, H8046. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE/ENERGY COMMODITY MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review dramatic movements in agriculture and energy commodity markets. Testimony was heard from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman, CFTC.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Examining the Role of Museums and Libraries in Strengthening Communities. Testimony was heard from Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services; and public witnesses.

TRAVEL PROMOTION ACT; CALL CENTER CONSUMER'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce Trade, and Consumer Protections in Tourism and Commerce held a hearing on Economic and Security Concerns in Tourism and Commerce, including the following bills: H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; and H.R. 1776, Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act. Testimony was heard from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection; and public witnesses.

ELECTRIC GRID CYBER-SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Electric Grid From Cyber-Security Threats." Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, FERC; and public witnesses.

FAIR COPYRIGHT IN RESEARCH WORKS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 6945, Fair Copyright in Research Works Act. Testimony was heard from Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

JUVENILE JUSTICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4300, Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3114, National Women's Rights History Project Act; H.R. 4162, San Bernardino Biomass Use Facilitation Act; H.R. 6156, Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act; H.R. 6233, To reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; H.R. 6290, Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2008; H.R. 6291, Oregon Treasures Act of 2008; H.R. 6470, River Basin National Battlefield Act;

H.R. 6553, To clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System lands subject to ski area permits; and H.R. 6628, Connell Lake Watershed Protection and Recreation Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Lewis of California; Slaughter, McKeon, Blumenauer and Jones; David N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

HATCH ACT MODERNIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 4272, To amend chapter 15 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for an additional, limited exception to the provision prohibiting a State or local officer or employee from being a candidate for elective office. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Anthony Guglielmi, Director, Congressional and Public Affairs, Office of Special Counsel; Jack Maskell, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

NEXT GENERATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Victoria Cox, Senior Vice President, NextGen and Operations Planning, Air Traffic Operations, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING EXPIRING TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Examining Expiring Tax Incentives and the Needs of Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing of GI Bill Implementation. Testimony was heard from Keith Pedigo, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reforming Medicare's physician payment system. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHALLENGES FACING AMERICAN WORKERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Challenges Facing American Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS; RUSSIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses. Hearing on Russia, 11 a.m., H-405.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Role of the Federal Government in Small Business Disaster Recovery, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.