

*lives and those who were injured:* H. Res. 1421, amended, to solemnly commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and to remember those who lost their lives and those who were injured and **Pages H9216–18**

*First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building”. **Pages H9323–25**

**Order of Procedure:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Monday, September 22nd, or Tuesday, September 23rd, as applicable:

*Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act:* H.R. 160, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; **Page H9406**

*Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2008:* H.R. 2933, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act; **Page H9406**

*Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008:* H.R. 4828, amended, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site; **Page H9406**

*Establishing a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles:* H.R. 6323, amended, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles; **Page H9406**

*National Pain Care Policy Act of 2008:* H.R. 2994, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; and **Page H9406**

*Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2008:* H.R. 1532, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis. **Page H9406**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9087 and H9231.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1382 and S. 2932 were held at the desk; S. Con. Res. 101 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; S. 3328 and S. 2816 were referred to the Committee on Homeland Security; S. 1810 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. 1255 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H9420**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9220, H9229–30, H9230, H9231, H9305, H9305–06, H9364–65, H9365, and H9365–66. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an oversight hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; Bernard Ungar, CVC Project Executive; and Terrie S. Rouse, CEO, Visitor Services; Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; Bill Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### AMERICAN GRAND STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Consideration for an American Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from GEN Jack Keane, USA (Ret.), former Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Hazardous Substance Releases and Reporting under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). Testimony was heard from Susan P. Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Anu Mittal, Director, National Resources and Environment, GAO; and a public witness.

### **FUTURE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES: EXPLORING SOLUTIONS FOR THE MARKET CRISIS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on The Future of Financial Services: Exploring Solutions for the Market Crisis. Testimony was heard from Representatives Watt of North Carolina; Brad Sherman; Dennis Moore of Kansas; Al Green of Texas; Emanuel Cleaver; Lincoln Davis of Tennessee; Ron Klein of Florida; Ed Perlmutter; Bill Foster; Andre Carson; Joe Crowley; Jeb Hensarling; Scott Garrett; and J. Gresham Barrett; Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### **REPORT CARD ON HOMELAND SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing on A Report Card on Homeland Security Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Michael E. Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center; Russell Porter, Director, Intelligence Fusion Center and Intelligence Bureau, Department of Public Safety, State of Iowa; Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County, State of California; and a public witness.

### **GENERAL ELECTION PREPARATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on House Administration held a joint hearing on Federal, State and Local Efforts to Prepare for the 2008 General Election. Testimony was heard from Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on recent trends concerning annual budgets for the National Wildlife Refuge System and implications for management activities. Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Jim Kurth, Acting Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **PREPARING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organiza-

tion, and Procurement held a hearing on Passing the Baton: Preparing for the Presidential Transition. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; Gail Lovelace, Chief Human Capital Officer, GSA; and public witnesses.

### **HOW INFORMATION POLICY AFFECTS COMPETITIVE VIABILITY IN MINORITY CONTRACTING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on How Information Policy Affects Competitive Viability in Minority Contracting. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of U.S.-Pakistan Relations: From Ad Hoc and Transactional to Strategic and Enduring. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on any legislative day through September 27, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

### **PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of September 25, 2008, relating to the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 928) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

(2) The bill (S. 2324) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council

of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and for other purposes.

(3) The bill (S. 1046) to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

(4) The bill (H.R. 6045) to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2012.

(5) The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 214) expressing the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for the 1913 racially motivated conviction of Johnson, which diminished his athletic, cultural, and historic significance, and tarnished his reputation.

(6) The bill (H.R. 4120) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

(7) A bill relating to webcasting.

(8) The bill (H.R. 1777) to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

(9) A bill relating to India nuclear cooperation.

(10) The bill (H.R. 176) to authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

(11) The bill (H.R. 2553) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history, and for other purposes.

(12) The bill (H.R. 3202) to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents of Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

(13) The bill (S. 3426) to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents of Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

(14) The bill (S. 3052) to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

(15) The bill (H.R. 2798) to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

(16) The bill (H.R. 3887) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

(17) The bill (H.R. 1157) to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

(18) The bill (H.R. 6568) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to encourage research and carry out an educational campaign with respect to pulmonary hypertension, and for other purposes.

(19) The bill (H.R. 3232) to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote tourist, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

(20) The bill (H.R. 3402) to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services.

(21) The bill (H.R. 1283) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

(22) The bill (S. 1382) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

(23) The bill (S. 1810) to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

(24) The bill (S. 2932) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

(25) The bill (H.R. 1343) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

(26) The bill (S. 901) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs.

(27) The bill (H.R. 477) to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, and for other purposes.

(28) The bill (S. 999) to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

(29) The bill (H.R. 507) to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

(30) The bill (S. 1117) to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

(31) The bill (H.R. 545) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(32) The bill (S. 85) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(33) The bill (S. 267) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

(34) The bill (H.R. 970) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

(35) The bill (S. 1378) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, and for other purposes.

(36) The bill (S. 3549) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

(37) The bill (S. 906) to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

(38) The bill (H.R. 1534) to prohibit certain sales, distributions, and transfers of elemental mercury, to prohibit the export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

(39) The resolution (H. Res. 1333) supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month.

(40) The bill (H.R. 6460) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, and for other purposes.

(41) The bill (S. 2080) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage

treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

(42) The bill (H.R. 2452) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that publicly owned treatment works monitor for and report sewer overflows, and for other purposes.

(43) The bill (S. 2844) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

(44) The bill (H.R. 2537) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

### **SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FROM MIDWEST DISASTERS OF 2008**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Small Business Recovery from the Midwest Disasters of 2008. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolution.

### **NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD OVERSIGHT OF ELECTIONS FOR UNION REPRESENTATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on National Mediation Board Oversight of Elections for Union Representation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Mediation Board: Read C. Van de Water, Chairman; and Harry R. Hoglander, Member of the Board; and a public witness.

### **GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity continued oversight hearings on G.I. Bill Implementation. Testimony was heard from Curtis L. Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Keith Pedigo, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Testimony was heard from Charles E. F. Millard, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporations; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO.

## PENDING BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to consider pending business.

## PENDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to consider pending business.

## HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearings:* Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a joint hearing to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Conner, Deputy Secretary, Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, all of the Department of Agriculture; Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Baton Rouge; Lyle W. Asell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines; Barbara Prather, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo; Wallace Ellender IV, American Sugar Cane League, Bourg, Louisiana; Natalie Jayroe, Second Harvest Food

Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jay Hardwick, National Cotton Council, Newellton, Louisiana.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Middle East peace process, focusing on progress and prospects, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine ways to prevent nuclear terrorism, focusing on hard lessons learned from troubled investments, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing cost growth of major Department of Defense (DOD) weapons systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement; followed immediately by hearings to examine H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 514, to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida, S. 724, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and S. 1058, to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, H.R. 1943, to provide for an