

NONPARTISAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a nonpartisan commission of inquiry, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Pickering, Hills and Company, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Lee F. Gunn, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.), Institute for Public Research, and Jeremy A. Rabkin, George Mason University School of Law, both of Arlington, Virginia; John J. Farmer, Jr., Arseneault, Whipple, Farmer, Fassett, and Azzarello, LLP, Chatham, New Jersey; and Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health reform in an aging America, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Hamilton, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen E. Timberlake, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Madison; Holly Benson, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Tallahassee; Henry Claypool, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI), New York, New York; Melanie Bella, Center for Health Care Strategies, Hamilton, New Jersey; and Judith Feder, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 1292–1318; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 37; and H. Res. 206–210 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 205, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1106) to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability (H. Rept. 111–23). **Page H2978**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2927**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Cherita Potter, National Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary, Seaside, Oregon. **Page H2927**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The House reconvened at 12:45 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H2928**

Joint Meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He was escorted into the

Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, DeLauro, Skelton, Berman, Neal (MA), McIntyre, Watson, Chandler, Boehner, Cantor, Pence, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, Carter, McCarthy (CA), Ros-Lehtinen, King (NY), McHugh, and Petri; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Dodd, Feingold, Boxer, Cardin, Webb, Shaheen, Kaufman, McConnell, Kyl, Lugar, Corker, Isakson, Risch, Barrasso, and Wicker.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks: H. Res. 201, to recognize Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 94; **Pages H2934–36, H2946**

Recognizing and honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe: H. Res. 195, to recognize and honor the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 95; **Pages H2936–38, H2946–47**

Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March as "National Criminal Justice Month": H. Res. 45, to raise awareness and promote education on the

criminal justice system by establishing March as “National Criminal Justice Month”, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 96; and **Pages H2940–42, H2947–48**

Extending certain immigration programs: H.R. 1127, to extend certain immigration programs.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 14, to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President certifying that export of certain items to the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–21) and **Page H2957**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation beyond March 6, 2009 of the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–22). **Page H2957**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2946, H2946–47, H2947–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Place of NOAA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Project Management Oversight. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on EPA Oversight. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Bill A. Roderick, Acting Inspector General, EPA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1256: Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H.R. 1259, Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009; H.R. 1246, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009; H.R. 1253, Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009; H.R. 20, as amended, Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom’s Opportunity to Access Health Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act; H.R. 479, as amended, Wakefield Act; H.R. 577, as amended, Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009; H.R. 756, National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009; H.R. 914, Physician Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 307, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “TARP Oversight: Is TARP Working for Main Street?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION IMMIGRANT LAW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held hearing entitled “Examining 287(g): The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement in Immigration Law.” Testimony was heard from William Riley, Acting Chairman, Office of State and Local Coordination, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; from the following officials of the State of Maryland: Chief J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Police Department; Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Fairfax County and a public witness.

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: UNDERSTANDING A COMPLEX THREAT ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Afghanistan and Pakistan: Understanding a Complex Threat Environment. Testimony