

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues.

Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 5:56 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget re-

quest for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

AL-SHABAAB RECRUITMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in the United States, after receiving testimony from Philip Mudd, Associate Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Andrew Liepman, Deputy Director of Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Directorate of Intelligence; Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, NC; and Abdirahman Mukhtar, Brian Coyle Center of Pillsbury United Communities, and Osman Ahmed, both of Minneapolis, MN.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, after receiving testimony from Chris Nelson, South Dakota Secretary of State, Pierre; Stephen Ansolabehere, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Curtis Gans, Center for the Study of the American Electorate, Kristen Clarke, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and Jonah H. Goldman, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, all of Washington, DC; and Nathaniel Persily, Columbia Law School, New York, NY.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1426–1453; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 236, were introduced. Pages H3337–38

Additional Cosponsors: Page H3338

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 235, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1262) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds (H. Rept. 111–36). Pages H3329–30

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3147

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

Recognizing and commending the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and Cornell University: H. Res. 67, to recognize and commend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and

Cornell University for the success of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the 5th anniversary of the Rovers' successful landing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 116; **Pages H3292–96**

Urging the President to designate 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family": H. Con. Res. 64, to urge the President to designate 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 119; **Pages H3297–H3330, H3315–16**

Calling on the central authority of Brazil to immediately discharge all its duties under the Hague Convention by facilitating and supporting Federal judicial proceedings as a matter of extreme urgency to obtain the return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman, for immediate return to the United States: H. Res. 125, to call on the central authority of Brazil to immediately discharge all its duties under the Hague Convention by facilitating and supporting Federal judicial proceedings as a matter of extreme urgency to obtain the return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman, for immediate return to the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 120; **Pages H3300–05, H3316–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling on Brazil in accordance with its obligations under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction to obtain, as a matter of extreme urgency, the return of Sean Goldman to his father David Goldman in the United States; urging the governments of all countries that are partners with the United States to the Hague Convention to fulfill their obligations to return abducted children to the United States; and recommending that all other nations, including Japan, that have unresolved international child abduction cases join the Hague Convention and establish procedures to promptly and equitably address the tragedy of international child abductions." **Page H3317**

Supporting the goals of International Women's Day: H. Res. 194, amended, to support the goals of International Women's Day; and **Pages H3305–07**

Recognizing the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and calling for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue: H. Res. 226, to recognize the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and to call for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable

and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 121.

Pages H3307–15, H3317

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

Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009: S. 22, amended, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 117.

Pages H3151–H3290, H3296

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 10th:

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 38, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 417 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 118. **Pages H3296–97**

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

Supporting the designation of Pi Day: H. Res. 224, to support the designation of Pi Day.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–24). **Page H3330**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3150.

Quorum Calls 6 Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3295–97, H3315–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review animal identification systems. Testimony was heard from John R. Clifford, D.V.M., Deputy Administrator,