

**CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate science, focusing on empowering our response to climate change, after receiving testimony from Sean Dilweg, Wisconsin Insurance Division, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Tim Killeen, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA; Katharine Jacobs, Arizona Water Institute, Tucson; and Frank Alix, Powerspan Corporation, Portsmouth, NH.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine promotion lists in the Coast Guard.

**ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINES SITING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased federal siting authority and regional transmission planning, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Jon Wellinchoff, Acting Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Tony Clark, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Reid Dechton, Energy Future Coalition, Washington, DC; Joseph L. Welch, ITC Holdings Corporation, Novi, MI; Graham Edwards, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operation, Inc., Carmel, IN; James A. Dickenson, JEA, Jacksonville, FL, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council; and Michael G. Morris, American Electric Power, Columbus, OH.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary

of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bayh, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**HEALTH CARE REFORM**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine workforce issues in health care reform, focusing on assessing the present and preparing for the future, after receiving testimony from David C. Goodman, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Hanover, NH; Allan H. Goroll, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; and Fitzhugh Mullan, George Washington University, and Steven A. Wartman, Association of Academic Health Centers, both of Washington, DC.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS BUDGET**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for tribal priorities, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline Johnson, National Congress of American Indians, Robert B. Cook, National Indian Education Association, and Cheryl Parish, Bay Mills Housing Authority, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Authority, all of Washington, DC; and Jessica Burger, National Indian Health Board, Manistee, MI.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 55 public bills, H.R. 1454–1508; and 11 resolutions, H.J.

Res. 40; H. Con. Res. 71–72; and H. Res. 237–244, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H3401–02**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 237, electing the following Member to the Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Woolsey (to rank immediately after Representative Gene Green of Texas).

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**Water Quality Investment Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 1262, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, by a recorded vote of 317 ayes to 101 noes, Roll No. 123.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

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Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that authorizes tribal governments to be eligible for technical and management assistance for small publicly-owned sewerage agencies; amends an existing Clean Water Act authority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out pilot projects by ensuring that certain “green technology” activities are eligible for controlling stormwater runoff, and increase the authorization of appropriations for this authority to \$100 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014; clarifies the eligibility for construction of energy-efficient or renewable-energy generation technologies at publicly-owned sewerage agencies under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; provides additional criteria for States to determine “affordability criteria” for waste-water infrastructure projects and activities, including factors related to per capita income and local unemployment rates; provides additional transparency and accountability for expenditures from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund by requiring EPA to conduct, and make publicly available, an annual performance review of expenditures from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including a review of the types and categories of projects and activities carried out using the fund, and an estimate of the number of jobs created from proceeds of the fund; strikes a provision related to the collection of tonnage duties that was unnecessary; authorizes additional studies on the water-related infrastructure needs along the United States-Mexican border region, and the condition of

wastewater infrastructure on the Great Lakes; requires States to set aside 20 percent of combined sewer and sanitary sewer grants to communities that implement green infrastructure or other water and energy efficient improvements; and requires the EPA Administrator to conduct a study on the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in the waters of the United States;

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Markey (CO) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires states to use at least 15 percent (instead of 10 percent as required in the bill) of each capitalization grant for water pollution control to provide assistance to municipalities of less than 10,000 people to the extent that there are sufficient applications for assistance;

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Miller (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that directs the EPA to convene a task force (EPA, FDA, and others appointed by the Administrator of the EPA) to develop recommendations on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals and a strategy to educate the public on those recommendations. Also permits, at the request of the head of the task force, any federal agency or department to detail personnel to the task force;

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Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that prohibits earmarking of funds appropriated as a result of the reauthorization of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Funds included in the bill;

**Pages H3367–68**

Oberstar amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires that States, in the development of their priority methodology, give priority to projects that construct bioswales that filter and naturally store stormwater runoff and floodwaters for future water supply and recharge of natural aquifers;

**Pages H3368–69**

Roskam amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires the Director of OMB to study programs authorized by the Act under the Program Assessment Rating Tool or a successor performance assessment tool developed by OMB;

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Dahlkemper amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires certification by a system operator that both water and energy conservation are components of their fiscal sustainability plan;

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Wittman amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires the OMB Director to submit to Congress a financial report containing an inter-agency crosscut budget for restoration activities that protect, conserve, or restore water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Also, the EPA Administrator will have to develop and update an adaptive management plan for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities; and

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Driehaus amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–36), as modified, that increases from \$1.8 billion to \$2.5 billion the authorization level for the grant program that makes funds available for combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows.

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Rejected:

Mack amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that sought to remove all Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions from the bill (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 122).

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H. Res. 235, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 218, H. Res. 219, and H. Res. 229 are laid on the table.

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 11th:

*Supporting the designation of Pi Day:* H. Res. 224, to support the designation of Pi Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 124.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16th for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3350.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3374, H3375, and H3376. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### DOMESTIC NUTRITION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture held a hearing on Domestic Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas O'Connor, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutri-

tion, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### WHAT WORKS FOR SUCCESSFUL PRISONER REENTRY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on what Works for Successful Prisoner Reentry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps Force Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department Army: GEN Ross Thompson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisitions, Logistics, and Technology); GEN James D. Thurman, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, (G–3/5/7) of the Army; and GEN James Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit Systems. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and W. Ross Ashley, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA; Bill Morange, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Security, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York; Jack Eckles, Deputy Executive Officer, System Safety and Security, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Review of VA Challenges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care; and Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., CPA, Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections; Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General.

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