

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month:* H. Res. 211, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 129; **Pages H3453–56, H3470–71**

*Establishing a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges:* H.R. 628, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 409 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 130; **Pages H3456–59, H3471**

*Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2009:* H.R. 1429, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons; **Pages H3459–63**

*John "Bud" Hawk Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office"; **Pages H3463–64**

*Reducing Information Control Designations Act:* H.R. 1323, amended, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations; and **Pages H3464–67**

*Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958:* H.R. 1541, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Pages H3468–69**

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

*Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 1216, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building". **Pages H3467–68**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Courtney and Coble. **Page H3471**

**Presidential Message:** 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. 111–25). **Pages H3471–72**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3469–70, H3470–71, and H3471. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Status of Climate Change Science. Testimony was heard from Susan Solomon, Earth System Research Laboratory, NOAA.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Military Personnel–Air Force. Testimony was heard from LTG Richard Newton, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Craig W. Duehring, Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, both with the Department of the Air Force.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Nuclear Weapons Complex. Testimony was heard from Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; A. G. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Philip Coyle, former Associate Director, Livermore Laboratory; Everet Beckner, former Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Richard Garwin, former Chairman, Arms Control and Nonproliferation Advisory Board, Department of State.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Interoperable Communications. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: W. Ross Ashley, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA; David Boyd, Director, Command Control and Interoperability Division, Directorate for Science and Technology; and Chris ESSID, Director, Office of Emergency Communications.

**STATUS OF U.S. STRATEGIC PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the status of U.S. strategic programs. Testimony was heard from GEN Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Command, U.S. Strategic Command.

**HIGHWAYS/MASS TRANSIT FINANCING**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Budgeting for Transportation: Financing Investments in Highways and Mass Transit. Testimony was heard from Debra L. Miller, Secretary, Department of Transportation, Kansas; Tyler Duvall, former Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on The Importance of Early Childhood Development. Testimony was heard from Harriet Meyer, Co-Chair Early Learning Council, State of Illinois; Holly Robinson, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

**U.S. EXPORT PROMOTION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Stimulating the Economy through Trade: Examining the Role of Export Promotion. Testimony was heard from Michelle O'Neill, Acting Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Suzanne Hale, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

**AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American Families: Ensuring Affordable Coverage. Testimony was heard from Mila Kofman, Superintendent of Insurance, Bureau of Insurance, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMIC RISK REGULATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Perspectives on Regulation of Systemic Risk in the Financial Services Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEMA PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE MISSION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing on PKEMRA Implementation: An Examination of FEMA's Preparedness and Re-

sponse Mission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard Skinner, Inspector General; and Corey Gruber, Acting Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA; William Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

**GOVERNMENT BANKING****CONSOLIDATION/ANTITRUST LAW**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Too Big To Fail?: The Role of Antitrust Law in Government-Funded Consolidation in the Banking Industry. Testimony was heard from Deborah A. Garza, former Assistant Attorney General, Division of Antitrust, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ENERGY LEASING**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled "Leasing and Development of Oil and Gas Resources on the Outer Continental Shelf." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chris Oynes, Associate Director, Offshore Energy and Minerals Management Program, Minerals Management Service; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

**NATIONAL SERVICE REFORM**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1388, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the

proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California and Representatives Titus, Pingree, Perriello, Hunter and Roe.

### ENERGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on New Directions for Energy Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

### VISION CENTER EXCELLENCE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Vision Center of Excellence: What Has Been Accomplished in Thirteen Months? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Orcutt, M.D., Chief of Ophthalmology; and Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Officer, Patient Care Services Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; Jack Smith, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical Policy and Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on MedPAC's Annual March Report to the Congress on Medicare Payment Policy. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

### BRIEFING—NSA COMPLIANCE ISSUES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* met in executive session to hold a briefing on NSA Compliance Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense medical programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the incidence of sui-

cides of United States Servicemembers and initiatives within the Department of Defense to prevent military suicides, 2:45 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine risk management oversight at Federal financial regulators, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine nuclear energy development; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine what is health care quality and who decides, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 277, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and working with the Administration on a way forward, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the National Academy of Science's report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on Critical On-going Satellite Climate Change Datasets, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Military Personnel-Army, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on security developments in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Southern Command, Northern Command, Africa Command, and Joint Forces Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Medical Infrastructure: Are Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Priorities Aligned with Service Requirements? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.