

the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 180 nays with 15 voting “present”, Roll No. 141.

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**Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 257, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 142. Pages H3645–53, H3654–55

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Imposing an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients:* H.R. 1586, impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 328 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 143.

Pages H3655–64, H3673–74

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

*Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding executive and employee bonuses paid by AIG and other companies assisted with taxpayer funds provided under the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury:* H. Con. Res. 76, to express the sense of the Congress regarding executive and employee bonuses paid by AIG and other companies assisted with taxpayer funds provided under the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 144.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 17th:

*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”. Page H3674

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3643 and H3677.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3654, H3655, H3673, and H3674. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE AND SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Climate Satellite Requirements and NASA and NOAA Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on AFRICOM. Testimony was heard from GEN William E. Ward, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Military Personnel-Navy/Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Barney Barnum, Acting Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and VADM Mark Ferguson, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N-1), and LTG Ronald S. Coleman, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on The Judiciary Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. Testimony was heard from Judge Julia Gibbons, Chair, U.S. Judicial Conference Budget Committee; and James Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Biometric Identification. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Kathleen Kraninger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Screening Coordination Office; and Bob Moeny, Director, U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Timothy J. Keating USN, U.S. Navy Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Walter Sharp, USA, Commander, Republic of North Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and Commander United States Forced Korea.

## TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies continued on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy. Testimony was heard from Grace Crunican, Director, Department of Transportation, Seattle, Washington; and public witnesses.

## PROJECT ON NATIONAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Project on National Security Reform: Commentary and Alternative Views. Testimony was heard from Walter Oleszek, Senior Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

## IMPROVING ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Improving Early Childhood Development Policies and Practices. Testimony was heard from Harriet Dichter, Deputy Secretary, Office of Child Development and Early Learning, State of Pennsylvania; Lillian Lowery, Secretary, Department of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

## SALMONELLA OUTBREAK—PROTECTING THE NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Salmonella Outbreak: The Role of Industry in Protecting the Nation's Food Supply." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## CREDIT LEGISLATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009; and H.R. 1456, Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practice Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Montrice Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; Sheila Albin, Associate General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

## EXAMINING THE HOME AFFORDABLE PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Examining the Home Affordable Program." Testimony was heard from Vance Morris, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Patrick J. Lawler, Chief, Economist, Federal Housing Finance Agency; and public witnesses.

## TAIWAN RELATIONS ANNIVERSARY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 55, Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING: RECENT TRENDS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Human Trafficking: Recent Trends." Testimony was heard from Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE 2008 ELECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Lessons Learned From the 2008 Election. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TREATMENT OF REFUGEES DURING WWII

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on the Treatment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent, European Americans, and Jewish Refugees During World War II. Testimony was heard from Daniel Masterson,

Professor of Latin American History, U.S. Naval Academy; and public witnesses.

#### **ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING ENFORCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 1080, Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Lent, Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; William Gibbons-Fly, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State; RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **RESTORING THE FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS WORKFORCE**

*Committee on the Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Restoring the Federal Public Lands Workforce. Testimony was heard from Hank Kashdan, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **PREVENTING STIMULUS WASTE AND FRAUD**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held an oversight hearing on Prevention Stimulus Waste and Fraud: Who are the Watchdogs? Testimony was heard from Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board; and public witnesses.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN RECOVERY ACT SCIENCE FUNDING**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Follow the Money: Accountability and Transparency in Recovery Act Science Funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Cora Marrett, Senior Accountability Office; and Tim Cross, Interim Inspector General; Ronald R. Spoehel, Chief Financial Officer, NASA; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Ellen Herbst, Senior Official for Recovery Implementation; and Todd Zinser, Inspector General; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Matthew Rogers, Senior Advisor to the Secretary; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; and Patricia Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **EFFORTS TO ADDRESS URBAN STORMWATER RUNOFF**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Efforts to Address Urban Stormwater Runoff. Testimony was heard from Mike Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; the following Mayors: Tom Leppert, Dallas, Texas; Mark Funkhouser, Kansas City, Missouri and Tom Barrett, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, as amended, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009.

#### **CLOSING HEALTH GAPS OF VETERANS IN RURAL AREAS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Commission action, as amended, H.R. 1377, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Closing the Health Gap of Veterans in Rural Areas: Discussion of Funding and Resources Coordination. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs: Adam Darkins, M.D., Chief Consultant, Office of Care Coordination; and Kara Hawthorne, Director, Office of Rural Health; and public witnesses.

#### **TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Troubled Asset Relief Program (TSRP) and Oversight of Federal Borrowing and the Use of Federal Monies. Testimony was heard from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program; and Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO.

**BRIEFING—SECURITY CLEARANCES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive a briefing on Security Clearances. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**CONSTRUCTING A GREEN TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “Constructing a Green Transportation Policy: Transit Modes and Infrastructure.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**House**

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled “Federal and State Enforcement of Financial Consumer and Investor Protection Laws,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Serious Commercial Real Estate Credit Crunch and GSA: Leasing and Building During an Economic Crisis, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of March 23 through March 28, 2009**

**Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 6:00 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 25, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 24, to hold hearings to examine United States European Command and United

States Joint Forces Command; with the possibility of a closed session following in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 25, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH–215.

March 26, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, 2 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 24, to continue hearings to examine modernizing bank supervision and regulation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

March 26, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 25, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health insurance industry practices, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 24, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

March 25, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, 2 p.m., SD–366.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine legislation to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 24, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine Three Mile Island, focusing on lessons learned over the past 30 years, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

March 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transportation investment, 10 a.m., SD–406.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Z. Cannon, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 25, Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the role of long-term care in health reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

March 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine middle income tax relief, 10 a.m., SD–215.