

material, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 148; **Pages H3765–69, H3772–73**

*Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week”*: H. Res. 182, to express support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 149; **Pages H3769–70, H3773**

*Recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University*: H. Con. Res. 77, to recognize and honor the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University; **Pages H3770–71**

*Expressing support for designation of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”*: H. Res. 234, to express support for designation of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”; and **Pages H3773–77**

*Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act*: H. Con. Res. 55, amended, to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. **Pages H3777–80**

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

*Recognizing the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American democracy*: H. Res. 273, to recognize the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece and to celebrate Greek and American democracy. **Pages H3780–84**

**Quorum Calls—Votes**: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3771–72, H3772–73 and H3773. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment**: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:18 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 Federal Law Enforcement Response to U.S.-Mexico Border Violence. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the Department of Justice: Bill Newell, Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and Joseph Arabit, Special Agent in Charge, El Paso, Drug Enforcement Administration; Phil Gordon, Mayor, Phoenix, Arizona; and a public witness.

### SECURITY DEVELOPMENT—PACIFIC COMMAND, EUROPEAN COMMAND AND FORCE KOREA

*Committee on Armed Services*: Held a hearing on security development in the areas of responsibility of the U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. European Command, and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. European Command, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe; and GEN Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

### DEFENSE HEALTH IT

*Committee on Armed Services*: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a joint hearing on Department of Defense Health Information Technology: AHTLA is “Intolerable,” Where Do We Go From Here? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Eric Schoemaker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, The Surgeon General, U.S. Army; LTC Hon S. Pak, USA, Chief Medical Information Officer, U.S. Army; RADM Thomas R. Cullison, USN, Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; MG Charles Bruce Green, USAF, Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; LTC Donald Kowalewski, USAF, Internal Medicine Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; S. Ward Casscells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Charles Campbell, Chief Informant Officer, Military Health System; COL Claude Hines, Jr., Program Manager, Defense Health Information Management Systems; Tommy J. Morris, Acting Director, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force, Health Protection and Readiness Programs; and Tim Harp, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Information Technology Acquisition.

### RETIREMENT INVESTMENT ADVISERS

*Committee on Education and Labor*: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Retirement Security: The Importance of an Independent Investment Adviser. Testimony was heard from Charles Jeszeck, Assistant Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**FTC CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Consumer Credit and Debt: The Role of the Federal Trade Commission in Protecting the Public. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

**HEALTHCARE ACCESS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Making Health Care Work for American families: Improving Access to Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AIG—FEDERAL OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Financial Services*: Held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Government’s Intervention at American International Group.” Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and William C. Dudley, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

**LEBANON UPDATE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Update on Lebanon. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Eastern Affairs, Department of State and former Ambassador to Lebanon.

**MILITARY MEDICAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1478, Carmelo Rodriguez Military Medical Accountability Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Hinchey; and public witnesses.

**OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources*: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf and the Future of our Oceans.” Testimony was heard from Ian A. Bowles, Secretary, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources*: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 689, To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land

Management; H.R. 1078, Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act; and H.R. 1275, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Matheson, Arcuri, Edwards of Maryland; and Kratovil; Michael Nedd, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL LAND ASSISTANCE, MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (FLAME) ACT**

*Committee on Rules*: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1404, the “Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act.”

The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

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 bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this 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 Rahall and Representatives Minnick, Connolly of Virginia, Luján, Hastings of Washington, and Goodlatte.

**OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT ACT—CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Rules*: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule making in order a motion by the Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and

controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Hastings of Washington, Bishop of Utah and Radanovich.

#### FEDERAL VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing to Examine Federal Vehicle Technology Research and Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Steven Chalk, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Coordination of International Science Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Jon Strauss, Chairman, Task Force on International Science, National Science Board, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### COAST GUARD ACQUISITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Overview of Coast Guard Acquisition Policies and Programs. Testimony was heard from RADM Gary Blote, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Acquisition, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Nexus between Engaged in Combat with the Enemy and PTSD in an Era of Changing Warfare Tactics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RADM David J. Smith, USN, Joint Staff Surgeon; COL Robert Ireland, Program Director, Mental Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief Officer, Mental Health Services; and Maureen Murdoch, M.D., Core Investigator, Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, all with the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Social Security Disability Backlog. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner; and Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General; Dan Bertoni, Director, Disability Issues for the Education, Workforce and Income Security Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### CLIMATE LEGISLATION TRADE ASPECTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Trade Aspects of Climate Change Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### SRP BRIEFING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on SRP. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* 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:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine reserve component programs of the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on NextGen and the benefits of modernization, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine how to improve energy market transparency and regulation, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine transportation investment, 10 a.m., SD-406.

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