

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bill Nelson and Martinez, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John Morton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine eliminating waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony from Kay L.

Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Deborah Taylor, Acting Director and Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and James G. Sheehan, Medicaid Inspector General, New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, Albany.

VA HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending health related legislation, after receiving testimony from Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, KY; Ammie Hilsabeck, Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Department of Veterans Affairs, Iron Mountain, MI, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO; and Hilda R. Heady, West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Ralph Ibson, Wounded Warrior Project, and Blake C. Ortner, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 2020–2057; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43; H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 351, 353–355 were introduced. **Pages H4685–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4687–88**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1145) to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative (H. Rept. 111–82). **Page H4677**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4587**

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

Expressing the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the hijacking of the Maersk Alabama: H. Res. 339, to express the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the hijacking of the Maersk Alabama, the kidnapping of Captain Richard Phillips by Somali pirates, and the rescue of Captain Phillips by U.S. Navy SEALs and the

crews of the USS Bainbridge, USS Boxer, USS Halyburton and Patrol Squadron (VP) 8;

Pages H4590–94

Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate: H.R. 749, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; **Pages H4594–95**

House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009: H.R. 1679, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 196;

Pages H4595–97, H4653–54

Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009: H.R. 586, to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 422 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 197; **Pages H4597–H4601, H4654–55**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a bust of Sojourner Truth: H. Con. Res. 86, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of a bust of Sojourner Truth; **Pages H4601–02**

Providing for the appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: S.J. Res. 8, to provide for the appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H4602–03**

Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan from the people of California for placement in the U.S. Capitol: H. Con. Res. 101, to provide for the acceptance of a statue of Ronald Wilson Reagan from the people of California for placement in the U.S. Capitol; **Pages H4603–06**

Electronic Waste Research and Development Act: H.R. 1580, amended, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic waste reduction research, development, and demonstration projects; **Pages H4606–10**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic device recycling research, development, and demonstration projects, and for other purposes.” **Page H4610**

Green Energy Education Act of 2009: H.R. 957, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 199; **Pages H4610–12, H4656**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week: H. Res. 336, to support the goals and ideals of National Library Week; **Pages H4613–15**

Best Buddies Empowerment for People with Intellectual Disabilities Act of 2009: H.R. 1824, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs; and **Pages H4615–18**

Statutory Time-Periods Technical Amendments Act of 2009: H.R. 1626, to make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings. **Pages H4665–66**

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

Expressing support for designation of March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”: H. Res. 247, to express support for designation of March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day” and **Page H4612**

COPS Improvements Act of 2009: H.R. 1139, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program. **Pages H4656–65**

Budget resolution for FY2010: Pursuant to H. Res. 316, the House agreed to take from the Speaker’s Table S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014; strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 13 and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H. Con. Res. 85 as agreed to by the House; agree to S. Con. Res. 13, as amended; and insist on its amendment and request a conference with the Senate thereon. **Pages H4618–53**

Rejected the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees on the resolution by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 198. **Pages H4655–56**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Spratt, Boyd, DeLauro, Ryan (WI), and Hensarling. **Page H4656**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy at Columbine High School in April 1999 and their families. **Page H4654**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the shooting at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, NY. **Page H4655**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4653–54, H4654–55, H4655–56, H4656. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review producers' views on the effectiveness and operations of the Federal crop insurance program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies met on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Supplemental Request. Testimony was heard from GEN David Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies met on Members Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Coast Guard: Measuring Mission Needs. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and John Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs: Law Enforcement and Violence. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: George Skibine, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Jerry Gidner, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Subcommittee also met on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police, and on the Government Printing Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Capitol Police: Phillip Morse, Chief; and Daniel Nichols, Assistant Chief; and Robert Tapella, Public Printer, GPO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wayne Arne, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment; B. J. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kevin W. Billings, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics.

AIR SOVEREIGNTY ALERT OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Air Sovereignty Alert Operations. Testimony was heard from Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Homeland Defense and Emerging Threats and Warfare, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter F. Verga, Deputy Under Secretary, Policy Integration and Chief of Staff; LTG Daniel J. Darnell, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Harry M. Wyatt, III, USAF, Director, U.S. Air National Guard.

RETIREMENT SECURITY/401(k)

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on the 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued joint hearings on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; John Fetterman, Mayor, Braddock, PA; and public witnesses.