

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4927–28, H4928, H4929, H4937–38, H4938, H4940, H4957–58, and H4958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Joe Leonard, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights, USDA; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Christopher J. Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Copps, Acting Chairman, FCC.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Library of Congress and Open World Leadership Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; and Ambassador John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

EFFECTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: The Administration's Perspective on the Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Military Partnership. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flourney, Under Secretary, Policy; and VADM James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ambassador Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs; Department of State.

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Health System: Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Organization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail H. McGinn, Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Ellen P. Embrey, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and MG Elder Granger, USA, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity; LTG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; VADM Adam Robinson, USN, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Strengthening America's Competitiveness through Common Academic Standards. Testimony was heard from Ken James, Commissioner, Department of Education, Arkansas; former Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI- PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended., H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

TRANSPORTATION WORKER ID CARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a Member briefing on Transportation Worker Identification Card. The Committee was briefed by the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Maurine Fanguy, Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration; and ADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IT STRATEGIC PLANNING

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Library of Congress IT Strategic Planning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: Laura Campbell, Chief Information Officer; James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; and Karl Schornagel, Inspector General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1018, To amend the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of

wild and free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; and H.R. 689, To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

OVERSIGHT—WMATA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Jim Graham, Chairman, Board of Directors; John B. Catoe, General Manager; and Helen Lew, Inspector General; Matthew Welbes, Executive Director and Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA-NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of U.S. Policy Toward Cuba.” Testimony was heard from GEN Barry McCaffrey, USA, (ret.), former SOUTHCOM Commander, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

CREDIT CARD HOLDERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 627, the “Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2009.” The resolution provides that no general debate shall be in order pursuant to the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services 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 report of the Committee on Rules. 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 Representatives Gutierrez, Maloney, Minnick, Pingree, Polis, Price (NC), Hinchey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Carney, Cohen, Welch, Boccieri, Shuster, Jones, and Sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2020, amended, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2009; H.R. 1736, International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009; and H.R. 1709, amended, STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009.

CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILY FARMERS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Climate Change Solutions for Small Businesses and Family Farmers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: 10-Week Progress Report for Transportation and Infrastructure Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ray H. LaHood; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; the following officials of the EPA: Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator; and Melissa Heist, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Terrence C. Salt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers; Department of Defense; Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator, GSA; Donald A. Stadler, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, AMTRAK; Dennis Alvord, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FUNDING THE VA OF THE FUTURE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on Funding the VA of the Future. Testimony was heard from Jessica Banthin, Director, Modeling and Simulation, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Randall Williamson, Director, Healthcare Team, VA/DOD Health Care Issues, GAO; Sidath Viranga Panangala, Analyst in Veterans Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Employer Sponsored Insurance. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**HUMINT/HUMINT-ENABLING BRIEFING;
OVERHEAD BRIEFING**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on HUMINT/HUMINT-Enabling. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Overhead. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 30, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Transportation's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), 9:15 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the War Supplemental, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Defense's 2010 budget recommendations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military air power, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, and pending legislation on Renewable Electricity Standard and Sitting of Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine confronting piracy off the coast of Somalia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine primary health care access reform, focusing on community health centers and the national health service corps, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine national security reform, focusing on implementing a national security service workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 151, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform in 2009, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on reform of major weapons system acquisition and related legislative proposals, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on space system acquisitions and the industrial base, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Improving OSHA's Enhanced Enforcement Programs, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Swine Flu Outbreak and the U.S. Federal Response," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on International Efforts to Combat Maritime Piracy, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, Member briefing to provide an update on the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to combat violence in the U.S.-Mexico border region, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.