

adds training for veterans centers to improve outreach to veterans in areas of high unemployment at the Veterans Development Summit; **Page H5855**

Himes amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that requires the Small Business Administrator to establish and carry out a “Microenterprise Training Center Program” for the purpose of providing low-income and unemployed individuals with training and counseling with respect to starting a microenterprise; **Pages H5855–56**

Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that increases the grant sizes for “initial grants” and “growth funding grants” for each veterans business center by \$50,000 per year per center to \$200,000 and \$150,000 respectively. In addition, the amendment increases the authorized appropriations to carry out this subsection by \$2,000,000 each per year to \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2011; **Pages H5857–58**

Nye amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that adds a new title (Military Entrepreneurs Program) to require the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a program to provide business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance to members of the Armed Forces to facilitate the development of small business concerns. The amendment establishes a liaison to facilitate outreach to members of the Armed Forces with respect to business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance; **Pages H5858–59**

Schauer amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that creates a new section and authorizes funding for small business development centers to assist small manufacturers that are transitioning into growth sectors; and **Page H5859**

Kratovil amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that establishes a Rural Entrepreneurship Advisory Council within the Small Business Administration, comprised of appropriate officials from the SBA, the rural development programs of the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce and of representatives from the academic, small business, agriculture, and high-tech communities. The council is tasked with providing a report to Congress on rural entrepreneurship, and to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to foster rural entrepreneurs (by a recorded vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 279). **Pages H5856–57, H5860–61**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5863**

H. Res. 457, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 275, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 175 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 274. **Pages H5822–23**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:17 p.m. **Page H5860**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–42). **Page H5865**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5795, H5871.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5822, H5822–23, H5823, H5840, H5841, H5841–42, H5860–61, H5861–62 and H5862–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Comptroller.

FINANCIAL SERVICES GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies held a hearing on OMB. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, OMB.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator. Testimony was heard from Alonzo Fullgham, Acting Administrator,

Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Rodney Bent, Acting Administrator, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and Tom Walsh, Acting Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Chief of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AIR FORCE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Air Force Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; LTG Daniel J. Darnell, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirement, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; LTG Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirement, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Another Crossroads? Professional Military Education Twenty Years after the Goldwater-Nichols Act and the Skelton Panel. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Department of Defense: Janet Breslin-Smith, Retired Professor and Department Head, National War College; and Alexander Cochran, Historical Advisor to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Military Services' Operations and Maintenance Funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; ADM Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; GEN James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and GEN William M. Fraser III, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alan Shaffer, Principal Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology U.S. Army; RADM Nevin P. Carr, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Research, Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements, U.S. Navy; Terry Jaggars, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, U.S. Air Force; and Robert F. Leheny, Acting Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

ADMINISTRATION'S EDUCATION AGENDA

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on The Obama Administration's Education Agenda. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued mark up of H.R. 2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE STABILIZATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "H.R. 2351, Credit Union Share Insurance Stabilization Act." Testimony was heard from Michael E. Fryzel, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; George Reynolds, Chairman, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Department of Banking and Finance, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

PAKISTAN AID/STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1886, Pakistan Enduring Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2410, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1741, amended, Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009; and H.R. 2247, Congressional Review Act Improvements Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was

heard from Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION 61ST MEETING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal June 22–26. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, U.S. Commissioner, International Whaling Commission; and public witnesses.

STATE AND LOCAL PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “State and Local Pandemic Preparedness.” Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Sosin, M.D., Director, Coordinating Office, Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Guthrie Birkhead, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Public Health, Department of Health, State of New York; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF CURRENT COST CUTTING EFFORTS ON POSTAL SERVICES OPERATIONS AND NETWORK

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on “Nip and Tuck: The Impact of Current Cost Cutting Efforts on Postal Service Operations and Network.” Testimony was heard from William P. Galligan, Senior Vice President, Operations, U.S. Postal Service; John Waller, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Regulatory Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for one hour of general debate on H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all

points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee 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 this report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Transportation is authorized to file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 915. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Costello, Ackerman, Cleaver, Cuellar, Minnick, Mica, Schock, Smith of Nebraska, Petri, Frelinghuysen and Garrett.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WEAPONS SYSTEMS ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 454, the “Weapons Acquisition System Reform Through Enhancing Technical Knowledge and Oversight Act of 2009.”

The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the conference report to such time as may be designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative McHugh.

HEROES OF SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Heroes of Small Business.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AVIATION CONSUMER ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Consumer Issues: Emergency Contingency Planning and Outlook for Summer Travel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Christa Fornarotto, Acting Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs; Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Nancy LoBue, Acting Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment, FAA; and public witnesses.

PIRACY AGAINST U.S. FLAGGED VESSELS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Piracy Against U.S.-Flagged Vessels: Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commander, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ed Frothingham, Principal Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Department of Defense, and public witnesses.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Dennis Blair, Director, Office of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GLOBAL DEMAND ON OIL**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine oil and the economy, focusing on the impact of rising global demand on the United States recovery, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Chairman, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Washington, DC.; and James D. Hamilton, University of California, San Diego.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 21, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Institutes of Health, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Food and Drug Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Government Accountability Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010

and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Sandra Brooks Henriquez, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, and Michael S. Barr, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine health and product safety issues associated with imported drywall, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine The United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory lessons from abroad, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine executive branch authority to acquire trust lands for Indian tribes, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 417, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, S. 257, to amend title 11, United States Code, to disallow certain claims resulting from high cost credit debts, S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, the nominations of Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and committee's subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the role of small business in stimulus contracting, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.