

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 117 public bills, H.R. 2537–2643; 2 private bills, H.R. 2644–2645; and 25 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54–55; H. Con. Res. 133–136; and H. Res. 469–473, 475–488 were introduced. **Pages H6008–6014**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6014–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 915, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system (H. Rept. 111–119, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 474, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2200) to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security (H. Rept. 111–127); and

H.R. 1736, to provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–128). **Page H6008**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Troy Ehlke, Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. **Page H5895**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 133, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 282. **Page H5904**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Bishop (UT) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H5904–05**

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Bishop (UT) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the

House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yeas-and-nays vote of 252 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 283. **Pages H5905–06**

Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 286. **Pages H5898–H5900, H5907–12**

H. Res. 463, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Page H5907**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, May 19th:

Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009: H.R. 1676, amended, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 287. **Pages H5912–13**

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 915, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, by a recorded vote of 277 yeas to 136 noes, Roll No. 291. **Pages H5901–04, 5906–07, 5913–81**

Rejected the Campbell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 154 yeas to 263 noes, Roll No. 290. **Pages H5978–80**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–126, modified by the amendment printed in part B of such report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole,

in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H5928**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2010 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes." **Page H5981**

Agreed to:

Oberstar manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that makes sundry changes to the bill; **Pages H5959–66**

Lee (NY) amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that requires GAO, within 3 months of enactment, to initiate a study into commercial airline pilot training and certification programs. The GAO shall submit the report to Congress within 12 months of the study's initiation; **Pages H5966–68**

Richardson amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that requires the Transportation Secretary, within 180 days of enactment, to issue regulations to require each air carrier to provide each of its passengers an option to receive a text message (or other comparable electronic service), subject to any fees applicable under the contract of the passenger for the electronic service, from the air carrier consisting of a notification of any change in the status of the flight of such passenger prior to boarding. This would only apply to air carriers that earn at least one-percent of the domestic passenger service revenue; **Pages H5968–69**

Cuellar amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126), as modified, that directs the FAA Administrator to study the FAA radar signal locations and their impact on the development of renewable energy technologies, and to make recommendations as necessary for relocation of FAA radars and testing and deployment as needed; **Pages H5970–71**

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that provides that when conducting an appraisal for purchase or property under the Airport Improvement Program, the appraisal must not consider either the increased or decreased value of the property due to the property's inclusion in a potential project; **Page H5972**

Cassidy amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that amends section 417 (review of air carrier flight delays, cancellations, and associated causes) so that the Inspector General study in-

cludes the effect that limited air carrier service operations on routes have on the frequency of delays and cancellations on such routes; **Pages H5972–73**

Kilroy amendment (No. 9 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that requires the GAO to study, within one year of enactment, the effectiveness of FAA oversight activities related to preventing or mitigating the effects of dense continuous smoke in the cockpit of commercial aircraft; **Page H5975**

Lowey amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that directs the FAA to initiate a rulemaking process to determine the authorization of Westchester County Airport to reinstate limits on overnight aircraft operations; **Page H5975**

Ackerman amendment (No. 12 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that provides that Congress finds the FAA did not follow FAA policy statements in determining whether the proposed College Point Marine Transfer Station in New York if constructed would constitute a hazard to air navigation. It also requires the FAA Administrator to take such actions as may be necessary to designate the proposed College Point Marine Transfer Station in New York City, New York, as a hazard to air navigation; **Pages H5975–77**

Burgess amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that expresses the sense of Congress that FAA whistleblowers be granted the full protection of the law (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 288); and **Pages H5969–70, H5977**

McCaul amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that prohibits authorized funds from being used to name a project or program for an individual then serving as a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or Senator of the United States Congress (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 289). **Pages H5971–72, H5977–78**

Withdrawn:

Frelinghuysen amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–126) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the FAA to study the proposed New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Class B modification design change. The study would determine the effect of the change on the environment, with an emphasis on airplane noise. The study would state whether the change was considered in conjunction with the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace Redesign. **Pages H5974–75**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5981**

H. Res. 464, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 285, after agreeing

to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 284.

Pages H5906–07

Public Interest Declassification Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Admiral William O. Studeman of Great Falls, Virginia to the Public Interest Declassification Board. Page H5983

National Council on the Arts—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Representative Tiberi to the National Council on the Arts.

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Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representatives Davis (CA), Sherman, and Edwards (MD). Page H5993

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives McCaul, Dreier, Mack, Bilbray, and Nunes. Page H5993

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Arab Emirates Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–43). Pages H5983–84

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5895.

Senate Referrals: S. 614 was referred to the Committees on Financial Services and House Administration. Page H6006

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5904, H5905–06, H5906–07, H5907, H5912, H5913, H5977, H5978, H5979–80, H5980–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9.27 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 25, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 133, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARDS PROPOSALS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review low carbon fuel standard proposals. 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 held a hearing on FDA. Testimony was heard from John M. Sharfstein, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force Health Readiness and Protection; LTG Eric Shoemaker, Army Surgeon General, and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; VADM Adam M. Robinson, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and the following officials of the Joint Task Force Capital Region Medicine: VADM John M. Mateczun, USN., and BG Philip Volope, Deputy Commander, USA.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA): Nuclear Nonproliferation and Weapons. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas P. A'Agostino, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administrator of NNSA; A. Garrett Harencak, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator, Military Application; and Kenneth Baker, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on Treasury Department. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.