

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. Page H5993

**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.

## INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Suzette Kimball, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Army Acquisition, Reset, and Modernization Programs. Testimony was heard from Department of Defense: David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; LTG N. Ross Thompson, III, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, U.S. Army; and LTG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Military Personnel Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail H. McGinn, Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; VADM Mark E. Ferguson, III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Total Force; LTG Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTG Richard Y. Newton, III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for National Security Space and Missile Defense Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command; and LTG Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

## STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, CBO.

## INCREASING STUDENT AID THROUGH LOAN REFORM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Increasing Student Aid Through Loan Reform. Testimony was heard from Robert Shireman, Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Education; John F. Remondi, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer Sallie Mae; and public witnesses.

## AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

## OVERSIGHT—MUNICIPAL FINANCE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Improve the Efficiency and Oversight of Municipal Finance." Testimony was heard from Martha Mahan Haines, Chief, Office of Municipal Securities, SEC; Bill Apgar, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David W. Wilcox, Deputy Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas C. Leppert, Mayor, Dallas, Texas; and public witnesses.

## SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act." Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

## PIRACY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism met in executive session to hold a briefing on piracy. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING OBSTACLES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTION

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Obstacles and Potential Solutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail McGinn, Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and CAPT Patricia Garcia, USAF, Voting Assistance Officer, U.S. Air Force; Rokey Suleman, General Registrar, Fairfax County, Virginia; and Jessie Jane Duff, Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.).

## RAMIFICATIONS OF AUTO INDUSTRY BANKRUPTCIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Ramifications of Auto Industry Bankruptcies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## FEDERAL COCAINE SENTENCING UNFAIRNESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Unfairness in Federal Cocaine Sentencing: Is it time to Crack the 100 to 1 Disparity? including discussion of the following bills: H.R. 1459, Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009; H.R. 265, Drug Sentencing Reform and Cocaine Kingpin Trafficking Act of 2009; H.R. 2178, Crack-Cocaine Equitable Sentencing Act of 2009; and H.R. 18, Powder-Crack Cocaine Penalty Equalization Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Jackson-Lee of Texas; Bartlett and Waters; Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, U.S. District Court Judge, Southern District of Texas and Acting Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—FUTURE OF FOREST ECONOMY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Economy. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Randy Moore, Regional Forester, Forest Service, USDA; Steve Wilensky, Calaveras County District 2 Supervisor, San Andreas, California; and public witnesses.

## STAKEHOLDERS' VIEWS ON THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "Stakeholders' Views on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2200, the "Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act." The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security.

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 the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security 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 those arising under 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 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 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 those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi and Representatives Snyder, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Dent, Souder, Daniel E. Lungren of California, Bachus, Mich and Hastings of Washington.

## SMALL BIOFUELS AND FAMILY FARMERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulations and Healthcare held a hearing entitled "Impacts of Outstanding Regulatory Policy on Small Biofuels Producers and Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Margo Oge, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1522, United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act; H.R. 1982, Veterans Entitlement to Service (VETS) Act of 2009, and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lowey and Kilpatrick, of Michigan; and Bradely G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following

bills: H.R. 1037, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, Veterans Worker Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1168, Veterans Retraining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1879, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service. Testimony was heard from Representative Coffman; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John C. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor.

#### TAX-EXEMPT AND TAXABLE GOVERNMENT BONDS ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on issues involving tax-exempt and taxable government bonds. Testimony was heard from Alan Krueger, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the

Treasury; Patrick McCoy, Director of Finance, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York State; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Executive Overview. Testimony was heard from Michael Morrell, Director of Intelligence, CIA.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Still Post-Katrina: How FEMA Decides When Housing Responsibilities End, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.