

Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, Las Vegas, Nevada.

### DRUG TRAFFICKING IN WEST AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug trafficking in West Africa, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; William Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats; Thomas M. Harrigan, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Operations, Operations Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Douglas Farah, International Assessment and Strategy Center, Takoma Park, Maryland; Michael A. Braun, Spectre Group International, LLC., Alexan-

dria, Virginia; and Mike McGovern, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee continued consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 2989–2995, H.R. 2998–3010; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; and H. Res. 574–577 were introduced. **Pages H7144–45**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7146–47**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–66, Pt. 2);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations For Fiscal Year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–174);

H.R. 556, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–175);

H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–176);

H.R. 1018, to amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–177);

H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081 (H. Rept. 111–178);

H.R. 1275, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–179);

H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–180);

H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–181);

H. Res. 572, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–182); and

H. Res. 573, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–183). **Page H7144**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7089**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H7090**

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

*Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009:* S. 407, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans and to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 419; **Pages H7091–93, H7108–09**

*Directing 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. 1172, amended, 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 422; **Pages H7093–94, H7111**

*Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009:* H.R. 1016, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 409 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 420; **Pages H7094–97, H7109–10**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H7110**

*Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act:* H.R. 1211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 421; and **Pages H7097–H7101, H7110–11**

*Making technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1777, to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 411 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 423. **Pages H7101–08, H7111–12**

**Supplemental Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010. **Page H7108**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. **Page H7108**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Paul A. Fino, former Member of Congress. **Page H7110**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–51). **Page H7091**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7090, H7112.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7108–09, H7109–10, H7110–11, H7111, H7111–12. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2010: State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies.

### HEALTHCARE REFORM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on The Tri-Committee Draft Proposal for Health Care Reform. Testimony was heard from Christina Romer, Chair, Council of Economic Advisers; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### HEALTHCARE REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* and the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft health reform legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009.

### V–22 OSPREY'S FUTURE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held an oversight hearing entitled "The Future of the V–22