

and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Douglas P. Scott, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Christopher Korleski, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Steven Corneli, NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; Randall R. LaBauve, Florida Power and Light Company, Juno Beach; Gary R. Hart, ICAP Energy, Birmingham, Alabama; Conrad G. Schneider, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine.

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 on Monday, July 13, 2009.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care reform, focusing on the concerns and priorities from the perspective of small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, Sausalito, California; Kristie L. Arslan, National Association for the Self-Employed, Amanda Austin, National Federation of Independent Business, David D. Ferreira, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Todd McCracken, National Small Business Association, Len Nichols, New America Foundation, Ronald Phipps, National Association of Realtors, and Ann Sullivan, Madison Services Group, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Mitternight, Factory Service Agency, Inc., Metairie, Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3137–3166; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; and H. Res. 621, 623, were introduced.

Pages H7945–46

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7946–48

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 622, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3082) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–195). **Page H7945**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7839**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Anthony L. Bennett, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut. **Page H7839**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the McMorris Rodgers motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 31 yeas to 385 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 497. **Page H7842**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-

lated Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 510. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 8th.

Pages H7843–55

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Kingston motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 509.

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A second Kingston motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment was withdrawn. **Page H7854**

Agreed to:

DeLauro manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that increases funding for the Agricultural Research Service salaries and expenses account by \$2 million to go toward Colony Collapse Disorder and pollinator decline research, offset by a \$1 million reduction in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and a \$1 million reduction in Departmental Administration. Increases funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture competitive grants by \$3,000,000 to be used for Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and pollinator decline research, and offsets the increase by a reduction in funding for the Departmental Administration. Increases funding for

the Office of Inspector General at USDA by \$500,000 to determine whether the USDA Organic certification program ensures that the most rigorous standards for certification are honored, and to investigate whether non-organic substances inappropriately remain allowed in small amounts in USDA certified products after organic alternatives have been discovered. The increase is offset by a decrease of the same amount in funding for the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities, General Services Administration account. Seeks to increase the appropriation for the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program by \$519,000 to a total of \$1.5 million. The amount is offset by decreasing appropriations for “administrative expenses necessary to carry out direct and guaranteed loan programs” within the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account. Seeks to appropriate tobacco product user fees authorized under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111–31). Funds the Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program created in the 2008 Farm Bill at \$2,000,000. Offsets the increase in spending by reducing spending on Rural Development Salaries and Expenses. Prohibits the use of funds for first class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 498); **Pages H7843–44**

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that transfers \$50,000 from the Chief Economist to the Economic Research Service (by a recorded vote of 404 ayes to 27 noes, Roll No. 499); and

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Capito amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that transfers \$10,038,000 in the bill from the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program (restoring the latter to FY09 appropriation levels) (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 500).

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Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to reduce FDA funding by \$373 million to equal the FY09 level (by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 501);

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Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to make an across-the-board cut of 5 percent to all discretionary funding accounts in the bill (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 502);

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Hensarling amendment (No. 6 printed in part E of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th

that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA and seeks to reduce funds under the heading “Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses” by the amount that was to have been spent on the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA (by a recorded vote of 122 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 503);

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Campbell amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Specialty Crops in Indiana and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on Specialty Crops in Indiana (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 504);

Pages H7848–49

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD and to reduce funds under the heading “Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses” by the amount that was to have been spent on the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 505);

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Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia (by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 506);

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Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and to reduce funds under the heading “National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities” by the amount that was to have been spent on Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 507); and

Pages H7850–51

Kingston amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that was debated on July 8th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to administer or pay the salary of personnel who administer any broadband loans or loan guarantees on or

before September 15, 2010 (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 508). **Page H7851**

H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 8th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Mica motion to adjourn by voice vote. **Page H7855**

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 511. **Pages H7862–65**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 7th:

Recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month: H. Con. Res. 127, to recognize the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 514 and **Pages H7866–67**

Directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center: H. Con. Res. 131, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 410 ayes to 8 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 515. **Pages H7867–68**

Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3081, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 318 yeas to 106 noes, Roll No. 525. **Pages H7868–H7919**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Kirk motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 523. **Pages H7914–16**

Rejected the second Kirk motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 524. **Pages H7916–18**

Agreed to:

Lowey manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–193) that increases funding

for safe water and sanitation programs (\$25M); democracy programs (\$10M); implementation of the U.S.-Brazil Joint Action Plan to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality (\$300,000); maternal health programs (\$10M); and oversight of Department of State and USAID programs (\$8M). These additions are offset by reductions to the Department of State Capital Investment Fund and USAID’s Capital Investment Fund. The amendment also restricts Foreign Military Financing Program funding for Sri Lanka and restricts first-class travel by employees of agencies funded by this Act (by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 516); **Pages H7877–78, H7909–10**

Weiner amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that strikes Presidential waiver authority on the blocking of aid to Saudi Arabia (by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 519); and **Pages H7896–97, H7911–12**

Kirk amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that prohibits funds in the bill from being used by the Secretary of the Treasury to negotiate an agreement in contravention of certain provisions of law (by a recorded vote of 429 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 521). **Pages H7907–08, H7913**

Rejected:

Buyer amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce funding for: Diplomatic and Consular Programs by \$1.2 billion; Operating Expenses for USAID by \$330 million; and Global Health by \$670 million. This would reflect FY2009 enacted funding levels (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 517); **Pages H7878–79, H7910–11**

Stearns amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps (Independent Agencies) by \$76,560,000 to match the President’s request of \$373,440,000 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 518); **Pages H7884–86, H7911**

Culberson amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to reduce the total amount of Title V funding in the bill, Multilateral Assistance, by \$505,896,000 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 520); and **Pages H7905–07, H7912–13**

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–193) that sought to prohibit funds in the bill from being made available for the one-time special educational, professional, and cultural exchange grants program, reducing the cost of the bill by \$8 million (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 522). **Pages H7908–09, H7913–14**

H. Res. 617, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of

223 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 513, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 512.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of James McNulty, former Member of Congress. Page H7910

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and 23 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7842–43, H7844, H7845, H7845–46, H7846, H7847, H7847–48, H7848–49, H7849, H7849–50, H7850–51, H7851, H7853–54, H7854–55, H7864–65, H7865, H7866, H7867, H7867–68, H7909–10, H7910–11, H7911, H7912, H7912–13, H7913, H7914, H7916, H7918, and H7918–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review rural broadband programs. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Cook, Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Mark Seifert, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on challenges to effective acquisition and management of information technology systems. Testimony was heard from Tim Harp, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Information Technology Acquisition, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

ARMY/MARINE CORPS RESET REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittees on Readiness, Air and Land Forces and Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on the status of Army and Marine Corps reset requirements. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps; GEN. James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Commandant; MG Willie Williams, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Command; and BG Michael

Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of the H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

TARP FOR MAIN STREET ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 3068, TARP for Main Street Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from William C. Apgar, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Mortgage Finance, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Gary Engel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Brian Hudson, Executive Director, Housing Finance Agency, State of Pennsylvania; Chris Warren, Chief of Regional Development, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE'S REGULATORY REFORM ROLE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Balancing the Independence of the Federal Reserve Monetary Policy with Systemic Risk Regulation." Testimony was heard from Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

U.S. EXPORT CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on The Export Administration Act: A Review of Outstanding Policy Considerations. Testimony was heard from John Engler, former Governor, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported H.R. 1881, Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009.

MINORITY BROADCAST OWNERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Trends Affecting Minority Broadcast Ownership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOLUNTARY MORTGAGE MODIFICATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Home Foreclosures: Will Voluntary Mortgage Modification Help Families Save Their Homes? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.