

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.

Pages H7855–62, H7865–66

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.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1061, amended, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; H.R. 1376, amended, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1121, amended, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009.

MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, and Special Representative for Border Affairs; Todd Owen, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration; and William Hoover, Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; J. Robert McBrien, Associate Director, Investigations and Enforcement, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

CENSUS DATA AND FEDERAL FORMULA FUNDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on Census Data and Its Use in Federal Formula Funding. Testimony was heard from Thomas Mesenbourg, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Todd Richardson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Donald Moulds, Acting Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Stuart Kerachsky, Acting Director, National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education; Carleton Finkbeiner, Mayor, Toledo, Ohio; Robert Bowser, Mayor, East Orange, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FY 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 58, line 6. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Abercrombie, Wamp, Sessions and King of Iowa.

ENERGY AND WATER LINKAGE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Technology Research and Development Efforts to the Energy and

Water Linkage. Testimony was heard from Kristina Johnson, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH TAX CREDIT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled "Helping Small Business Innovators through the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER/MARINER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on The National Maritime Center and Mariner Credentials. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Kevin Cook, Director, Prevention Policy; CAPT David C. Stalfort, Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act; and H.R. 2968, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance.

VETERANS HEALTHCARE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 1335, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 2770, amended, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corpora-

tions Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2926, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide, without expiration, hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for certain Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicide and veterans of the Persian Gulf War; and a Committee Print regarding Family Caregivers.

Joint Meetings

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine commercial real estate, after receiving testimony from Jon D. Greenlee, Associate Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Richard Parkus, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., New York, New York; and Jeffrey D. DeBoer, The Real Estate Roundtable, and James Helsel, RSR Realtors, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing to examine the regulation of over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to mark up the 2010 appropriations for fiscal year 2009, 8:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on The Crisis in Honduras, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up the following: H.R. 22, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund; a measure to clarify the authority of the Postal Service to accept monetary donations for commemorative plaques at Post Offices; and several commemorative resolutions and postal naming bills, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.