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 Corporations 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.