

its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands;

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*Validating final patent number 27–2005–0081:* H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081;

**Pages H8050–51**

*Providing for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909:* H.R. 1442, amended, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909;

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*Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009:* H.R. 2188, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

**Pages H8052–56**

*Authorizing the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California:* H.R. 129, amended, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California;

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*Providing for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway:* H.R. 409, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway; and

**Pages H8058–59**

*Expressing support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month":* H. Res. 543, to express support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month".

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**Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Representative Gallegly to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. **Page H8064**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8030.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8046, H8058, H8061–62, H8062–63, H8063 and H8064. There were no quorum calls.

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

## Committee Meetings

### DAIRY INDUSTRY'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review the economic conditions facing the dairy industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Courtney and Welch; James Miller, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

### SEC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "SEC Oversight: Current State and Agenda." Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, SEC.

### BIOLOGICS/BIOSIMILARS INNOVATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Biologics and Biosimilars: Balancing Incentives for Innovation. Testimony was heard from Representative Eshoo; and public witnesses.

### MANDATORY SENTENCING MINIMUMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Mandatory Minimums and Unintended Consequences, including consideration of the following bills: H.R. 2934, Common Sense in Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 834, Ramos and Compean Justice Act of 2009; and H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Julia E. Carnes, Chair, Criminal Law Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; and public witnesses.

### D.C. METRORAIL CRASH; WMATA FUNDING

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing entitled "Back on Track: WMATA Red Line Metro-rail Accident and Continual Funding Challenges." Testimony was heard from Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah A. P. Hersman, member, National Transportation Safety Board; Eric Madison, Chairman, Tri-State Oversight Committee of the Transportation Planner Mass Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; former Representative Thomas M. Davis III, of Virginia; the following officials of the WMATA, John B. Catoe, General Manager; and Jim Graham, Chairman, Board of Directors; and public witnesses.

**AFGHAN ECONOMY PROMOTION**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “U.S. Promotion of the Afghan Economy: Impediments and Opportunities.” Testimony was heard from Jeremy Pam, Visiting Research Scholar, Sustainable Development, U.S. Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

**THE “ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010”**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies 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 those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 63, line 12. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules; (2) not to exceed one of the amendments printed in part B of the report if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee; (3) not to exceed six of the amendments printed in part C of the report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; and (4) not to exceed three of the amendments printed in part D of the report if offered by Representative Hensarling of Texas or his designee. 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). The rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Finally, the rule lays House Resolution 618 on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pastor; Cardoza; Arcuri; Costa; Davis of Tennessee; Frelinghuysen; Wamp; Gingrey; Nunes; Kingston of Georgia and Deal of Georgia.

**THE “FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010”**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3170, the Financial Service and General Government 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 those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 145, line 11. The rule waives 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 report of the Committee on Rules. 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 on the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 or 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

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## WIND AND SOLAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on New Roadmaps for Wind and Solar Research and Development. Testimony was heard from John Saintcross, Program Manager, Energy and Environmental Markets, Energy Research and Development Authority, State of New York; and public witnesses.

## DEFENSE—VA ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD INTEROPERABILITY

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Examining the Progress of Electronic Health Record Interoperability Between VA and DOD. Testimony was heard from Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Human Capital Issues, GAO; RADM Gregory Timberlake, USN, Acting Director, Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Douglas E. Rosendale, Director, Joint Interoperability Ventures, Office of Health Administration, Veterans Health Administration; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; and Mary Ann Rockey, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Military Health System, Department of Defense.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to

hold hearings to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, and Meredith Atwell Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider an original bill to extend the programs of SAFETEA-LU, and the nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalappally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, and John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine maritime disputes and sovereignty issues in East Asia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the REAL ID Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to mark up S. 1415, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to