

Public Law 111–21, appointed the following to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

The Honorable Bob Graham of Florida, Heather Murren of Nevada, and Byron Georgiou of Nevada.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

Keith Hennessey of Virginia, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin of Virginia.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATING HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Donohue, Director, Division of Investment Management, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Dinakar Singh, TPG-Axon Capital, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, and Richard Bookstaber, all of New York, New York; Trevor Loy, Flywheel Ventures, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mark Tresnowski, Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Private Equity Council; and Joseph A. Dear, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento.

CELL PHONES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities, including S. 251, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit targeted interference with mobile radio services within prison facilities, after receiving testimony from former Representative Steve Largent, Washington, D.C., on behalf of CITA—The Wireless Association; Texas State Senator John Whitmire, Houston; Gary D. Maynard, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary, Towson; John M. Moriarty, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inspector General, Austin; and Richard A. Mirgon, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, Carson City, Nevada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senators Graham and DeMint, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Katherine H. Stevenson, Acting Deputy Director, Support Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Sharon F. Francis, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Charlestown, New Hampshire; and Mara Farrell, Fishkill Historical Focus, Fishkill, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009"; 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.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, who was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Becerra, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalapally, 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.

MARITIME DISPUTES AND SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES IN EAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine maritime disputes and sovereignty issues in East Asia, after receiving testimony from Scot

Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Peter Dutton, Associate Professor of Strategic Studies, China Maritime Studies Institute, United States Naval War College, both of the Department of Defense; and Dan Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute, and Richard P. Cronin, The Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

REAL ID ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the REAL ID Act, focusing on identification security, including S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver's licenses and identification documents, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, and Stewart Baker, former Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, Montpelier, and David Quam, Washington, D.C., both of the National Governors Association; Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles, California; and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Affordable Health Choices Act".

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee began mark up of an original bill to authorize appropriations for

fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, but

did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3219–3229; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 649–650 were introduced. **Pages H8183–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8184–85**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Altmire to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8103**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gary Hashley, Calvary Memorial Church, Gering, Nebraska. **Page H8103**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gingrey motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 23 yeas to 361 nays, Roll No. 537. **Pages H8106–07**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 14th:

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1044, amended, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 540; **Page H8115**

Conveying certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: H.R. 934, amended, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 541; and **Pages H8115–16**

Validating final patent number 27–2005–0081: H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 542. **Pages H8116–17**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 16th. **Pages H8107–15, S8117–59**

Agreed to:

Wamp amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that transfers \$14 million from Corps of Engineers Expenses to Corps of Engineers Construction; **Pages H8135–36**

Costa amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that increases funding for the California Bay-Delta Restoration Program by \$10 million and decreases funding for the Bureau of Reclamation Office of the Commissioner by \$10 million; **Page H8137**

Cardoza amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that facilitates water transfers within the Central Valley Project and also transfers from outside the Central Valley Project; **Pages H8137–38**

Pastor manager amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that reduces the appropriation for the Corps of Engineers Expenses by \$9 million; adds \$1.8 million to the Regulatory account for the Army Corps of Engineers to help address the chronic backlog of project applications, offset by cutting the Corps of Engineers Expenses; adds \$45 million for the Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies program. The increase is offset by a \$30 million reduction for Departmental Administration in the Department of Energy and a \$15 million reduction for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. The amendment increases funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$2.5 million, offset by a \$2.5 million reduction to Other Defense Activities. The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used to purchase light bulbs unless they have the “Energy Star” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation. Finally, the amendment prohibits any funds in the bill from being used to purchase passenger motor vehicles unless they are purchased from Ford, GM, or Chrysler (by a recorded vote of 261 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 543); **Pages H8133–34, S8143–44**

Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that provides \$7 million for the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration program run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enhance water quality and fisheries productivity in the bay, offset