

Discharge Petition: Representative Burton (IN) moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2194) to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives Polis, Loretta Sanchez (CA), and Lamborn. Page H8160

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8106–07, H8114, H8114–15, H8115, H8116, H8116–17, H8143–44, H8144, H8145, H8145–46 and H8146–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADDRESSING WMD THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Addressing a New Generation of Threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction: Department of Energy Non-proliferation Programs and the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Michael L. Nacht, Assistant Secretary, Global Strategic Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

JUNIOR OFFICER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Beyond Service Core Competency: Are Our Junior Officers Prepared for Today's Security Environment? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Dana H. Born, USAF, Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy; BG Patrick Finnegan, USA, Dean of the Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy; CPT Matthew L. Klunder, USN, Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy; and COL Brian D. Beaudreault, USMC, Director, U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Began mark up of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

FINANCING REGULATION/ RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Banking Industry Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL/STATE ASSISTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings entitled "Legislative Options for Preserving Federally- and State-Assisted Affordable Housing and Preventing Displacement of Low-Income, Elderly and Disabled Tenants." Testimony was heard from Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "General Aviation Security: Assessing Risks and the Road Ahead." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Carlton Mann, Assistant Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and Charles Gallaway, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and public witnesses.

ELECTION STANDARDS—EXAMINING UNIFORMITY

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Examining Uniformity in Election Standards. Testimony was heard from Mary Herrera, Secretary of State, New Mexico; Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, Kansas; and public witnesses.

YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction Through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education Act. Testimony was heard from Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County, Monterey Park, California; and public witnesses.

TRIBAL MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2678, Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act; H.R. 1358, Burt Lake of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act; H.R. 3084, Chinook Nation Restoration Act; and H.R. 3120, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Stupak, Baird and Rehberg; George Skibine, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2569, To authorize surface transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX STIMULUS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Economic Recovery: Tax Stimulus Items that Benefitted Small Business with a Look Ahead." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA'S NATIONAL BROKER CONTRACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Evaluating GSA's First Experience with National Broker Contracts. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; the following officials of the GSA: Regina O'Brien, Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General; and Samuel Morris, III, Assistant Commissioner—Office of Real Estate Acquisition, Public Building Service; and public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER TRUST FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Opportunities and Challenges in the Creation of a Clean Water Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert M. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2770, amended, Veterans Non-profit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant

Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 3155, amended, Care-giver Assistance and Resources Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3219, Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act of 2009.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing to examine the START Treaty follow-on agreement, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how to prevent home foreclosures, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the long-term budget outlook, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine competition in the health care marketplace, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine moving toward a clean energy economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine instability, terrorism, and economic disruption in relation to oil, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Donald Sternoff Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Howard W. Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine