

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3170, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7583–S7665

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1458–1469, and S. Res. 212–216. **Page S7639**

Measures Reported:

S. 1462, to promote clean energy technology development, enhanced energy efficiency, improved energy security, and energy innovation and workforce development. (S. Rept. No. 111–48)

S. 345, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the “Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009”. (S. Rept. No. 111–49)

S. 954, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–50)

S. 955, to authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the African Development Fund and the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, to require budgetary disclosures by multilateral development banks, to encourage multilateral development banks to endorse the principles of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. (S. Rept. No. 111–51)

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. **Page S7639**

Measures Passed:

Trademark Act of 1946: Senate passed H.R. 3114, to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made

available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7664**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7591–S7636**

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 1613 (to Amendment No. 1511), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7632–33, S7634**

78 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 232), Brownback Amendment No. 1610 (to Amendment No. 1511), to clarify that the amendment shall not be construed or applied to infringe on First Amendment rights. **Pages S7631–32, S7634**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Pages S7591, S7607–08, S7623–24, S7627–31**

Rejected:

By 29 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 231), Hatch Amendment No. 1611 (to Amendment No. 1511), to prevent duplication in the Federal government. **Pages S7633–34**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1511), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Page S7630–31**

Pending:

Thune Amendment No. 1618, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in

which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 233), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only amendments on the subject of hate crimes remaining in order during the pendency of the bill: Leahy or designee alternative to Sessions death penalty; Sessions amendment relative to death penalty; Sessions amendment relative to service members; and Sessions amendment relative to attorney general regulations, and that debate on any of the amendments listed above be limited to 40 minutes each; provided further, that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 1 p.m., on Monday, July 20, 2009, and resume consideration of Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), following the disposition of Leahy Amendment and Sessions Amendment, and provided that upon the disposition of Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), Senator Levin be recognized to offer the Levin/McCain amendment relating to the F22, with debate on the amendment limited to 2 hours, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and Chambliss, or their designees; provided that upon the use or yielding back of that debate time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, with no amendment in order to the Levin/McCain amendment prior to a vote.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–27)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jacqueline A. Berrien, of New York, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2014.

Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2014.

Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S7638–39**

Measures Referred: **Page S7639**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7639–42**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7642–53**

Additional Statements: **Page S7638**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7653–63**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S7663–64**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S7664**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—233) **Pages S7634–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7664.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the START Treaty follow-on agreement from Rose Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation; and Michael Nacht, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home foreclosure prevention, after receiving testimony from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability; William Apgar, Senior Advisor for Mortgage Finance, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Joan Carty, The Housing Development Fund, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Mary Coffin, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Des Moines, Iowa; Allen H. Jones, Bank of America, Annandale, Virginia; Diane E. Thompson, National Consumer Law Center, Godfrey, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Advocates; Curtis Glovier, Fortress Investment Group, New York, New York, on behalf of the Mortgage Investors Coalition; Paul S. Willen, Federal Reserve Bank

of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts; and Thomas Perretta, Stamford, Connecticut.

LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term budget outlook, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

COMPETITION IN THE HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine competition in the health care marketplace, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Len M. Nichols, New America Foundation, and David Balto, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark Riley, Arkansas Pharmacists Association, Little Rock, on behalf of the National Community Pharmacists Association; and Grace-Marie Turner, Galen Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS IN A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States competitiveness while moving toward a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from John Doerr, Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, Menlo Park, California; John Krenicki, GE Energy Infrastructure, and Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.; and Julian L. Wong, Center For American Progress Action Fund, Atlanta, Georgia.

INSTABILITY, TERRORISM AND ECONOMIC DISRUPTION IN RELATION TO OIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine instability, terrorism, and economic disruption in relation to oil, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, William Hudson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Richard J. Schmierer, Ambassador to Oman, and Phillip Carter III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of 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, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, Donald S. Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Anne E. Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, and Howard Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, and Stuart G. Nash, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS CONTRACTING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contracting for Alaska native corporations, after receiving testimony from Debra S. Ritt, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, and Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, both of the United States Small Business Administration; Shay D. Assad, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Sarah Lukin, Native American Contractors Association, and Jacqueline Johnson-Pata, National Congress of American Indians, both of Washington, D.C.; Julie E. Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska; Mark J. Lumer, Cirrus Technology Inc., Huntsville, Alabama; and Christina J. Schneider, Purcell Construction Corp., Watertown, New York.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment and Training Administration; Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education; Michael L. Thurmond, Georgia Department of Labor Commissioner, Atlanta; Clyde McQueen, Full Employment Council, Kansas City, Missouri; Rick S. Bender, Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, Seattle;

William E. Kiernan, University of Massachusetts Boston Institute for Community Inclusion (UCEDD); Mary W. Sarris, North Shore Workforce Investment Board, Salem, Massachusetts; Kathy Lynn Cooper, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Olympia; and Stephen Wing, CVS Caremark, Twinsburg, Ohio.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, after receiving testimony from Representatives Velázquez and Serrano; Peter N. Kirsanow, Commissioner, United States Commission on Civil Rights; Louis J. Freeh, former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dustin McDaniel, Arkansas Attorney General, Little Rock; Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Robert M. Morgenthau, New York County District Attorney, Theodore M. Shaw, Columbia Law School, and Patricia M. Hynes, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, all of New York, New York; Kim J. Askew and Mary M. Boies, both of the American Bar Association, Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Chuck Canterbury, National Fraternal Order of Police, Charmaine Yoest, Americans United for Life, Ramona E. Romero, Hispanic

National Bar Association, Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz, Georgetown University Law Center, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker and Hostetler LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Frank Ricci and Ben Vargas, both of the New Haven Fire Department, and Kate Stith, Yale Law School, all of New Haven, Connecticut; Linda Chavez, Center for Equal Opportunity, Falls Church, Virginia; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Golden, Colorado, on behalf of the CATO Institute; Ilya Somin and Neomi Rao, both of George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; Tim Jefferies, P7 Enterprises, Scottsdale, Arizona; John O. McGinnis, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; JoAnne A. Epps, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Women Lawyers; David B. Cone, Stamford, Connecticut; Sandra S. Froman, Tucson, Arizona; and Stephen P. Halbrook, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3230–3245; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 651–652, 654–656 were introduced.

Pages H8301–02

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8302–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1196, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 111–210);

H.R. 1604, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–211); and

H. Res. 653, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1018) to amend the Wild Free-Roam-

ing Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 111–212). **Page H8301**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Elizabeth Hanley, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Cameron, Texas. **Page H8187**

Oath of Office—Thirty-Second Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Judy Chu presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Ms. Cathy Mitchell, Chief of Elections Division, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 14, 2009, the Honorable Judy Chu was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Second Congressional District, State of California. **Page H8200**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Chu, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H8200**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Walden announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H8201**

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

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 548; **Pages H8199–H8200**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 549; **Page H8201**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 550; **Pages H8201–02**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 551; **Pages H8202–03**

Expressing support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month": H. Res. 543, to express support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 9 nays with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 554; and **Pages H8204–05**

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month": H. Res. 476, amended, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 572. **Page H8269**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Celebrating the goals and ideals of Black Music Month'." **Page H8269**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 651, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on Education and Labor: Representative Chu. **Page H8216**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3170, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 571. **Pages H8191–99, H8203–04, H8205–69**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Tiahrt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 570. **Pages H8266–68**

Agreed to:

Serrano manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that (1) increases FY 2010 funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission by \$4,875,000 to the auth level of \$118,200,000 and FY2010 funding under GSA Federal Buildings Fund will be reduced by the same amount; (2) transfers \$250,000 from the GSA's Federal Building Fund operations account to the National Credit Union Administration's Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; and (3) prohibits the use of funds for first-class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations and **Page H8233**

Paulsen amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that increases the appropriation for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) of the Treasury Department by \$15 million and offsets from the GSA Rent Account by the same amount. **Pages H8233–34**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to strike funding for the President's Council of Economic Advisers (\$4.2 million) (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 279 noes, Roll No. 555); **Pages H8234–35, H8255–56**

Emerson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to reduce funding for the

Help America Vote Act by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 556);

Pages H8235–37, H8256–57

Blackburn amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by the Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 5 percent (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 557);

Pages H8237–38, H8257

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit funding made available in this bill from paying the salaries of specific positions in the Council on Environmental Quality (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 558);

Pages H8238–39, H8257–58

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the small business incubator project of the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 559);

Pages H8239–41, H8258–59

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$200,000 from being used for the Commercial Driver Training Institute project of Arkansas State University in Newport, Arkansas, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 560);

Pages H8241–42, H8259

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$285,000 from being used for the Proof of Concept Center of Idaho TechConnect, Inc., in Nampa, Idaho, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 561);

Pages H8242–43, H8259–60

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$200,000 from being used for the Greenstone Group project of the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund in Virginia, Minnesota, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 93 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 562);

Pages H8243–44, H8260–61

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$150,000 from being used for the Green Business Incubator Project of Montgomery County, Maryland, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 563);

Pages H8244–47, H8261

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from

being used for the Activity Based Total Accountability project of the Florida Institute of Technology, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 326 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 564);

Pages H8247–49, H8261–62

Flake amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$90,000 from being used for the Commercial Kitchen Business Incubator project of the El Pajaro Community Development Corporation in Watsonville, California, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 565);

Pages H8249–50, H8262–63

Flake amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$125,000 from being used for the Defense Procurement Assistance Program of the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 566);

Pages H8250–51, H8263

Flake amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the Myrtle Beach International Trade and Conference Center of the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 567);

Pages H8251–53, H8263–64

Flake amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the Tech Belt Life Sciences Greenhouse project of the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 325 noes, Roll No. 568); and

Pages H8253–54, H8264–65

Flake amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$900,000 from being used for an infrastructure expansion project to promote small business of the City of Loma Linda and the City of Grand Terrace, California, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 569).

Pages H8254–55, H8265

H. Res. 644, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 553, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 552.

Pages H8191, H8198–99, H8203–04

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 644 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–58). **Pages H8274–75**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8187.

Senate Referrals: S. 509 was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs. **Pages H8187, H8300**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and 16 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8199–H8200, H8201, H8202, H8202–03, H8203, H8204, H8205, H8255–56, H8256–57, H8257, H8258, H8258–59, H8259, H8260, H8260–61, H8261, H8262, H8262–63, H8263, H8264, H8264–65, H8265, H8267–68, H8268 and H8269. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review current issues in food safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jerold Mande, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Cindy Smith, Acting Administrator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Mike Taylor, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

PROSECUTING LAW OF WAR VIOLATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Prosecuting Law of War Violations: Reforming the Military Commissions Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy; LTG Jack L. Rives, USAF, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force; LTG Scott C. Black, USA, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army; and BG James C. Walker,

USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

MANAGING SERVICES CONTRACTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Managing Services Contracts: What Works and What Doesn't? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Wendy Masiello, USAF, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Combat and Mission Support, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Army; and Jerome F. Punderson, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Navy.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held an oversight hearing for the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch Systems (EMALS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Navy: VADM David Architzel, USN, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; CAPT. Brian Antonio, FORD Class Program Manager; and CAPT Randy Mahr, EMALS Program Manager (PMA 251).

NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting for Nuclear Waste Management. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Kouts, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Kim P. Cawley, Unit Chief, Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit, CBO.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

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

Will continue tomorrow.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS CONSUMER ADVOCATES' PERSPECTIVES

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

FEDERAL RESERVE'S CONSUMER PROTECTION ROLE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Safeguarding Consumer Protection and the Role of the Federal Reserve." Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Duke, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

CHINESE INTERROGATION VS. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT—UIGHURS AT GUANTANAMO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Chinese Interrogation vs. Congressional Oversight: The Uighurs at Guantanamo. Testimony was heard from Allan Liotta, Principal Director, Detainee Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMBATING BORDER VIOLENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Combating Border Violence: The Role of Interagency Coordination in Investigations." Testimony was heard from Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration; and Bill McMahon, Deputy Assistant Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

BANK OF AMERICA AND MERRILL LYNCH—PRIVATE DEAL TO FEDERAL BAILOUT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, continued joint hearings entitled "Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How Did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout? Part III." Testimony was heard from Henry Paulson, former Secretary of the Treasury.

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1018, the Restore Our American Mustangs Act. The

rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Rep. Rahall or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule also makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the report, if offered by Representative Hastings of Washington or his designee, which shall be separately debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representative Hastings of Washington.

FAA AVIATION WEATHER SERVICES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Providing Aviation Weather Services to the FAA. Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Jack Hayes, Assistant Administrator, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Richard Day, Senior Vice President, Operations, FAA, Department of Transportation.

SPACE RELEVANCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Enhancing the Relevance of Space to Address National Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHWAY BILL—SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Upcoming Highway Bill and Ensuring It Meets the Needs of Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Green Buildings Offer Multiple Benefits: Cost Savings, Clean Environment and Jobs. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kampschroer, Acting Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, GSA; Drury Crawley, Lead Mechanical Engineer, Office of Building Technologies, Department of Energy; Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

LONG-TERM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on The Importance of a Long-Term Surface Transportation Authorization in Sustaining Economic Recovery. Testimony was heard from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

WOMEN VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and the Subcommittee on Memorial Affairs and Health held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Gaps: Examining Women Veterans' Issues. Testimony was heard from Randall V. Williamson, Director, Health Care, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; and Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief, Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; and Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, Director, Center of Women Veterans; and public witnesses.

VA STATE APPROVING AGENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on State Approving Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative Timothy H. Bishop of New York; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Ways and Means: Began markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings**REGIONAL IMPACT OF IRAN CRISIS**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Iran crisis on its OSCE neighbors, after receiving testimony from David Kramer, former Assistant Secretary of State; Stephen Blank, United States Army War College, Department of Defense; and Jennifer Windsor, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the elements of a national manufacturing strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2010, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up H. Res. 591, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to certain specific communications with and financial assistance provided to General Motors Corporation and Chrysler LLC, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled "Industry Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, July 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization Act, and after a period of debate, vote on certain amendments.

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