

FOREIGN AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign aid and development in a new era, after receiving testimony from Peter McPherson, former Administrator, USAID, on behalf of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, and Reverend David Beckmann, Bread for the World, on behalf of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey D. Sachs, Columbia University Earth Institute, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anthony W. Miller, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, and Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, both of the Department of Education, and Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Dodd (Chair), Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Sanders, Brown, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Alexander, Gregg, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, Coburn, Roberts, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Murray (Chair), Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Brown, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Isakson, Gregg, Burr, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging: Senators Mikulski (Chair), Harkin, Bingaman, Reed, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Burr, Gregg, Alexander, Isakson, Coburn, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

JOB CREATION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine job creation and foreign investment in the United States, focusing on assessing the EB-5 Regional Center Program, after receiving testimony from Robert Kruszka, Deputy Chief, and Michael T. Dougherty, former Ombudsman, both of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen Yale-Loehr, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of Invest In the USA; William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Resort, Newport, Vermont; and Ron Drinkard, Alabama Center for Foreign Investment, Montgomery.

METAL THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine metal theft, focusing on law enforcement challenges, after receiving testimony from Chief Mona Dohman, Maple Grove Police Department, Maple Grove, on behalf of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association; Frank Coffey, Qwest Communications, Denver, Colorado; Aaron D. Kennard, National Sheriffs' Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Mark Lewon, Utah Metal Works Inc., Salt Lake City; and David M. Sparby, Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, Minneapolis.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a nomination hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3286–3287, 3289–3292, 3294–3302; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 667–668, 670–671 were introduced. **Pages H8584–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8585–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–218).

H. Res. 669, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and

Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–219) and

H.R. 3293, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 111–220). **Page H8584**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Stephen Leon, Congregation B’Nai Zion, El Paso, Texas. **Page H8497**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 667, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 189 nays with 14 voting “present”, Roll No. 605. **Pages H8509–10**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 20th:

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009: H.R. 1675, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 607. **Pages H8510–11**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 21st:

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 2938, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 608; **Pages H8511–12**

Recognizing the need to continue research into the causes, treatment, education, and an eventual cure for diabetes: H. Res. 69, to recognize the need to continue research into the causes, treatment, education, and an eventual cure for diabetes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 609; **Page H8512**

Lim Poon Lee Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 613; **Pages H8541–42**

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Children and Families Day”: H. Res. 534, to support the goals and ideals of “National Children and

Families Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 614; and **Page H8542**

Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 615. **Pages H8542–43**

Committee Discharge and Re-Referral: The House agreed that the Committee on Science and Technology be discharged from public consideration of H. Res. 631 and that the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H8512**

Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2920, to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration, by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 612. **Pages H8501–09, H8513–41**

Rejected the Ryan (WI) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 611. **Pages H8538–40**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–217, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–217, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8513**

Rejected:

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–217) that sought to establish caps on discretionary spending from FY2010 through FY2014 and a cap on total spending as a percentage of gross domestic product. It would also put in place maximum limits on deficits through 2019, again as a percentage of gross domestic product (by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 610). **Pages H8527–38**

H. Res. 665, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 606, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H8501, H8510**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for

Cooperation: H. Res. 654, to honor the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation and

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Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 1511, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games: H. Res. 538, amended, to support Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and to encourage the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

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Congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania: H. Res. 285, to congratulate the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and to celebrate the rich history of Lithuania; and

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Expressing appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and congratulating Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”: H. Res. 519, to express appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and to congratulate Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8501.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8509–10, H8510, H8510–11, H8511–12, H8512, H8538, H8540, H8540–41, 8541–42, H8542, H8542–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

OVERSIGHT—MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on oversight of family support programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Arthur J. Myers, Principal Director, Military Community and Family Policy, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; COL Cory Lyman, USAF, Assistant Director, Individual and Family Support Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Manpower and Personnel; SGM Kenneth O. Preston, USDA; SGM Carlton W. Kent, USMC; Master Chief Petty Officer, Rick D. West, USN; and CMSgt James A. Roy, USAF.

ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL REGULATOR REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Perspectives on the Obama Administration’s Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals.” Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, SEC; and Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “TARP Oversight Warrant Repurchases and Protecting Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury; Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, GAO; Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program; and Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on IRAN: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE'S ABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Federal Protective Service’s ability to protect Federal facilities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.