

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1390, National Defense Authorization Act.

The House passed H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7945–S8065

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1505–1512, and S. Res. 222. **Pages S8038–39**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Page S8038**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 87 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7947–S8025**

Adopted:

Lieberman Amendment No. 1627, to require the Secretary of Defense to make certain certifications with respect to the development of an alternative propulsion system for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program before funds may be obligated or expended for such system and to provide, with offsets, an additional \$282,900,000 for the procurement of UH-1Y/AH-1Z rotary wing aircraft and an additional \$156,000,000 for management reserves for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program. **Pages S7949–52, S7964–65**

Schumer Amendment No. 1764, 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. **Pages S7965–67**

Burr Amendment No. 1554, to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency. **Pages S7973–74**

Lieberman Amendment No. 1744, to express the sense of the Senate on and reserve funds for the development and deployment of missile defense systems to Europe. **Pages S7976–85**

Levin Amendment No. 1710, to provide for classified information procedures for military commissions, and to provide for interlocutory appeals by the United States of certain orders and rulings of military judges. **Pages S7987–99**

Lincoln Amendment No. 1487, to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program. **Pages S7999–S8000**

Kyl Amendment No. 1807 (to Amendment No. 1760), to require a report on the plan for the United States nuclear weapons stockpile, nuclear weapons complex, and delivery platforms, and to express the sense of the Senate on follow-on negotiations to the START Treaty. **Page S8003**

Kyl Amendment No. 1760, to pursue United States objectives in bilateral arms control with the Russian Federation. **Pages S7965, S7947, S8002–03**

Lieberman/Graham Modified Amendment No. 1650, to express the sense of Congress that military commissions are the preferred forum for the trial of alien unprivileged belligerents for violations of the law of war and other offenses triable by military commission. **Pages S8003–05**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1481, to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress on retirement benefits for former employees of Air America. **Pages S8005–06**

Levin (for Shaheen) Modified Amendment No. 1621, to improve and expand suicide prevention and

community healing and response training under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Pages S8005–06

Levin (for Feingold/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1675, to ensure that members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are injured while on active duty are advised of programs to assist in their transition back to civilian life. **Pages S8005, S8006–07**

McCain Amendment No. 1700, to ensure the security of Iraq through defense cooperation between the United States and Iraq. **Pages S8005, S8007**

McCain (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1680, to authorize the availability of appropriated funds for certain activities conducted under the State Partnership Program of the National Guard. **Pages S8005, S8007**

McCain (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1697, to require a biennial report on the military power of Iran. **Pages S8005, S8007**

McCain (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1494, to require a report on criteria for the selection of strategic embarkation ports and ships layberth locations. **Pages S8005, S8007–08**

Levin Amendment No. 1718, to provide authority to transfer covered defense articles no longer needed in Iraq and to provide defense services to the security forces of Iraq and Afghanistan. **Pages S8005, S8008**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 1601, to require a report on simplifying defense travel. **Pages S8005, S8008–09**

Levin (for Casey/Bayh) Amendment No. 1738, to provide for an annual comprehensive report on the status of United States efforts and the level of progress achieved to counter and defeat Al Qaeda and its related affiliates and undermine long-term support for the violent extremism that helps sustain Al Qaeda's recruitment efforts. **Pages S8005, S8009**

Levin (for Landrieu/Snowe) Amendment No. 1703, to reauthorize the SBIR program and the STTR program. **Pages S8005, S8009**

Levin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 1656, to require a report on the recruitment and retention of members of the Air Force in nuclear career fields. **Pages S8005, S8009–10, S8017**

McCain (for Collins) Amendment No. 1523, to amend provisions relating to Federal civilian employee retirement. **Pages S8005, S8010**

Levin (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1647, to express the sense of the Senate on costs for health care for members of the Armed Forces and their families. **Pages S8005, S8010**

Levin (for Durbin/Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 1662, to expand the provision authorizing special compensation for members of the uniformed services

with certain injuries or illnesses incurred in the line of duty. **Pages S8005, S8010**

McCain (for Risch/Crapo) Amendment No. 1741, to require the Secretary of Defense to report on the status of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. **Pages S8005, S8010**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1746, to require reports on the service life and replacement of AC–130 gunships of the Air Force. **Pages S8005, S8011**

McCain (for Risch/Crapo) Amendment No. 1543, to authorize the service Secretaries to increase the end strength of the Selected Reserve by two percent. **Pages S8005, S8011**

McCain (for Hatch/Bennett) Amendment No. 1740, to require a plan for sustaining the land-based solid rocket motor industrial base. **Pages S8005, S8011**

Levin (for Menendez/Corker) Amendment No. 1687, to require a national security interest certification for Coalition Support Fund reimbursements provided to the Government of Pakistan. **Pages S8005, S8011**

Levin (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1702, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of alternative therapies in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, including the therapeutic use of animals. **Pages S8005, S8011**

Levin (for Franken) Amendment No. 1717, to carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities. **Pages S8005, S8011–12**

McCain (for Ensign/Brown) Amendment No. 1521, to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces. **Pages S8005, S8012**

McCain (for Graham) Amendment No. 1768, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program for providing cognitive rehabilitative therapy services under the TRICARE program. **Pages S8005, S8012**

Levin (for Boxer/Bond) Amendment No. 1752, to reduce the minimum distance of travel necessary for reimbursement of covered beneficiaries of the military health care system for travel for specialty health care and to provide an offset. **Pages S8005, S8012**

McCain (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 1739, to provide for an increase in the maximum age limit for an original appointment to certain Federal employee positions for retirees of the Armed Forces and eligibility for an annuity under Federal Employees Retirement System for such retirees. **Pages S8005, S8012–13**

McCain Amendment No. 1775, to support freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly in Iran, to support the Iranian people as they seek, receive, and impart information and promote ideas in writing, in print, or through any media without interference.

Pages S8005, S8013

McCain (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1735, to express the sense of Congress regarding the development of manned airborne irregular warfare platforms.

Pages S8005, S8013

Levin (for Tester) Amendment No. 1564, to enhance travel and transportation benefits for survivors of deceased members of the uniformed services for purposes of attending memorial ceremonies.

Pages S7967-73, S8005, S8013

McCain (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1773, to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the stockpile stewardship program.

Pages S8005, S8013

McCain (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1774, to extend the sunset for the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States and to require an additional report.

Pages S8005, S8013-14

McCain (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1795, to express the sense of Congress on continued support by the United States for a stable and democratic Republic of Iraq.

Pages S8005, S8014

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1788, to express the sense of Congress that flexible spending arrangements should be established for members of the uniformed services.

Pages S8005, S8014

Levin (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1780, to require a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program and plans for further implementation.

Pages S8005, S8014, S8017-18

Levin (for Casey) Amendment No. 1782, to require a report on the feasibility of requiring post-deployment health assessments of Guard and Reserve members deployed in connection with contingency operations at their home stations or counties of residence.

Pages S8005, S8014

Levin (for Baucus) Amendment No. 1779, to provide for the notification of certain individuals regarding options for enrollment under Medicare part B.

Pages S8005, S8014

Levin (for Warner/Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1785, to require a report on the defense modeling and simulation industrial base.

Pages S8005, S8014-15

McCain (for Thune) Amendment No. 1806, to include additional members and additional duties for the independent panel assessing the 2009 quadrennial defense review.

Pages S8005, S8015

McCain (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1803, to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a com-

parative evaluation of extended range modular sniper rifle systems.

Pages S8005, S8015

McCain (for DeMint/Shahen) Amendment No. 1727, to require the report on the global defense posture realignment to include information relating to the effect of comprehensive master plans for overseas military main operating bases, forward operating sites, and cooperative security locations on United States security commitments under international security treaties and the current security environments in the combatant commands.

Pages S8005, S8015

Levin (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 1706, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation to develop a plan for providing access to the national airspace for unmanned aircraft.

Pages S8005, S8015-16

McCain (for Leahy/Bond) Modified Amendment No. 1749, to reestablish the position of Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Pages S8005, S8016

Levin (for Klobuchar) Modified Amendment No. 1799, (to Amendment No. 1753), to require the Department of Defense to improve access to mental health care for family members of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are deployed overseas.

Pages S8005, S8016, S8018-23

Levin (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1620, to amend the Small Business Act to create parity among certain small business contracting programs.

Pages S8005, S8016

McCain (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1688, to create parity among small business contracting programs.

Pages S8005, S8016

McCain (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 1765, to require a report on the re-engining of E-8C Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) aircraft.

Pages S8005, S8016-17

Graham (for Sessions) Further Modified Amendment No. 1657, to preempt requirements that Al Qaeda terrorists who are captured by the United States military or intelligence services be given Miranda warnings.

Pages S8000, S8002, S8023

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1572, to provide for the treatment of service as a member of the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II as active service for purposes of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces.

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Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1802, to extend the monthly special pay benefit for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces to include time spent performing pre-deployment and reintegration duty.

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Levin (for Gillibrand) Amendment No. 1801, to require the Secretary of the Navy to solicit competing bids for the procurement of steam turbines for the ships service turbine generators and main

propulsion turbines for the Ohio-class submarine replacement program. **Pages S8025, S8026**

Levin (for McCaskill) Modified Amendment No. 1606, to express the sense of the Senate on the need for domestic production of molybdenum-99. **Pages S8025, S8026**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1808, to provide to members of the Armed Forces and their families comprehensive information on benefits for members of the Armed Forces and their families. **Pages S8025, S8026**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1705, to extend the deadline for the completion of the independent study of concepts and systems for boostphase missile defense. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 1797, to reauthorize the Maritime Administration. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1732, to provide for an additional duty for the advisory panel on Department of Defense capabilities for support of civil authorities after certain incidents. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 1753, to require the Department of Defense to ensure full access to mental health care for family members of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are deployed overseas. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Reed/Wicker) Amendment No. 1758, to require a report on enabling capabilities for Special Operations forces. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Warner/Webb) Amendment No. 1751, to authorize a study on the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System. **Pages S8025, S8027**

Levin (for Kerry/Chambliss) Amendment No. 1661, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay. **Pages S8025, S8028**

McCain (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 1653, to require a report on Taiwan's Air Force. **Pages S8025, S8028**

McCain (for Coburn/Kerry) Amendment No. 1811, to extend and enhance reporting requirements related to United States contributions to the United Nations. **Pages S8025, S8028**

Levin (for Casey) Modified Amendment No. 1516, to provide certain requirements with respect to public-private competitions. **Pages S8025, S8028**

Levin (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1812, relative to feasibility and desirability of establishing general uniform procedures and guidelines for the provision of monetary assistance by the United States to civil-

ian foreign nationals for losses incident to combat activities of the Armed Forces. **Pages S8025, S8028–29**

Levin (for Sanders) Amendment No. 1658, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report to Congress on financial assistance for child care available to deployed members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces. **Pages S8025, S8029**

McCain (for Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 1796, to modify the provision requiring a report on potential foreign military sales of the F-22A fighter aircraft to have the report developed by a federally funded research and development center. **Pages S8025, S8029**

McCain (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 1533, to clarify that the definition of unprivileged enemy belligerent includes members of al Qaeda. **Pages S8025, S8029**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 240), Bayh Amendment No. 1767, to provide for the continued development of a competitive propulsion system for the Joint Strike Fighter program and additional amounts, with an offset, for UH-1Y/AH-1Z rotary wing aircraft and Joint Strike Fighter program management reserves. **Pages S7952–64**

Burr/Hagan Amendment No. 1519, to prohibit the establishment of an outlying landing field at Sandbanks or Hale's Lake, North Carolina. **Pages S7985–87**

By 40 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 241), Isakson Amendment No. 1525, to repeal the sunset of authority to procure fire resistant rayon fiber for the production of uniforms from foreign sources. **Pages S8000–02**

Withdrawn:

Akaka Amendment No. 1522, to amend provisions relating to Federal civilian employee retirement. **Pages S7974–76, S7997–99**

Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 1391, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Page S8024**

Military Construction Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 1392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Page S8024**

Department of Energy National Security Act: Senate passed S. 1393, to authorize appropriations

for fiscal year 2010 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization, as passed. **Page S8024**

National Defense Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 2647, 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, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1390, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. **Page S8024**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Burris, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Graham, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Burr, Vitter, and Collins. **Page S8024**

Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act: Senate passed H.J. Res. 56, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8060–61**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S8061–65**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S8060**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S8060**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—242) **Pages S7964, S8002, S8024**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 24, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8061.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Public Transportation Extension Act of 2009".

SYSTEMIC RISK REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine establishing a framework for systemic risk regulation, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Alice M. Rivlin, The Brookings Institution, Vincent Reinhart, American Enterprise Institute, and Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, all of Washington D.C.; and Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WATER AND POWER LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 637, to authorize the construction of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana and a portion of McKenzie County, North Dakota, S. 789, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, S. 1080, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, after receiving testimony from Michale L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of

Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tod Kasten, Dry Redwater Regional Water Authority, Circle, Montana; Ryan Garfield, Tule River Tribe of California, Porterville; and John F. Sullivan, Salt River Project, Phoenix, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; and

The nominations of Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President, Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, Kim N. Wallace, of Texas, to be Deputy Under Secretary, George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel, and Rosa Gumataotao Rios, of California, to be Treasurer, all of the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, who was introduced by Senators McCain, Hatch, and Bennett, John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by former Vice President Walter Mondale, former Senator Bill Bradley, former Speaker of the House Tom Foley, Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Repub-

lic of Vanuatu, Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine D.C. public schools, focusing on education reform, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Michelle Rhee, District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor, Victor Reinoso, and Kerri L. Briggs, both of the District of Columbia Department of Education, all of Washington, D.C.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine the reconsideration of bankruptcy reform, after receiving testimony from Alys Cohen, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Genirberg, Genirberg Law Office, Jonesboro, Georgia; and Joe Verdelotti, Jr., West Warwick, Rhode Island.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3303–3323; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 168; and H. Res. 674–675 were introduced. **Pages H870607**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H870708**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, requesting that the President and directing that the Secretary of Defense transmit to the House of Representatives all information in their possession relating to specific communications regarding detainees and foreign persons suspected of terrorism, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–221);

H. Res. 673, providing for consideration of the bill (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 (H. Rept. 111–222);

H.R. 3219, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care (H. Rept. 111–223);

H.R. 3155, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–224);

H.R. 2770, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–225); and

H.R. 1293, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services (H. Rept. 111–226).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Mark Campbell, Office for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Hensarling announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Broun (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Tiahrt announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Bachmann announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Nunes did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 616.

Pages H8600–01

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

Congratulating the 2008–2009 National Basketball Association Champions, the Los Angeles Lakers, on an outstanding and historic season: H. Res. 566, to congratulate the 2008–2009 National Basketball Association Champions, the Los Angeles

Lakers, on an outstanding and historic season, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 8 nays with 8 voting “present”, Roll No. 618 and **Pages H8602–03**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, the community, and the Nation: H. Res. 350, to honor the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, the community, and the Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 619.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Blackburn moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of H.R. 391, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that greenhouse gases are not subject to the Act, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 5).

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 637.

Pages H8593–8602, H8604–82

Latham motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment was withdrawn.

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Rejected the second Latham 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 yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 636.

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Agreed to:

Olver manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that decreases funding for the DOT Office of the Secretary by \$250,000 to increase funding for alternative fuel vehicle safety; increases the Federal Railroad Administration’s Railroad Research and Development account by \$3,000,000 and decreases the Financial Management Capital account by the same amount; increases funding for the FAA’s Office of Commercial Space by \$1,000,000 and decreases funding for the FAA’s Information Services account by the same amount; eliminates a Neighborhood Initiatives project and lowers the CDBG and Neighborhood Initiatives funding levels by \$2,000,000; modifies the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program to ensure that it can be implemented; prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs that do not have Energy Star or Federal Energy Management Program designation; and prohibits first class travel for employees of agencies funded in the bill; **Pages H8638–39**

Schock amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that transfers from HUD Home

Investment Partnership Program to the HUD Housing Counseling Assistance for the sole purpose of providing pre-home purchase counseling; **Page H8643**

Cao amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that requires the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation to report to Congress on a quarterly basis on their efforts to mitigate mortgage default (rather than bi-annually); **Pages H8643–44**

Burton (IN) amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that requires that none of the funds in this act may be used by Amtrak to provide free alcohol; **Pages H8646–47**

Turner amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that prevent funds in the bill from being used to prohibit the establishment of any occupancy preference for veterans in supportive housing for the elderly that is assistance by HUD and is located on Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) property or is subject to an enhanced use lease with the VA; and **Page H8650**

Rangel amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that prohibits the use of funds for the implementation of the community service requirement for public housing residents. **Pages H8650–52**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike funding in the bill for the HOPE VI program (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 276 noes, Roll No. 620); **Pages H8639–41, H8664**

Latham amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce the "Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service" by \$3,000,000,000 to the President's request of \$1,000,000,000 and strike the transfer authority for the National Infrastructure Bank (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 621); **Pages H8641–42, H8664–65**

Frelinghuysen amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to require that the FAA restrict the use of any funding for the implementation of the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia metropolitan area airspace redesign (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 622); **Pages H8644–45, H8665–66**

Blackburn amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to make an across the board cut of 5% to all funding accounts in the bill (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 623); **Pages H8645–46, H8666**

Jordan (OH) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by \$20,050,000,000 in order to reflect FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 624); **Pages H8647, H8666–67**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce

spending in the bill by \$13,533,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 625); **Pages H8647–49, H8667–68**

Stearns amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce by 25% the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by the bill that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 626); **Pages H8649–50, H8668**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000 from being used for the Terminal Replacement project at Grand Forks International Airport in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and reduce the amount of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 627); **Pages H8652–53, H8668–69**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the Murphy Theatre Community Center, Inc. in Wilmington, Ohio, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 628); **Pages H8653–55, H8669–70**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the construction of the Triangle Building by Alianza Dominicana, Inc., in New York, New York, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 629); **Pages H8655–56, H8670**

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$400,000 from being used for the renovation of a vacant building for economic development by the City of Jal, New Mexico, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 630); **Pages H8656–57, H8670–71**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the Monroe County Farmer's Market facility construction project of the Monroe County Fiscal Court and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 631); **Pages H8657–58, H8671–72**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000 from being used for the Millennium Technology Park in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 632); **Pages H8658–60, H8672**

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000

from being used for the reconstruction of Rib Mountain in Wisconsin, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 633);

Pages H8660–61, H8672–73

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike \$2 million for the Doyle Drive Replacement project in San Francisco, California and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 634); and

Pages H8661–62, H8673–74

Hensarling amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike \$750,000 for the Philadelphia Museum of Art Transportation Improvement Program in Pennsylvania and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount (by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 635).

Pages H8662–64, H8674

Withdrawn:

McHenry amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Amtrak's Office of Inspector General by \$1 million, offset by a reduction for Amtrak Operating Grants.

Pages H8642–43

H. Res. 669, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 617, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H8593–S8602

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 669 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

Pages H8593–H8600

Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced a joint appointment by the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate and an appointment by the Speaker on the part of the House to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: Joint Appointment: Mr. Phil Angelides of Sacramento, CA, Chairman. Speaker's appointments: Ms. Brooksley Born of Washington, DC and Mr. John W. Thompson of Woodside, CA.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individuals to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Honorable William M. Thomas of Bakersfield, CA (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Peter J. Wallison of Old Snowmass, CO.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and 16 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8601, H8602, H8601–03, H8603, H8664, H8664–65, H8665–66, H8666, H8666–67, H8667–68, H8668, H8668–69, H8669–70, H8670, H8670–71, H8671–72, H8672, H8672–73, H8673–74, H8674, H8681, H8681–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an oversight hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO, Visitor Services for the Capitol Visitor Center; Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; Bernie Ungar, CVC Project Executive; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE RECONFIGURATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on proposed reconfiguration of the National Defense Stockpile. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rick A. Lowden, Senior Materials Analyst, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, (Industrial Policy); and Cornel Holder, Administrator, National Defense Stockpile Center, Defense Logistics Agency; and a public witness.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND VULNERABLE SOCIETIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on From L'Aquila to Copenhagen: Change and Vulnerable Societies. Testimony was heard from Thomas Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America: Soft Power and the Free Flow of Information. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Jeffrey Gedmin, President and CEO, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; and Danforth W. Austin, Director, Voice of America.

FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Examining the Personnel Challenges Facing the Federal Air Marshal Service." Testimony was heard from Robert Bray, Assistant Administrator/Director, Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security

Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

ENGAGING THE ELECTORATE

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Engaging the Electorate—Strategies for Expanding Access to Democracy. Testimony was heard from Cameron P. Quinn, former Secretary, Board of Elections, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

CATASTROPHIC ATTACK—CONTINUITY OF CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Continuity of Congress in the Wake of a Catastrophic Attack. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and Rohrabacher; R. Eric Petersen, Analyst, American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3290, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act of 2009; and H. J. Res. 26, Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

The Subcommittee began markup of H.R. 42, Commission Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Subcommittee also approved requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills.

AMERICA VIEW GEOSPATIAL IMAGERY MAPPING PROGRAM ACT; OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL GEOSPATIAL DATA MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources H.R. 2489, America View Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act. Testimony was heard from Suzette M. Kimball, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Federal Geospatial Data Management. Testimony was heard from Karen C. Siderelis, Geospatial Information Officer, Department of the Interior; Michael Byrne, Geospatial Information Officer, State of California; and public witnesses.

E-VERIFY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled “E-Verify: Challenges and Opportunities.” Testimony was heard from Gerri Ratliff, Deputy Associate Di-

rector, National Security and Records Verification Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; David Rust, Deputy Commissioner, SSA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, 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 clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 134, 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 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 the time specified in the report 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). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Polis, Sestak, Tiahrt, Kingston, Pence, King (IA), Franks (AZ), Kline, McCaul, Wittman, and Cao.

ELECTRIC SMART GRID IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Effective Transforming Our Electric Delivery System to a Smart Grid. Testimony was heard from George Arnold, National Coordinator, Smart Grid Interoperability, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Suedeen G. Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

SBA'S CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reform the SBA's Capital Access Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING QUALITY OF LIFE—
ANCILLARY BENEFITS ISSUES**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examining Quality of Life and Ancillary Benefits Issues. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Myes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on possible Long-Term Financial Options for the Highway Trust Fund, including Member Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar, Mica, DeFazio, Meek of Florida, Brady of Texas, Calvert, Smith of Washington, Moran of Kansas, and Corrine Brown of Florida.; Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; Allen D. Biehler, Sec-

retary, Department of Transportation, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY IN THE RECESSION**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine balancing work and family in the recession, focusing on employees and employers, after receiving testimony from Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute, New York, New York; Cynthia Thomas Calvert, University of California Hastings College of the Law Center for Work Life Law, San Francisco, California; and Karen Nussbaum, Working America, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 24, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on reforming the Military Commissions Act of 2006 and detainee policy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Recovery Act: Strengthening Our Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Regulatory Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals—Part Two," 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue markup of H.R. 42, Commission Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act and to mark up H.R. 1425, Wartime Treatment Study Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m. Friday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

(At approximately 9:30 a.m., Senate will observe a moment of silence in honor of the fallen Capitol Police officers.)

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

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