

Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009: H.R. 2093, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring; **Pages H8928–32**

William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act: H.R. 2728, amended, to provide financial support for the operation of the law library of the Library of Congress; **Pages H8936–37**

Providing that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration: H.R. 1752, amended, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; **Pages H8937–38**

Absentee Ballot Track, Receive, and Confirm Act: H.R. 2510, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse States for the costs incurred in establishing a program to track and confirm the receipt of voted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office and make information on the receipt of such ballots available by means of online access; **Pages H8938–40**

Commending the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for calling upon all nations to live in peace and mutual understanding: H. Res. 535, amended, to commend the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for calling upon all nations to live in peace and mutual understanding; **Pages H8940–41**

Recognizing the “Day of the African Child” on June 16, 2009: H. Res. 550, to recognize the “Day of the African Child” on June 16, 2009, devoted to the theme of child survival and to emphasize the importance of reducing maternal, newborn, and child deaths in Africa; **Pages H8941–43**

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall: H. Res. 496, amended, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall; **Pages H8943–44**

Condemning the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and expressing condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks: H. Res. 675, to condemn the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and to express condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks; and **Pages H8944–46**

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan: H. Con. Res. 159, to recognize the

fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8948.

Senate Referrals: S. 1390 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8933, H8933–34, H8934–35, H8935. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDUSTRY’S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry continued hearings to review economic conditions facing the dairy industry, part three. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEAT AND POULTRY IMPORTS MEET PUBLIC STANDARDS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Protecting the Public Health in a Global Economy Ensuring that Meat and Poultry Imports Meet U.S. Standards. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY EDUCATION/OFFICER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Investing in Our Military Leaders: The Role of Professional Military Education in Officer Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director of Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff; LTG. William B. Caldwell IV, USA, Commanding General, Combined Arms Center, Deputy Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army; Dan Sitterly, Director, Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, USAF; Scott Lutterloh, Director, Total Force Requirements Division, U.S. Navy; and BG Melvin G. Spiese, USMC, Commanding General, Training and Education Command, U.S. Marine Corps.

CHEMICAL-BIOLOGICAL-NUCLEAR EXPLOSION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives consequence management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Security and Americas' Security Affairs; and GEN Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF, Commander, NORAD/United States Northern Command; David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and Davi M. Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COMPENSATION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of H.R. 3269, Corporate and Financial Institution Compensation Fairness Act of 2009.

U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Reset Button Has Been Pushed: Kicking Off a New Era in U.S.-Russian Relations. Testimony was heard from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Celeste A. Wallander, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, Office of the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

PERSONAL MEDICAL DEBT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Medical Debt: Is Our Healthcare System Bankrupting Americans? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2811, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injuries animal; and H.R. 3327, Ramos-Compean Justice Act of 2009.

GLOBAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, COORDINATION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 3086, Global Wildlife Conservation, Coordination, and Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Rowan Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Steven L. Monfort, Acting Director, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 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 clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 147, line 4. 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 (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, which may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee 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; (2) not to exceed eight of the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; (3) an en bloc amendment, if offered by Rep. Flake of Arizona or his designee, consisting of all of the amendments printed in part B of the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (4) not to exceed two of the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. 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 Representatives Murtha, Blumenauer, Bordallo, Young of Florida, Sessions, Franks of Arizona and Collman of Colorado.

KINGSTON COAL ASH SLIDE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment held a hearing on The Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluation of Potential Causes and Updates on Cleanup Efforts. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; the following officials of the TVA: Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Richard Moore, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive briefing on Department of Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive briefing on Information Sharing in the Intelligence Community. The Subcommittee was briefed by the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Peter Lavoy, Deputy Director, Analysis; Priscilla Guthrie, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director; and Gina Genton, DDNI/Policy, Deputy Director.

NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "New Energy Technologies: What's Around the Corner?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TRENDS IN FORECLOSURES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current trends in foreclosures and

what can be done to prevent them, focusing on trends in the loan and borrower characteristics of nonprime mortgages originated from 2000 through 2007 and their performance, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Keith S. Ernst, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 2632, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Signed on July 27, 2009. (Public Law 111-41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 10 a.m., SD-406.