

McHugh, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Joseph W. Westphal, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Army, who was introduced by Senator Collins, and Juan M. Garcia III, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON IRAN

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on assessing economic sanctions and other United States policy options, after receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Nicholas Burns, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Matthew Levitt, Washington Institution for Near East Policy, Suzanne Maloney, Brookings Institution, and Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

CLIMATE SERVICES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate services, focusing on solutions from commerce to communities, after receiving testimony from Gary F. Locke, Secretary of Commerce; and John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and national security, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Warner; Vice Admi-

ral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), CNA Military Advisory Board, Alexandria, VA; Jonathan Powers, Truman National Security Project, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker & Hostetler LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

STRATEGY FOR SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a comprehensive strategy for Sudan, after receiving testimony Major General Jonathan S. Gration, USAF (Ret.), The President's Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State; Earl Gast, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; and David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, Mohammed Ahmed Eisa, Sudan Organization for Rights and Peace-Building, and Susan D. Page, National Democratic Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1507, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, with amendments.

GANG ACTIVITY IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the increase of gang activity in Indian country, after receiving testimony from John Mousseau, Paul Forney, and Paul Iron Cloud, all of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Brian Nissen, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; Sampson Cowboy, Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, Window Rock, Arizona; Chief Carmen Smith, and William Elliott, both of the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department, Warm Springs, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 3399–3434; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 172–173; and H.Res. 696, 698–702 were introduced. **Pages H9204–06**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9206–08**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 3269, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory

vote on executive compensation and to prevent perverse incentives in the compensation practices of financial institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–236);

H. Res. 697, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3269) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation and to prevent perverse incentives in the compensation practices of financial institutions (H. Rept. 111–237);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–238); and

H.R. 2392, to improve the effectiveness of the Government's collection, analysis, and dissemination of business information by using modern interactive data technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–239). **Page H9204**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Blumenauer to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9059**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Broun (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H9062**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 675. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 29th. **Pages H9062–H9131**

Rejected the Frelinghuysen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 674. **Pages H9129–31**

Agreed to:

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–233) that increases and then decreases the Navy Operations & Maintenance account by \$1 million with the intent of entertaining a discussion regarding the importance of providing additional funds from operation and maintenance for the Department of the Navy, Financial Improvement Program (FIP) to accelerate the transformation of financial management processes and internal controls; **Page H9082**

Sessions amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–233) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) within the Department of Defense; and **Pages H9083–84**

Murtha manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–233) that (1) provides that funds be made available for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting from within the funds available; (2) increases the amount available for transfer to the Fisher House and Suites; (3) redirects funds otherwise available for advance procurement of additional F–22 aircraft, and provides for spare and repair parts including engines for the F–22 and C–17, aircraft defensive systems, and aircraft weapon systems; (4) includes a technical revision in the Defense Health Program and shifts \$26,000,000 from operation and maintenance funding to research, development, test

and evaluation; (5) prohibits further outsourcing of utility functions at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; (6) makes additional funds available for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense; (7) prohibits conversion of government-owned ammunition plants; and (8) allows for funds to be transferred to the Coast Guard for operating expenses (by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 165 noes, Roll No. 661). **Pages H9080–82, H9120–21**

Rejected:

Flake amendment (No. 315 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for Body Armor Improved Ballistic Protection, Research and Development; **Pages H9087–88**

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for the "Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense" account by \$160,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 48 yeas to 373 noes, Roll No. 662); **Pages H9082–83, H9121**

Tierney amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to strike \$80 million for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor program (by a recorded vote of 124 yeas to 307 noes, Roll No. 663); **Pages H9084–85, H9122**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for Enhanced Navy Shore Readiness Integration (by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 347 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 664); **Pages H9085–86, H9122–23**

Flake amendment (No. 258 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for Reduced Manning Situation Awareness (by a recorded vote of 69 yeas to 351 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 665); **Pages H9086–87, H9123–24**

Flake amendment (No. 389 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for a Gulf Range Mobile Instrumentation Capability (by a recorded vote of 76 yeas to 350 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 666); **Pages H9088–90, H9124**

Flake amendment (No. 432 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for an Ultra Low Profile EARS Gunshot Localization System (by a recorded vote of 82 yeas to 341 noes with 11 voting "present", Roll No. 667); **Pages H9090–91, H9124–25**

Flake amendment (No. 439 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for AARGM Counter Air Defense Future Capabilities (by a recorded vote of 78 yeas to 348 noes with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 668); **Pages H9091–92, H9125–26**

Flake amendment (No. 449 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for AN/SLQ–25D Integration (by a recorded vote of

83 ayes to 338 noes with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 669);

Pages H9092–93, H9126

Flake amendment (No. 553 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit funding for various earmarked projects in the bill (by a recorded vote of 118 ayes to 304 noes with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 670);

Pages H9093–95, H9126–27

Flake en bloc amendment consisting of all the amendments printed in Part B of House Report 111–233 (by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 342 noes with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 671);

Pages H9095–H9117, H9127–28

Campbell amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to prohibit the \$3 million in funding for the MGPTS Type III or Rapid Deployable Shelter project and reduce the overall cost of the bill by \$3 million (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 672) and

Pages H9118–19, H9128

Campbell amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–233) that sought to strike \$1,500,000 for the Model for Green Laboratories and Clean Rooms project and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 338 noes, Roll No. 673).

Pages H9119–20, H9128–29

H. Res. 685, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 29th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 172, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 231 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 676.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 28th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 383 ayes to 44 noes, Roll No. 678;

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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;

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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; and

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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.

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United States Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors—Designation: Read a letter from Representative Oberstar, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, in which he designated the following Members of the House of Representatives to serve on the United States Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors: Representatives Michaud, Hirono, and Mica.

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Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2749, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, by a recorded vote of 283 ayes to 142 noes, Roll No. 680.

Pages H9131–37, H9138, H9140–65

Rejected the Lucas motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeand-nay vote of 186 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 679.

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H. Res. 691, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 249 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 677, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 28th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 282 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 681.

Pages H9165–66

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–59).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page S9165.

Senate Referrals: S. 1391, S. 1392, and S. 1393 were held at the desk. **Page H9165**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and 17 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9120–21, H9121, H9122, H9122–23, H9123–24, H9124, H9124–25, H9125–26, H9126, H9126–27, H9127–28, H9128, H9128–29, H9130–31, H9131, H9137–38, H9138, H9139, H9164, H9164–65, H9165–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WATERSHED PROPOSALS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review PL 83–566 watershed proposals for the Dunloup Creek Watershed and the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project. Testimony was heard from Representative Delahunt; and Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

U.S. SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH RUSSIA AND ITS IMPACT ON TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the U.S. security relationship with Russia and its impact on transatlantic security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alexander Vershbow, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and VADM James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SHIPBUILDING EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on efforts to improve shipbuilding effectiveness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development, and Acquisition; VADM Kevin McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued mark up H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR 2009 SEASON

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hurricane Preparedness for the 2009 Hurricane Season. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BEYOND ISE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Beyond ISE Implementation: Exploring the Way Forward for Information Sharing." Testimony was heard from Ambassador Thomas E. McNamara, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; COL Joseph R. Fuentes, Superintendent, State Police, New Jersey; and a public witness.

FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT AND PUBLIC FINANCING OF CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on H.R. 1826, Fair Elections Now Act, and the Public Financing of Congressional Campaigns. Testimony was heard from Representatives: John B. Larson, Connecticut, Pingree, and Jones; Hannah Pingree, Speaker of the House, State of Maine; Jeffrey Garfield, Executive Director and General Counsel, State Elections Enforcement Commission, Connecticut; and public witnesses

PROPOSALS FOR REFORM OF THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Proposals for Reform of the Military Commissions System. Testimony was heard from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Jeb Charles Johnson, General Counsel; COL Peter R. Masciola, USAFG, Chief Defense Counsel; and MAJ David J. R. Frakt, USAFR, Lead Defense Counsel, both with the Office of Military Commissions; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009; and H.R. 233, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009.