

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3579–3589; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 186 were introduced. **Page H9670**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9670–71**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2423, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and to designate the jury room in that Federal building and United States courthouse as the “Marcel C. Notzon II Jury Room”, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–257). **Page H9670**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lee (CA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9553**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Tri Robinson, Vineyard Boise Church, Boise, ID. **Page H9553**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 14th:

Supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States: H. Res. 260, amended, to support efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 704. **Pages H9569–70**

Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009:

The House passed H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 709.

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Rejected the Broun (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 708.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H9575**

Agreed to:

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that (1) amends title I to require

the Secretary of Energy to report to Congress after 18 months, and annually thereafter through 2015, after enactment on the technologies developed, the success of the adopted technologies for commercial applications, and whether those technologies are manufactured in the United States; (2) amends the reporting requirement in title II to clarify that the Secretary of Energy must submit the report to Congress annually; and (3) expands the nonroad systems program from heavy duty nonroad equipment to mobile nonroad equipment; **Pages H9577–78**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that adds a requirement to title I that the Secretary of Energy submit to Congress an annual report describing activities undertaken in the previous year, active industry participants, efforts to recruit new participants, progress of the program in meeting goals and timelines, and a strategic plan for funding of activities across agencies; **Page H9579**

Peters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that includes retrofitting advanced vehicle technologies to existing vehicles as an area of research under the bill; **Pages H9579–80**

Posey amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that directs the Secretary of Energy to establish within the existing Vehicle Technologies Program an Innovative Automotive Demonstration Program to make competitively awarded grants for the purpose of demonstrating and bringing to market very high energy efficiency vehicles achieving at least 70 miles per gallon; **Pages H9580–81**

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that amends industry participation in the vehicle research and development program (sec. 101) to include manufacturers of all qualified plug-in electric vehicles; **Pages H9581–82**

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that explicitly includes agricultural and construction equipment in the nonroad systems pilot program (sec. 204); **Page H9582**

Marshall amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that requires that research into refueling and recharging infrastructure for alternative and hybrid fuel vehicles include the unique challenges facing rural areas; **Pages H9582–83**

Cohen amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that adds hydraulics, flywheels, and compressed air storage as technologies eligible for the proposed program; **Pages H9583–84**

Altmire amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that requires the Secretary of Energy to research and develop methods of reducing waste and

emissions from advanced battery technology and to increase advanced battery calendar and cycle life;

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Donnelly (IN) amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that includes recreational vehicles as eligible under the Medium and Heavy Duty Commercial and Transit Vehicles research and development program (sec. 201) (by a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 62 noes, Roll No. 706); and

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Massa amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that authorizes support for public-private partnerships and industry programs that seek to overcome barriers to commercial production (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 707).

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Rejected:

Hall (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–255) that sought to freeze authorization amounts at FY2010 levels through FY2013 and cut funding in FY2014 (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 705). **Pages H9578–79, H9586–87**

H. Res. 745, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Naming the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins: H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins.

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Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 17th.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

George Miller (CA) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that makes sundry changes to the bill;

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Cardoza amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that directs the Secretary of Education to prioritize community colleges located in areas with high unemployment rates when awarding grants for community college reform;

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Pingree amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that adds to the list of reserved funds for distressed areas and areas affected by natural disaster direction for the Secretary to reserve funds for local educational agencies that serve a geographic area that contains a military installation selected for base closure; and

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Pingree amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that removes the prohibition of funding to community colleges who received funds for construction, modernization, renovation, and repair under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or under the higher education act of 1965.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Hoekstra amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to strike Title III of the bill, which authorizes \$6.6 billion in new mandatory spending to create three Federal school construction programs for elementary and secondary public schools and institutions of higher education, and apply the savings to reduce the Federal deficit;

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McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to limit the ability of certain schools that received funding under the economic stimulus package for school construction from receiving additional money through the new Federal school construction program authorized under this bill; and

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Foxx amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that seeks to strike the entire American Graduation Initiative (but maintain the privacy provisions that apply to the whole Act) and put the savings toward deficit reduction. These privacy provisions ensure that student information is protected from individuals not authorized to view it and that students cannot be identified by any unique identifier.

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H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 703, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9569, H9569–70, H9586–87, H9587–88, H9588–89, H9590–91, H9591. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT— ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Proposals to Enhance the Community Reinvestment Act.” Testimony was heard from Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; Steven L. Antonakes, Commissioner of Banks, Division of Banks, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3570, Satellite Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 233, as amended, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3290, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act of 2009.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ken Salazar, Secretary; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BUREAUCRACY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEPLOYED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “A Call to Arms: A Review of Benefits for Deployed Federal Employees.” Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Marilee Fitzgerald, Director, Workforce Issues and International Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Steven A. Browning, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State; Jerome D. Mikowicz,

Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave Administration, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Shelby Hallmark, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: On September 15, 2009, the committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the 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 this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller (CA), Representatives Cardoza, Pingree, Etheridge, Kilroy, Perriello, Kline (MN), Castle, Foxx, and Burton.

AUTO DEALER CLOSING RURAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Economic Impact of Auto Dealer Closings on Rural Communities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.