

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.

HUDSON RIVER AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Hudson River Airspace and Management of Uncontrolled Airspace Corridors. Testimony was heard from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, all of the Department of State, Time to be announced, SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veterans' disability compensations, focusing on benefits in the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, Part One, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on the Department of Defense and Industry: Does DOD Effectively Manage Its Industrial Base and Match its Acquisition Strategies to the Marketplace? 8 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Utilizing Technology to Improve TARP and Financial Oversight," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Relations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the United National Chapter VII Mandates and the U.S.-Iraq Bilateral Agreement, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Secure Border Initiative: SBInet Three Years Later," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, to continue hearings on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, to continue hearings entitled "Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Formulating an Action Plan, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.