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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

WORKPLACE FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workplace fairness, after receiving testimony from Michael Foreman, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, University Park; Michael

W. Fox, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, and Stewart, P.C., Austin, Texas; Mark A. de Bernardo, Jackson Lewis, LLP, Washington D.C., on behalf of the Council for Employment Law Equity; Jamie Leigh Jones, Spring, Texas; and Jack Gross, Des Moines, Iowa.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Webb and Warner, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Specter, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3736–3757; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 804–807, 809–813, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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, and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–288) and

H. Res. 808, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (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, and to expand concurrent receipt of

military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees (H. Rept. 111–289).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Vaughn Baker, Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. **Page H10523**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m. **Page H10539**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Carter announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H10540–42**

Privileged Resolution: Representative Carter rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered H. Res. 805, raising a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Crowley moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the motion was agreed to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 153 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 759, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 156 noes with 19 voting “present”, Roll No. 758. **Pages H10542–44**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 6th:

Recognizing the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem: H. Res. 701, to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 760 and

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Honoring the people of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the Flight 93 Ambassadors for their efforts in creating the Flight 93 temporary memorial: H. Res. 795, to honor the people of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the Flight 93 Ambassadors for their efforts in creating the Flight 93 temporary memorial and to encourage the completion of the National Park Service Flight 93 National Memorial by the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 763.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010: S. 1717, to authorize major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2010;

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Rex E. Lee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building”;

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Clyde Hichborn Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 Main Street in Howland, Maine, as the “Clyde Hichborn Post Office”;

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Kingman and Heritage Islands Act of 2009: H.R. 2092, amended, to amend the National Children’s Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia; and

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Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1035, with an amendment: H. Res. 806, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1035, with an amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 762.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously: H.J.

Res. 26, to proclaim Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously;

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Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act of 2009: H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees; and

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Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment: H. Res. 804, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-and-nay vote of 263 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 761.

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H. Res. 799, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 757, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 756.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 807, electing a minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Cao.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10539.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 45 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10539, H10540, H10543–44, H10544, H10545, H11076–77, H11077 and H11078. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL CONSERVATION TITLE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research held a hearing to