

H. Res. 830, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 787, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 786.

**Pages H11417–19**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th for morning hour debate. **Page H11432**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11385 and H11419.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1694 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 692 and S. Con. Res. 46 were held at the desk. **Pages H11385, H11455**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11393, H11394, H11394–95, H11409, H11410, H11410–11, H11417–18, H11418–19, H11428–29 and H11429. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **DEFENSE CONTRACTING AND TAXPAYER PROTECTION**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Can the Department of Defense Protect Taxpayers: When It Pays Its Contractors? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; and April G. Stephenson, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Affairs and Special Investigations, GAO.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2994, amended, Satellite Home Viewer Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1147, Local Community Radio Act of 2009; H.R. 3633, Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program Extension Act of 2009; and H.R. 3792, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

### **MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on The Minority Business Development

Agency: Enhancing the Prospects for Success. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Gary Locke, Secretary; and David Hinson, National Director, Minority Business Development Agency; and public witnesses.

### **PROBLEM OF UNDERINSURANCE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Insured But Not Covered: The Problem of Underinsurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Financial Assistance:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3795, To enact the over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009.

### **AFGHANISTAN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Afghanistan Policy at the Crossroads. Testimony was heard from J. Alexander Thier, Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. Institute of Peace; and public witnesses.

### **WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POLICY COMMISSION ACT; DRUG POLICY IN THE AMERICAS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee, as amended, H.R. 2134, Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Assessing U.S. Drug Policy in the Americas. Testimony was heard from Representative Bono Mack; Mark Schneider, former Director, Peace Corps.

### **NOAA WATERSHED AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 3644, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environment Literacy Grant Program Act. Testimony was heard from Louisa Koch, Director, Officer of Education, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **CLEAN WATER ACT AFTER 37 YEARS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on the Clean Water Act after 37 Years: Recommitting to the Protection of the Nation’s Waters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator; and

Wade T. Najjum, Assistant Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### POST-9/11 G.I. BILL STATUS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA Status Report on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### VA INAPPROPRIATE BILLING PRACTICES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Identifying the Causes of Inappropriate Billing Practices by the VA. Testimony was heard from Kay Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Gary M. Baker, Chief Business Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE RECONCILIATION LETTER

*Committee on Ways and Means*: Approved the reconciliation letter to the House Committee on the Budget.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1178)

S. 1707, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2009. (Public Law 111-73)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 19 through October 24, 2009

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, Medicare Physicians Fairness Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

##### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Armed Services*: October 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation's housing market, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: October 21, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine space, focusing on the value, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: October 21, to hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance*: October 20, to hold hearings to examine S. 1631, to reauthorize customs facilitation and trade enforcement functions and programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: October 22, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a strategic concept for transatlantic security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 22, Full Committee, to receive a briefing to examine Iran, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: October 21, business meeting to consider the nominations of Craig Becker, of Illinois, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, and Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, and Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, and Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of