

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3932–3946; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 871–873, were introduced. **Pages H11867–68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H11868**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11793**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H11796**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Chris Williamson, Strong Tower Bible Church, Franklin, TN. **Page H11796**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Simpson motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeand-nay vote of 267 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 816. Debate on the motion occurred on Monday, October 26th. **Page H11824**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Dicks, Moran (VA), Mollohan, Chandler, Hinchey, Olver, Pastor, Price (NC), Obey, Simpson, Calvert, LaTourette, Cole, and Lewis (CA). **Page H11826**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, October 26th:

AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act: H.R. 2489, amended, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 379 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 817 and **Pages H11824–25**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize a national cooperative geospatial imagery program through the United States Geological Survey to promote use of remote sensing data.”

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Recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institu-

tion of higher education: H. Res. 854, to recognize Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 818. **Pages H11825–26**

Amending title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America: The House passed S. 832, to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America. **Pages H11826–27**

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

Welcoming to the United States and to Washington, DC, His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch: H. Res. 838, amended, to welcome to the United States and to Washington, DC, His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch on his upcoming trip on October 20, 2009, through November 6, 2009; **Pages H11827–30**

Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families: S. Con. Res. 45, to encourage the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible; and **Pages H11830–32**

Honoring the 2560th anniversary of the birth of Confucius: H. Res. 784, to honor the 2560th anniversary of the birth of Confucius and recognizing his invaluable contributions to philosophy and social and political thought. **Pages H11832–33**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–74). **Page H11826**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11824, H11824–25, and H11825–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY GRID SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Electric Grid: H.R. 2165, Bulk Power System Protection Act of 2009, and H.R. 2195, To amend the Federal Power Act to provide additional authorities to adequately protect the critical electric infrastructure against cyber attack.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Joseph McClelland, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Patricia Hoffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE FUND INVESTMENT ADVISERS REGISTRATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3818, Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration Act of 2009.

IRAN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing on Iran in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Preparedness: What has \$29 billion in homeland security grants bought and how do we know?” Testimony was heard from Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; David Maxwell, Director, Department of Management, State of Arkansas; and a public witness.

FEDERAL PANDEMIC INFLUENZA RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Real-Time Assessment of the Federal Response to Pandemic Influenza.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alexander Garza, M.D., Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Richard Serino, Deputy Administrator, FEMA; and Marcy Forman, Director, Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center; and Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Pre-

paredness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Helaine Barnett, President; and Michael McKay, Vice Chairman of the Board; Susan Ragland, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

ASHCROFT V. IQBAL SUPREME COURT DECISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held hearing on Access to Justice Denied: Ashcroft v. Iqbal. Testimony was heard from Gregory Katsas, former Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on In-sular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Murawski, Director, Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

USGS-BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND CLIMATE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled “Water Management and Climate Variability: Information Support at the USGS and Bureau of Reclamation.” Testimony was heard from Matthew C. Larsen, Deputy Director, Water Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Michael Strobel, Director, National Water and Climate Center, USDA; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled “IT Procurement and Disposal: Application of the Federal Government’s Green Policies in the Life Cycle Management of its IT Assets.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Gene Green of Texas and Thompson of California; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Casey