

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11393–11440

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2780–2790. **Page S11430**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act: By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 348), Senate passed H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11403–07, S11407–11**

Adopted:

Inouye Modified Amendment No. 2754 (to Amendment No. 2730), to permit \$68,500,000, as requested by the Missile Defense Agency of the Department of Defense, to be used for the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe, with an offset. **Pages S11403, S11404**

Johnson (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2763 (to Amendment No. 2730), to provide for the modification of a restriction of alienation of certain real property in Gulfport, Mississippi. **Pages S11405, 11406**

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 346), Johnson Amendment No. 2733 (to Amendment No. 2730), to increase by \$50,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for minor construction projects for the purpose of converting unused Department of Veterans Affairs structures into housing with supportive services for homeless veterans, and to provide an offset. **Pages S11403, 11405**

Feingold/Sanders Modified Amendment No. 2748 (to Amendment 2730), to make available \$5,000,000 for grants to community-based organizations and State and local government entities to conduct outreach to veterans in under-served areas. **Pages S11403, S11405–06**

Johnson (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 2775 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a study on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to address combat stress in women veterans. **Page S11406**

Johnson (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 2777 (to Amendment No. 2730), to require a study to identify the improvements to the information technology infrastructure of the Department of Veterans Affairs that are required to furnish health care services to veterans using telehealth platforms. **Pages S11406–07**

Johnson (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 2783 (to Amendment No. 2730), to make available from Medical Services, \$1,000,000 for education debt reduction for mental health care professionals who agree to employment at the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S11406–07**

Johnson/Hutchison Amendment No. 2730, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11403–07, S11407–11**

Rejected:

DeMint (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2774 (to Amendment No. 2730), to prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to construct or modify a facility in the United States or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 347), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11403, S11407–09**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Johnson, Inouye, Landrieu, Byrd, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Leahy, Hutchison, Brownback, McConnell, Collins, Murkowski, and Cochran. **Page S11411**

Appointments:

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public

Law 95–277, as amended by Public Law 102–246, appointed the following individuals as members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for five year terms: Elaine Wynn of Nevada, vice Bernard Rapoport, and Tom Girardi of California, vice Leo Hindery. **Page S11439**

Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, that Senate begin consideration of S. 1963, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans; and that the bill be considered under the following limitations: that debate on the bill be limited to 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Senators Akaka and Burr, or their designees; that the only amendment in order be a Coburn amendment regarding funding priorities; that debate on the amendment be limited to three hours, with two hours under the control of Senator Coburn, and 60 minutes under the control of Senator Akaka, or his designee; that upon use or yielding back of all time, Senate vote on or in relation to the Coburn amendment; that upon disposition of the Coburn amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S11422**

Senator Rockefeller—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Senator Rockefeller be recognized to speak. **Page S11439**

Hamilton Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. **Pages S11411–25**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 349), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S11421–22**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, and that the post-cloture time count during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business. **Page S11439**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2009.

Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2008.

Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S11439–40**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—349) **Pages S11405, S11409, S11410, S11422**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11439.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the United States child nutrition programs, focusing on opportunities to fight hunger and improve child health, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, and Margaret L. Bogle, Executive Director, Delta Obesity Prevention Research Unit, Agricultural Research Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Rich Huddleston, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, and Rhonda Sanders, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance,

both of Little Rock; and Jennifer Smith, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas.

TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1799, to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to establish fair and transparent practices related to the marketing and provision of overdraft coverage programs at depository institutions, after receiving testimony from Michael Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, and Jean Ann Fox, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, DC.; Frank Pollack, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Alexandria, Virginia; John P. Carey, Citigroup North America Consumer Banking, New York, New York; and Mario Livieri, Brandford, Connecticut.

INTERNET SALES TACTICS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers, after receiving testimony from Florence Marotta-Wurgler, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Prentiss Cox, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; Robert J. Meyer, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Ray France, St. Cloud, Florida; and Linda Lindquist, Sussex, Wisconsin.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the international aspects of global climate change, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Levi, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Nigel Purvis, Climate Advisers, Taiya Smith, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Karen Harbert, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Jake Colvin, National Foreign Trade Council, all of Washington, D.C.

COUNTERTERRORISM IN AFRICA'S SAHEL REGION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States counterterrorism priorities and strategy across Africa's Sahel region, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, both of the Department of State; Vicki Huddleston, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Africa; Earl Gast, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Lianne Kennedy-Boudali, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; and David Gutelius, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, with an amendment the nature of a substitute;

S. 2727, to provide for continued application of arrangements under the Protocol on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in the period following the Protocol's termination on December 5, 2009;

S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world;

S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice;

S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen;

S. Res. 345, deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters;

H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral for the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-21);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-04); and

The nominations of Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, David Huebner, of California, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Robert R. King, of Virginia, to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, with the rank of Ambassador, Peter Alan Prahar, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Carmen Lomellin, of Virginia, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, James LaGarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Gustavo Arnavat, of New York, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States and the G-20, focusing on remaking the international eco-

nomics architecture, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

H1N1 FLU VACCINE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on getting the vaccine to where it is most needed, after receiving testimony from Alex Garza, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

CYBERSECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on preventing terrorist attacks and protecting privacy in cyberspace, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Steven R. Chabinsky, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Philip R. Reitinger, Deputy Under Secretary of Homeland Security for National Protection and Programs Directorate; Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., Information Assurance Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense; Gregory T. Nojeim, Center for Democracy & Technology, and Larry M. Wortzel, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, both of Washington, D.C.; and Larry Clinton, Internet Security Alliance, Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4083–4098 and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 213; and H. Res. 910 were introduced.

Pages H13068–69

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 908, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2781) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River

in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 111–339) and

H. Res. 909, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3791) to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 111–340). **Page H13068**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Driehaus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13005**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H13009**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 894. **Pages H13009, 13034–35**

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

Clean Hull Act of 2009: H.R. 3618, amended, to provide for implementation of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001; **Pages H13013–18**

Expressing support for designation of November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday": H. Res. 841, to express support for designation of November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday," by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 893; **Pages H13018–20, H13033–34**

Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009: H.R. 3360, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 892; **Pages H13020–26, H13033**

Expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps aircraft pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009: H. Res. 891, amended, to express the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps aircraft pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 895; **Pages H13026–29, H13035**

H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3305, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and **Pages H13029–30**

Recognizing and honoring the 40th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice

Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California: H. Res. 851, to recognize and honor the 40th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California. **Pages H13031–33**

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

Reserve Officers Association Modernization Act of 2009: S. 1599, to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws. **Pages H13030–31**

Communication from the Clerk of the House: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she transmitted notification that Paul J. Solis, Nathaniel Wright, Kedric L. Payne, and Jon Steinman have signed an agreement to not be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics. Further, the Clerk notified the House that copies of the signed agreements shall be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House. **Page H13056**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13033, H13033–34, H13034–35, H13035. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Financial Stability Improvement Act discussion draft. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC; Elisse B. Walter, Commissioner, SEC; and Leland A. Strom, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration.

U.S. IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Afghanistan and Iraq: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, Part III. Testimony was heard from GEN. Wesley Clark, USA (ret.), Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Building an Executive-Legislative Partnership for Performance Budgeting. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director, Management and Chief Performance Officer, OMB.

H1N1 SICK LEAVE POLICIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Protecting Employees, Employers and the Public: H1N1 and Sick Leave Policies. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL SAFETY DETERMINATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Prioritizing Chemicals for Safety Determination. Testimony was heard from Stephen Owens, Assistant Administrator, Officer of Pollution, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Eric Sampson, Director, Division of Laboratory Sciences, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on a discussion draft of the Universal Service Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Ray Baum, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE PRINT—FINANCIAL STABILITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1517, as amended, To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; H.R. 2611, as amended, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H.R. 3239, as amended, To require the Sec-

retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3837, as amended, Strengthening and Updating Resources and Equipment Act; H.R. 3963, Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act; H.R. 3978, First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act; H.R. 3980, Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act; and H. Res. 28, as amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment met to consider possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Testimony was heard from Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and Attorney Robert Creely.

Will continue tomorrow.

FINANCIAL REFORM—BANKRUPTCY ANTITRUST LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy continued hearings on Too Big to Fail: The Role for Bankruptcy and Antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2889, Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 3339, FLTFA Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3444, Pinnacles National Park Act; H.R. 3538, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 3726, Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Simpson; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Steven E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service; Lenise Lago, Deputy Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, USDA; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

BANK OF AMERICA-MERRILL LYNCH MERGER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy continued joint hearings entitled “Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout? Part IV. “ Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIRE GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3791, the “Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report 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 part B of the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the 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 the 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 division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments made in order except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. 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 Science and Technology or a designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gordon, Holden, and Smith of Nebraska.

MOLALLA RIVER PROTECTIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2781, “To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as

components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grijalva and Hastings of Washington.

SECURITY SCIENCE—ADVANCED RADIATION MONITORS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight continued hearings on The Science of Security Part II; Technical Problems Continue to Hinder Advanced Radiation Monitors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment; and Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Todd Owen, Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and William Hagan, Acting Deputy Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office.

U.S. TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Operation, Impact and Future of the U.S. Preference Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Linda T. Sánchez of California, and Engel; Tim Reif, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Sandra Polaski, Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor; Mary Ott, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Burnham Philbrook, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Significant Activities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, and the nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, any pending nominations, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel I.

Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine accountability for foreign contractors, focusing on the Lieutenant Colonel Dominic "Rocky" Baragona Justice for American Heroes Harmed by Contractors Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, both of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine easing the burdens through employment, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, November 18

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Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond two hours), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and vote on confirmation thereon.

(At approximately 9:30 a.m., Senator Rockefeller will be recognized to speak.)

House Chamber

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