

S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Christina Reiss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Abdul K. Kallon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellec-

tual Property Enforcement Coordinator, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

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: 46 public bills, H.R. 4113–4158; and 20 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 215; and H. Res. 920–938 were introduced. **Pages H13351–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13354–56**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13269**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 921, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Armed Services: Representative Owens (to rank immediately after Representative Murphy (NY)). Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Owens (to rank immediately after Representative Luján). Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Garamendi (to rank immediately after Representative Griffith). Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Garamendi. **Page H13279**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, November 17th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 904. **Page H13281**

Amending 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: The House passed 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, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 292 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 905. **Pages H13281–88**

H. Res. 908, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 yeas to 176 noes, Roll No. 903, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 902. **Pages H13272–79, H13279–81**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, November 18th:

Expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe: H. Con. Res. 212, amended, to express the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and to reaffirm the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak and Czech Republics, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 906 and **Pages H13288–89**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic.”. **Page H13289**

Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1834, amended, to

amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, by a ²/₃ ye-and-nay vote of 343 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 910.

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Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 3961, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians, by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 909.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Gingrey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 907.

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Rejected the Cantor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 252 noes, Roll No. 908.

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Pursuant to section 4 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 3961, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3961; (2) conform the title of H.R. 3961 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of the text of H.R. 2920; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

H. Res. 903, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on November 7, 2009.

Supporting the observance of National Diabetes Month: The House agreed to discharge and agree to H. Res. 914, to support the observance of National Diabetes Month.

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Permitting each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms: The House agreed to discharge and agree to S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 214, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13322.

Senate Referral: S. 1963 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13280, H13280–81, H13281, H13288, H13289, H13316–17, H13318–19, H13319, H13320. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECOVERY ACT RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review rural broadband programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Testimony was heard from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

U.S. MEXICAN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Confronting the Cartels: Addressing U.S.-Mexican Border Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Mariko Silver, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy; Jayson P. Ahern, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and John Morton, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

IMPROVING LITERACY SKILLS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Improving the Literacy Skills of Children and Young Adults. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act; and H.R. 1084, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act.

ONLINE/OFFLINE CONSUMER INFORMATION COLLECTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a joint hearing on Exploring the