

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 and

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Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 3570, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reauthorize the satellite statutory license and to conform the satellite and cable statutory licenses to all-digital transmissions.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Nunes presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources from the consideration of H.R. 3105, to provide that operations of the Central Valley Project shall not be restricted pursuant to any biological opinion issued under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, if such restrictions would result in levels of export less than the historical maximum level of export (Discharge Petition No. 8).

Recess: The House recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13408, H13408–09, H13409–10, H13410, H13411, H13425, H13425–26, H13426–27, and H13427. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLIMATE CHANGE—FARM SECTOR ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the potential economic impacts of climate change on the farm sector. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

GUAM WAR CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on assessing the Guam war claims process. Testimony was heard from Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following Senators of the Guam Legislature: Vicente Pangelinan; and Frank Blas, Jr; Mauricio Tamargo, former Chairman, Guam War Claims Review Commission; and a public witness.

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing on The New Walter Reed: Are We on the Right Track? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Al Middleton, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; VADM John M. Mateczun, USN, Commander, Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical; and Ken Kizer, Chairman, Health Board National Capital Region Base Realignment and Closure Health Systems Advisory Subcommittee.

DELPHI BANKRUPTCY—WORKERS/ RETIREES IMPACTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Examining the Delphi Bankruptcy's Impact on Workers and Retirees. Testimony was heard from Senator Brown; Representatives Lee of New York, Ryan of Ohio and Turner; and public witnesses.

OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT—ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Impacts of H.R. 3795, Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009, on Energy Markets. Testimony was heard from Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Gary Gensler, Chairman CFTC; former Representative Glenn English of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations." Testimony was heard from David Lakey, Commissioner, Department of State Health Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3996, Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2609, Federal Insurance Office Act of 2009.

FY09 FHA ACTUARIAL REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "FY09 FHA Actuarial Report." Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Pastor; Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MINORITY-OWNED RADIO RATINGS DECLINE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Will Arbitron's Personal People Meter Silence Minority Owned Radio Stations?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "The 2010 Census: How Complete Count Committees, Local Governments, Philanthropic Organizations, Not-for-Profits, and the Business Community Can Contribute to a Successful Census." Testimony was heard from Yvette Cumberbatch, Coordinator, 2010 Census, New York City; Mercedes Lemp Jacobs, Director, Office of Latino Affairs, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4154, the Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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 bill

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pomeroy, Berkley, Welch and Brady of Texas.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT SAFETY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Ensuring the Safety of Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Jeff Hanley, Program Manager, Constellation Program, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate; John Marshall, Council Member, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; and Bryan O'Connor, Chief of Safety and Mission Assurance; and public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Commercial Space Transportation. Testimony was heard from George C. Nield Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS—GSA BORDER STATION

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Stimulus Tracking #4: Ensuring Money Means Security when Building GSA Border Stations to Protect the U.S.A. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Michaud, Ortiz, and Teague; Bill Guerin, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Executive, Recovery Program Management Office, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Treat Frazier, Director, Land Port of Entry Modernization Program Management Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

VA HEALTH CARE FUNDING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on VA Health Care Funding: Appropriations to Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Rita A. Reed, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Management; and Michael S. Finegan, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 11; and a public witness.

STATE OF CLIMATE SCIENCE— ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s View on the State of Climate Science.” Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

Joint Meetings

FINANCIAL REFORM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unregulated markets, focusing on regulatory reform in the financial sector, after receiving testimony from Brooksley Born, former Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Robert E. Litan and Robert K. Steel, both of the Pew Task Force on Financial Reform, and James H. Carr, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1329)

H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the “John ‘Bud’ Hawk Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–99)

H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the “Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–100)

H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley “Wes” Watkins. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–101)

H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the “Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–102)

H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shiven Post Office Building”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–103)

H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox

Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–104)

H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–105)

H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–106)

H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–107)

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”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–108)

S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the “Cesar E. Chavez Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–109)

S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the “Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–110)

S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office”. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–111)

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–112)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 3276, to promote the production