

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CREATING JOBS DURING RECESSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine creating jobs in the recession, after receiving testimony from Ray Leach, JumpStart Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Rick L. Weddle, Research Triangle Park, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; and Bruce Katz, Brookings Institution, and Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH PARKS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, after receiving testimony from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Administration; Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.; Brian Darmody, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the Association of University Research Parks; Anthony Townsend, Institute for the Future, Palo Alto, California; and Jonathan Sallet, Centreville, Maryland.

EXPORTS' ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine exports' role in economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar and LeMieux; Rochelle Lipsitz, Deputy Director General, Foreign Commercial Service, Department of Commerce; Alexandre Mas, Chief Economist, Department of Labor; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Howard Rosen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; Bob Beisner, SolarWorld Industries America, Hillsboro, Oregon; and Tamara Harney, HMI Worldwide, Grandville, Michigan.

NEW AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, after receiving testimony from General David H. Petraeus, Commander, United States Central Command; and Karl Eikenberry, Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State.

STRENGTHENING THE TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the transatlantic economy, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs; Frances G. Burwell, Atlantic Council, and Michael Maibach, European-American Business Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charlie Howland, Warwick Mills, Inc., New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORIST PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary of Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and Timothy J. Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

DIPLOMATIC SECURITY TODAY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today, operating domestic and international activities with adequate staff, providing security for facilities that do not meet all security standards, staffing foreign missions with officials who have appropriate language skills, operating programs with experienced staff, at the commensurate grade levels, and balancing security needs with State's need to conduct its diplomatic mission, after receiving testimony from Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, Director, Office of Foreign Missions; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Susan Rockwell Johnson, American Foreign Service Association, both of Washington, D.C.

UTAH DINEH CORPORATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1690, to amend the Act of

March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; and Ben Shelly, Window Rock, Arizona, John Billie, Montezuma Creek, Utah, and Kenneth Maryboy, White Rock, Utah, all of the Navajo Nation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BACKLOGS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of the Interior backlogs, after receiving testimony from George Skibine, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Vicki Forrest, Deputy Bureau Director for Trust Services, both of the Department of the Interior; Carl J. Artman, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe; and Derek J. Bailey, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Peshawbestown, Michigan.

HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of

Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

MORTGAGE AND SECURITIES FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mortgage fraud, securities fraud, and the financial meltdown, focusing on prosecuting those responsible, after receiving testimony from Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, and Kevin L. Perkins, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, United States Security and Exchange Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health, who was introduced by Senator Franken, and Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4247–4258; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 959–960, 963 were introduced. **Pages H14445–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H14446**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3126, to establish the Consumer Financial Protection Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–367, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 961, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–368); and

H. Res. 962, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–369). **Page H14445**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. **Page H14383**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following

measure which was debated on Tuesday, December 8th:

Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 941. **Page H14385**

Tax Extenders Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 943. **Pages H14379–H14407**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Camp motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 942. **Pages H14405–06**

H. Res. 955, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of