

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct unused appropriations for Members’ Representational Allowances to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.”

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Florida National Forest Land Adjustment Act: H.R. 3954, amended, to release Federal reversionary interests retained on certain lands acquired in the State of Florida under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to authorize the interchange of National Forest System land and State land in Florida, and to authorize an additional conveyance under the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 125;

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Continuing Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4851, amended, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs; and

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Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010: H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 16th:

Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College: H. Res. 1089, amended, to recognize the 150th anniversary of Augustana College, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 120;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.”

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Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day: H. Res. 1167, to express the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 121; and

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Congratulating the 2009–2010 University of Maryland Men’s Basketball Team: H. Res. 1184, to congratulate the 2009–2010 University of Maryland Men’s Basketball Team, Greivis Vasquez, and Coach Gary Williams on an outstanding season, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 132 nays with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 122.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

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

Roy Wilson Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4214, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the “Roy Wilson Post Office”;

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State Admission Day Recognition Act: H.R. 3542, amended, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State’s admission to the Union; and

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Agricultural Credit Act: H.R. 3509, to reauthorize State agricultural mediation programs under title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1535 and H1562–63.

Senate Referrals: S. 1782 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1535, H1536, H1536–37, H1558, H1559, H1559–60, H1560 and H1561. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FBI FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Contingency Contracting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing; and Jeff Parson, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command; and William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kristina Johnson, Under Secretary; Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; James Markowsky, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Patricia A. Hoffman, Director, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the SEC. Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, SEC.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Coast Guard FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bridging Cultures: The National Endowment for the Humanities FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Jim Leach, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Holocaust Memorial Museum, Eisenhower Memorial Commission. Testimony was heard from Sara Bloomfield, Director, Holocaust Memorial Museum; and BG Carl W. Reddel, USAF (ret.), Executive Director, Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Service: Sustainable Conservation; Species, Partnerships and Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Thomas Strickland, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Rowan Gould, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies held a hearing on Labor and Education Priorities/ESEA Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on FY 2011 Budgets of the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Compliance. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller of the United States; Douglas Elmen-dorf, Director, CBO; and Tamara Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget of the Architect of the Capitol and Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Steven Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment); L. Larry Hansen, senior official performing the duties of Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment); Roger M. Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kathleen Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Installations; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and a public witness.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Strengthening Intermodal Connections and Improving Freight Mobility (Including the FY 2011 Budget for FHWA, FMCSA, MARAD, and FRA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy; Victor Mendez, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and David Matsuda, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration.

U.S. CENTRAL/SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRANSPORTATION COMMAND BUDGETS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from the U.S. Central Command, the U.S. Special Operations Command, and the U.S. Transportation Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; ADM Eric T. Olson, USN, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and GEN Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

MILITARY PERSONNEL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military personnel legislative priorities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, USA; VADM Mark E. Ferguson, III, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, USN; LTG Richard Y. Newton, III, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, USAF; and LTG Richard C. Zilmer, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, USMC.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a joint hearing on force protection equipment programs for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michael Brogan, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command; LTG Michael L. Oates, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; BG Peter N. Fuller, USA, Program Executive Officer, Soldier Systems Center, USA; and BG Thomas W. Spoehr, USA, Director, Force Development, USA; and Davi M. D'Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing with the U.S. Secretary of Education on "The Obama Administration's Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization Blueprint." Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

REVITALIZING DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's Proposal to Revitalize Severely Distressed Public and Assisted Housing: The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative." Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Orlando Cabrera, former Secretary, Public and Assisted Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

FED BANK SUPERVISION AND MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Examining the Link Between Fed Bank Supervision and Monetary Policy." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Paul Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, and former Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Transatlantic Security in the 21st Century: Do New Threats Require New Approaches? Testimony was heard from Thomas Graham, former Senior Director for Russia, National Security Council; and public witnesses.

U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations: Enduring Ties, Recent Developments. Testimony was heard from Joseph R. Donovan, Jr., Principal Deputy Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Michael Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs (East Asia), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Working with Communities to Disrupt Terror Plots." Testimony was heard from Margo Schlanger, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security; Brett Hovington, Supervisory Special Agent, Chief, Community Outreach Unit, FBI, Department of Justice; Omar Alomari, Community Engagement Officer, Department of Public Safety, State of Ohio; Leroy Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County, Sheriff's Department, State of California; and public witnesses.

AIRPORT CHECKPOINT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of Checkpoint Security: Are Our Airports Keeping Passengers Safe?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robin Kane, Assistant Administrator, Security Technology, Transportation Security Administration; Bradley Buswell, Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate; and Susan Hallowell, Director, Transportation Security Laboratory; Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2099, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. Test. Testimony was heard from Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

PROPOSED VIRGIN ISLANDS CONSTITUTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, held an oversight hearing on the Proposed Virgin Islands Constitution from the Fifth Constitutional Convention. Testimony was heard from Jonathan G. Cedarbaum, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; John P. de Longh, Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands; Usie R. Richards, Minority Leader, 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT INELIGIBILITY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4735, To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for Federal employment.” Testimony was heard from Beth Tucker, Wage and Investment Deputy Commissioner for Support, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of March 21, 2010. The rule also provides that the Speaker or her designee

shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the resolution.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Future of Manufacturing: What is the Role of the Federal Government in Supporting Innovation by U.S. Manufacturers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS INCUBATORS AND JOB CREATION

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Business Incubators and Their Role in Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA’S ON-DEMAND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA’s Oversight of On-Demand Aircraft Operation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Margaret Gilligan, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA; and public witnesses.

U.S. IMPORT/EXPORT VESSEL CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Capacity of Vessels to Meet U.S. Import and Export Requirements. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS TAX ACT OF 2010

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4849, Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010.

CIA PROGRAMS BUDGET; BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Programs. Testimony was heard from Leon Panetta, Director, CIA.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of Compliance, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposals for addressing the current financial situation facing the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, 9:45 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert J. Papp Jr., to be a Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Earl F. Weener, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Michael F. Tillman, of California, and Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Jeffrey R. Moreland, of Texas, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine assessing commercial space capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine mobility and congestion in urban and rural America, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal police recruitment, training, hiring, and retention, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act, S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, S. 2974, to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against

the homeless, and the nominations of Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Wifredo A. Ferrer, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and William N. Nettles, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for Food and Nutrition Service, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for the Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., H-310 Capitol, and on Major Challenges facing Federal Prisons: A View from the Inside, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Transportation Command, Air Mobility, and Mobility Acquisition, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: 2011 Budget for Science and ARPA-E, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on FY 2011 Budget for the Judiciary, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on U.S. Secret Service FY 2011 Budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn; and on FY 2011 Budget for ICE, 2 p.m., B318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Conserving America's Land and Heritage: Department of the Interior FY 2011 Budget, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget: Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on FY 2011 Budget Request for the Peace Corps, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Maintaining a Safe and Viable Aviation System (Including the FY 2011