

Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, who was introduced by Senators Reed and Whitehouse, James Kelleher Bredar, and Ellen Lipton Hollander, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who were both introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, and Susan Richard Nelson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota,

who was introduced by Senators Klobuchar and Franken, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 5294–5317; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84; H. Con. Res. 278; and H. Res. 1358–1361 were introduced. **Pages H3482–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3483–84**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson Lee (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3443**

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5116, to invest in innovation through research and development and to improve the competitiveness of the United States. Further proceedings on the bill were postponed. **Pages H3444–57**

Agreed to the Hall (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 292 ayes to 126 noes, Roll No. 270. **Pages H3455–57**

Agreed to:

Chu amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that clarifies that one purpose of the Innovation through Institutional Integration grant program is to help under-represented students in STEM fields transition from 2-year institutions to 4-year institutions of higher education; **Page H3445**

Kratovil amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that encourages employees of Federal agencies to volunteer in STEM education activities; **Pages H3446–47**

Salazar amendment (No. 51 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that provides the Department of Energy with the authority to conduct training for energy auditors, field technicians, and building contractors so they can understand and promote the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology; **Pages H3447–48**

Schock amendment (No. 52 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that instructs the Secretary of Commerce to give priority to innovation clusters that partner with local Workforce Investment Area Boards; **Pages H3448–49**

Gordon (TN) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479: Cardoza amendment (No. 2) that instructs the NIST Director to carry out a green manufacturing and construction initiative that develops an understanding of sustainability in manufacturing and shares that information with manufacturers so that they can adopt the best sustainable manufacturing practices; Marshall amendment (No. 28) that directs the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship to consider the needs of rural communities and small businesses when strengthening the collaboration on and coordination of policies relating to innovation and commercialization of new technologies within the Department of Commerce and between the Department of Commerce and other Federal agencies; Michaud amendment (No. 29) that prioritizes the needs of challenges of small businesses in the Regional Innovation Program's inter-agency collaboration; Michaud amendment (No. 30) that directs the Secretary to prioritize communities impacted by trade when awarding Regional Innovation Cluster grants; Michaud amendment (No. 31) that requires the Advisory Committee on STEM Education to consider the needs of rural schools; Ruppertsberger amendment (No. 32) that clarifies the eligibility of the Noyce scholarship to include retired STEM professionals; Ruppertsberger amendment (No. 33) that directs the Director of the National Science Foundation to use cyber-enabled-learning to create an innovative STEM workforce and/or to retrain and retain our current STEM workforce to address critical national and economic issues; Ellsworth amendment (No. 37) that ensures funds would not be used to purchase gift items, knickknacks, souvenirs, trinkets, or other items without direct educational value; Heinrich amendment (No. 40) that adds science parks and federal laboratories as eligible recipients for the "Regional Innovation Program"; Heinrich

amendment (No. 41) that allows the Secretary of Energy to establish an online database of unclassified technologies and capabilities available at national laboratories for the purpose of commercial application; McNerney amendment (No. 45) that adds marine and hydrokinetic technology systems to the list of energy efficiency and renewable energy technology systems that would be included in the Department of Energy STEM education initiatives authorized under the section; Space amendment (No. 53) that instructs the Director of NIST to carry out a program to support research into transformational manufacturing; and Titus amendment (No. 54) that clarifies that both pre-service and in-service teacher training and professional development shall be considered when identifying grand challenges in pre-K–12 STEM education; **Pages H3449–52**

Bocchieri amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that was debated on May 12th that increases the authorization level for funding for Federal Loan Guarantees for Innovative Technologies in Manufacturing from \$50 million to \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 267); **Pages H3452–53**

Halvorson amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that requires the Director of the National Science Foundation to give consideration to the goal of promoting the participation of veterans in the postdoctoral research fellowship program established by section 246 (Postdoctoral research fellowships) (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 268); and

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Flake amendment (No. 50 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–479) that expresses the sense of Congress that retaining graduate-level talent trained at American universities in STEM fields is critical to enhancing the competitiveness of American businesses (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 269). **Pages H3447, H3454**

H. Res. 1344, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, May 12th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agreed to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, May 12th:

Recognizing the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps: H. Res. 1338, to recognize the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps and to encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of national and community service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 271 and **Pages H3457–58**

Expressing the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those people affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May, 2010: H. Res. 1337, to express the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those people affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May,

2010, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 272. **Pages H3458–59**

HIT Policy Committee—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, MA to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of three years. **Page H3459**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, May 20, 2010 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States. **Page H3462**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18th for morning hour debate. **Page H3463**

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance—Reappointment: The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the joint reappointment on May 13, 2010 of Roberta L. Holzwarth of Illinois and Barbara L. Camens of Washington, DC, Chair, each to a five-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance. **Page H3468**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3453, H3453–54, H3454, H3457, H3457–58, H3458–59. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AGRICULTURE POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review U.S. agriculture policy in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, United Nations Command; Commander, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command; and Commander U.S. Forces Korea.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2011

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action