

Code, to authorize certain individuals to sign claims filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on behalf of claimants, S. 3370, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, S. 1780, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and S. 3377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guar-

anteeing loans for such purposes, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Pamperin, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Richard J. Hipolit, and Walter A. Hall, both Assistant General Counsel, each of the Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and Ian de Planque, The American Legion, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Washington, DC; and Richard Weidman and Alan Oates, both of Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5339–5346; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 280; and H. Res. 1371–1379, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1363, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety (H. Rept. 110–487).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. William Smith, Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act: H.R. 5220, amended, to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 and to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs;

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Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones College Fire Prevention Act: H.R. 2136, to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department

of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories;

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Congratulating the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team: H. Res. 1292, amended, to congratulate the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 407 ayes to 1 no with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 282;

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Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships: H. Res. 713, amended, to recognize the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers whose franchises have been terminated through no fault of their own be given an opportunity of first consideration once the auto market rebounds and stabilizes;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers be given consideration to enter the automobile market once it rebounds and stabilizes."

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Blue Star/Gold Star Flag Act: H.R. 2546, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service flag on residential property not be abridged;

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Extending Immunities to the Office of the High Representative and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo Act of 2010: H.R. 5139, amended, to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo; and

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Establishing a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: H. Res. 873, amended, to establish a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling for the establishment of a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq along with similar efforts in other areas of Iraq.”

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010: H.R. 5325, to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 277.

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

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1514, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the juvenile accountability block grants program through fiscal year 2014, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 276;

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Recognizing National Missing Children’s Day: H. Res. 1325, amended, to recognize National Missing Children’s Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 278;

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Celebrating the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne: H. Res. 1362, to celebrate the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne and to honor her for her triumphs against racial discrimination and her steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 279;

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Michael C. Rothberg Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5099, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the “Michael C. Rothberg Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 280;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States: H. Res. 403, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 281; and

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Honoring the historic and community significance of the Chatham County Courthouse: H. Res. 1364, to honor the historic and community significance of the Chatham County Courthouse and to express condolences to Chatham County and the town of Pittsboro for the fire damage sustained by the courthouse on March 25, 2010, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 406 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 283.

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

Congratulating the University of Texas men’s swimming and diving team for winning the NCAA Division I national championship: H. Res. 1336, to congratulate the University of Texas men’s swimming and diving team for winning the NCAA Division I national championship;

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Recognizing North Carolina Central University on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 1361, amended, to recognize North Carolina Central University on its 100th anniversary;

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Expressing support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month: H. Res. 996, amended, to express support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month;

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5-Star Generals Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1177, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army 5-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry “Hap” Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College;

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Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building: H.R. 5128, amended, to designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington,

District of Columbia, as the “Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building”; **Pages H3609–10**

Expressing support for designation of May as National Foster Care Month: H. Res. 1339, to express support for designation of May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge the responsibility that Congress has to promote safety, well-being, improved outcomes, and permanency for the Nation’s collective children; **Pages H3610–12**

Expressing condolences and sympathies for the people of China following the tragic earthquake in the Qinghai province of the Peoples Republic of China on April 14, 2010: H. Res. 1324, to express condolences and sympathies for the people of China following the tragic earthquake in the Qinghai province of the Peoples Republic of China on April 14, 2010; and **Pages H3613–15**

United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act: H.R. 5327, amended, to authorize assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system. **Pages H3617–20**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3545.

Senate Referral: S. 736 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3593, H3594, H3594–95, H3521, H3621–22, H3622–23, and H3623. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL TURNAROUND

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Research and Best Practices on Successful School Turnaround. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSISTANCE, QUALITY, AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2010

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5320, Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND ACT OF 2010

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010.

VIEWPOINTS ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Viewpoints on Homeland Security: A Discussion with the 9/11 Commissioners.” Testimony was heard from the following former members of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Thomas Kean, former Chairman, and former Governor of New Jersey; and Lee Hamilton, former Vice-Chair, and former Representative from Indiana.

TRANSFORMING FEDERAL HIRING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: Transforming Federal Hiring.” Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Defense Acquisitions: One Year After Reform.” Testimony was heard from Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Nancy Spruill, Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and John Roth, Deputy Comptroller, Program/Budget, Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller).

UNDERGROUND COAL MINING SAFETY INVESTIGATION AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 1363, Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigations into underground coal mining safety.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California.

U.S. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Charting the Course for American Nuclear Technology: Evaluating the Department of Energy’s Nuclear Energy Research and Development Roadmap.