

a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 231 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 316). **Pages H4008–11, H4062**

Proceedings Postponed:

Shea-Porter amendment (No. 81 printed in H. Rept. 111–498) that seeks to require a penalty for prime contractors that do not provide information to databases on contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it adds a reporting requirement and **Page H4068**

Skelton en bloc amendment No. 9 consisting of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 111–498: Courtney amendment (No. 8) that seeks to transfer the Troops to Teachers program from the Department of Education to the Department of Defense; Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 15) that seeks to require the Department of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Secretary of Homeland Security, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and heads of other appropriate Federal agencies to produce a needs assessment of U.S. affiliated Iraqis and their status; Shadegg amendment (No. 30) that seeks to prohibit members of the Armed Forces or veterans from receiving burial benefits if they are convicted of certain sexual offenses requiring them to register as “Tier III” sex offenders; Holt amendment (No. 32), as modified, that seeks to require that the Secretary of Defense ensure that each member of the Individual Ready Reserve or those designated as Individual Mobilization Augmentees who have served at least one tour in Iraq or Afghanistan receive at least quarterly counseling and health and welfare calls from personnel properly trained to provide such services; Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 55) that seeks to direct the Secretary of each military department to review the service records of eligible Jewish American veterans from World War I to determine whether such veterans should be awarded the Medal of Honor; Markey (CO) amendment (No. 61) that seeks to create the Department of Veterans Affairs HONOR Scholarship Program for veterans’ pursuit of graduate and post-graduate degrees in behavioral health sciences; Minnick amendment (No. 64) that seeks to authorize the Secretary of Education to provide support to help cover operating costs of new state programs under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program; Schrader amendment (No. 66) that seeks to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who is mobilized or demobilized is provided a clear and comprehensive statement of the medical care and treatment to which such member is entitled under Federal law by reason of being so mobilized or demobilized; Schrader amendment (No. 67) that seeks to instruct the DoD Inspector General to conduct a study assessing the medical processing of National Guard and Reserve soldiers mobilizing

and demobilizing under Title X; Klein (FL) amendment (No. 74) that seeks to require companies that are applying for Department of Defense contracts to certify that they do not conduct business in Iran, as defined by Section 5 of the Iran Sanctions Act; and Pingree (ME) amendment (No. 77) that seeks to require the Department of Defense to continue commissary and exchange stores at Naval Air Station Brunswick through September 30, 2011.

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H. Res. 1404, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 307, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Shuster, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3885–86, H3887, H3889, H388–89, H4013, H4013–14, H4014–15, H4060, H4060–61, H4061–62, H4062, H4062–63 and H4063–64. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BP-Transocean Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster: Ongoing Response and Environmental Impacts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ken Salazar, Secretary; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary; Tom Strickland, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and Marcia McNutt, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, EPA.

### LOW-INCOME/MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness held a hearing Examining GAO’s Findings on Efforts to Improve Oversight of Low-Income and

Minority Serving Institutions. Testimony was heard from George A. Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and Robert Shireman, Office of the Under Secretary, Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Education.

#### **SYNTHETIC GENOMICS' HEALTH/ENERGY IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing on Developments in Synthetic Genomics and Implications for Health and Energy. Testimony was heard from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **BP OIL SPILL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled "Combating the BP Oil Spill." Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Larry Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; RADM James Watson, USCG, Deputy, Unified Area Command, Department of Homeland Security; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense.

#### **HOUSING FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 476, Housing Fairness Act of 2009.

#### **U.S.-MEXICO SECURITY COOPERATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere of the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled "U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation: Next Steps for the Merida Initiative." Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Mariko Silver, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Affairs; Alonzo R. Peña, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Allen Gina, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and John D. Negroponte, former Director of National Intelligence, former Deputy Secretary of State; and former U.S. Ambassador to Honduras and to Mexico.

#### **GULF COAST OIL SPILL LEGAL LIABILITY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on the Legal Liability Issues Surrounding the Gulf Coast Oil Disaster. Testimony was heard from Jim Hood, Attorney General, State of Mississippi; Darryl Willis, Vice President, Resources, BP America; Rachael Clingman, Acting General Counsel, Transocean, Ltd.; James W. Ferguson, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Halliburton; William C. Lemmer, General Counsel, Cameron International Corporation; and public witnesses.

#### **DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION'S OIL STRATEGY IMPACT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Continued oversight hearings entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion." Testimony was heard from Representative Garamendi, Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc., Steven L. Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Ltd., and public witnesses.

#### **PEDIATRIC OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION RECALLS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing regarding the circumstances surrounding the recall of popular children's medicines produced by Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Consumer Healthcare. Testimony was heard from following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Joshua Sharfstein, Principal Deputy Commissioner; Deborah M. Autor, Director, Office of Compliance, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; and Michael A. Chappell, Acting Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; and Colleen Goggins, Worldwide Chairman, Consumer Group, Johnson & Johnson.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3243, to amend section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determination relating to overtime pay; H.R. 3264, as amended, Federal Internship Improvement Act; H.R. 5367, as amended, D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010; and H.R. 5368, United States Postal Service Postal Inspectors Equity Act.

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Interoperability in Public Safety Communications Equipment. Testimony was heard from David Boyd, Director, Command, Control and Interoperability, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Dereck Orr, Program Manager, Public Safety Communications Systems, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS' MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 4062, Veterans' Health and Radiation Safety Act; H.R. 4505, To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces; H.R. 4465, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans affairs to take into account each child a veteran has when determining the veteran's financial status when receiving hospital care or medical services; Draft legislation "World War II Hearing Aid Treatment Act"; and Draft legislation on Outreach. Testimony was heard from Representatives Adler of New Jersey, Thornberry and Kissell; Robert

Jesse, M.D., Acting Principal Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## TOBACCO SMUGGLING EXCISE TAX COMPLIANCE ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on tobacco smuggling in the United States and other excise tax compliance issues. Testimony was heard from Representative Doggett; and John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.