

after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6106–12, H6112

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Correction to Appointment: The Chair announced the following correction to the Speaker's appointment of June 23, 2010, of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Ted Van Der Meid of Rochester, NY, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed Ms. Felice Gaer.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom: Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, DC, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed herself.

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

Expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): H. Con. Res. 266, to express the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);

Pages H6083–85

Senior Financial Empowerment Act: H.R. 3040, amended, to prevent mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors in the United States, to promote efforts to increase public awareness of the enormous impact that mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud have on seniors, and to educate the public, seniors, their families, and their caregivers about how to identify and combat fraudulent activity; and

Pages H6101–04

Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010: H.R. 5827, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6087.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6112, H6113, H6113–14, H6124, H6125, and H6125–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Defense Appropriations bill.

JAPAN'S RECENT SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Japan: Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wallace C. Gregson, Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; and Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary, Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the Navy.

CLOSING YUCCA MOUNTAIN BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budget Implications of Closing Yucca Mountain. Testimony was heard from Kristina M. Johnson, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

BP'S OIL SPILL'S TOURISM IMPACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "The BP Oil Spill and Gulf Coast Tourism: Assessing the Impact." Testimony was heard from Kenneth Feinberg, Administrator, Gulf Coast Claims Facility; and public witnesses.

HEALTH IT IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Implementation of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical (HITECH) Act." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Blumenthal, M.D., National Coordinator, Health Information Technology; and Anthony Trenkle, Director, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5814, Public Housing Reinvestment and Tenant Protection Act of 2010; and H.R. 4868, Housing Preservation and Tenant Protection Act of 2010.

FOREIGN CLIMATE FINANCE ASSISTANCE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Climate Change Finance: Providing Assistance for Vulnerable Countries. Testimony was heard from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of State: Jonathan Pershing, Deputy Special Envoy, Climate Change, and Maura O'Neill, Senior Counselor to the Administrator and Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Agency for International Development; RADM David W. Titley, USN, Oceanographer and Navigator, Department of the Navy; and public witnesses.

UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals: Progress through Partnerships. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled "Interoperable Emergency Communications: Does the National Broadband Plan Meet the Needs of First Responders?" Testimony was heard from RADM James Arden Barnett, Jr., (ret.) Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; Greg Schaffer, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security and Communications, Department of Homeland Security; Deputy Chief Charles F. Dowd, Communications Division, Police Department, New York City; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RULEMAKING AND THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administration Law held a hearing on Federal Rulemaking and the Regulatory Process. Testimony was heard from Cass R. Sunstein, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, OMB; Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

FTC AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S ANTITRUST DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition and

the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. Testimony was heard from Christine A. Varney, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust, Department of Justice; and Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on In-sular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3850, Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009; H.R. 3910, Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act; H.R. 4914, Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010; H.R. 5180, National Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act of 2010; H.R. 5331, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chaffee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pony Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 5380, Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2010; and H.R. 5482, Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hirono, Jones, and Larsen of Washington; Greg Siekaniec, Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jonathan McKnight, Associate Director, Habitat Conservation Wildlife and Heritage Program, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

FEMALE DC CODE FELONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "Female D.C. Code Felons: Unique Challenges in Prison and at Home." Testimony was heard from Harley Lappin, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Adrienne Poteat, Court Systems and Offender Supervision Agency; and public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5822, the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011." The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 63, line 4. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order

only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that after consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

Finally, the rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of August 1, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this rule. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Peters, Crenshaw, Bilirakis, Roe of Tennessee and Djou.

RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3787, amended, 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; H.R. 4541, amended, Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2010; H.R. 5064, Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act of 2010; and H.R. 5549, RAPID Claims Act.

GULF WAR ILLNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Gulf War Illness: The Future for Dissatisfied Veterans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Charles L. Cragin, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans; and John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ENHANCING U.S.-EU TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Enhancing the U.S.-EU Trade Relationship. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, former Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DIA PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Defense Intelligence Agency Program. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to hold a hearing on Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Robert S. Litt, General Counsel; David R. Shedd, Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Policy, Plans, and Requirements; and Priscilla Guthrie, Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer.

Joint Meetings

PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from Michael Greenstone, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Anthony E. Malkin, Malkin Holdings, New York, New York; and E.G. Ward, Texas A&M University Offshore Technology Research Center, College Station.

INSTABILITY IN KYRGYZSTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine instability in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on the international response, prospects for stability, democracy, interethnic reconciliation, and implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia; Arslan Anarbaev, Embassy of the

Kyrgyz Republic, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bakyt Beshimov, Arlington, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Osvaldo Luis Gratacós Munet, of Puerto Rico, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, and Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine protecting America's water treatment facilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Subra Suresh, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, and Mary Minow, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Business meeting to consider H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public Web site for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, S. 2991, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to complete all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, S. 2902, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, H.R. 3980, to provide for identifying and elimi-

nating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, S. 3650, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 3567, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building", H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building", and H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building", 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine flood preparedness and mitigation, focusing on map modernization, levee inspection, and levee repairs, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Beryl Elaine Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

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Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: H.R. 5509, Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act; H.R. 3519, Veterinarian Services Investment Act; a measure reauthorizing mandatory price reporting; and other pending business, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Department of Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing to review quality control systems in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Transformation in