

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 97 public bills, H.R. 5981–6078; and 28 resolutions, H.J. Res. 95; H. Con. Res. 311–314; and H. Res. 1583–1605, were introduced. **Pages H6567–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6572–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5711, to provide for the furnishing of statues by the territories of the United States for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol (H. Rept. 111–583) and

Supplemental report on H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior (H. Rept. 111–575, Pt. 2). **Page H6567**

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

Increasing the flexibility of the Secretary of HUD with respect to the amount of premiums charged for FHA single family housing mortgage insurance: H.R. 5981, to increase the flexibility of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the amount of premiums charged for FHA single family housing mortgage insurance. **Pages H6468–69**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, July 28th:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States: H. Res. 1558, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States, reminding us all to take pride in the healthy bounty produced by American farmers and workers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 501. **Page H6483**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Thursday, July 29th:

Real Estate Jobs and Investment Act of 2010: H.R. 5901, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in United States real property interests, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 502; **Pages H6483–84**

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC): H. Res. 1566, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the pioneering of college students whose determination and nonviolent resistance led to the desegregation of lunch counters and places of public accommodation over a 5-year period, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 503; and **Pages H6484–85**

Providing for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina: H.R. 5414, amended, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 504. **Page H6485**

Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that, during proceedings today in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, the Chair be authorized to reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to five-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18. **Page H6493**

Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 5851, to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 315 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 506. **Pages H6486–92, H6552–55**

Rejected the Kline motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 171 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 505. **Pages H6552–54**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–582 is considered as adopted. **Page H6487**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H6562**

H. Res. 1574, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3534 and H.R. 5851) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 500, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6462–68, H6482**

Point of Order: Representative Hastings (WA) raised a point of order that the committee report accompanying the bill (H.R. 3534) violated the provisions of clause 9(a) of rule 21 and the bill was not in order for consideration. The Chair sustained the point of order. Subsequently, the Chair announced a supplemental report on H.R. 3534 had been filed pursuant to the authority granted by clause 3(a)(2) of rule 13 and the supplemental report contains a statement in satisfaction of clause 9 of rule 21.

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Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act: The House passed H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 193 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 513.

Pages H6493–98, H6498–H6552, H6555–61

Rejected the Cassidy motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 239 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 512.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–582 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H6511**

Agreed to:

Castle amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that ensures there is no delay in the development of ocean renewable energy resources, including offshore wind, in the establishment of the new Bureau of Energy and Resource Management;

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Shea-Porter amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that ensures that the ethics guidelines required for certain Department of Interior employees are updated at least every three years. The amendment also ensures that the best available technology for oil spill response and mitigation, and the availability and accessibility of that technology,

is part of the Offshore Technology Research and Risk Assessment Program. Finally, the amendment requires that operators annually certify that their response and exploration plans include the best available technology and its availability; **Pages H6543–44**

Connolly amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that prevents oil companies from shifting oil spill cleanup costs onto taxpayers by ensuring that Oil Pollution Act liabilities of an oil subsidiary will be inherited by the parent oil company in the event the subsidiary goes bankrupt and does not sell its assets. The amendment does not alter underlying liability provisions of OPA, and includes technical corrections from the Department of Justice; **Pages H6547–48**

Melancon amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that seeks to create an additional civil penalty on Gulf Coast Oil Spills of more than 1 million barrels, and would direct those funds toward previously authorized coastal restoration projects; **Pages H6550–52**

Rahall manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that clarifies certain provisions in the bill and adds various requirements (by a recorded vote of 250 yeas to 161 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 507);

Pages H6536–41, H6555

Kind amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that requires that no less than 1.5 percent of the Land and Water Conservation Fund each year go toward securing recreational public access to Federal Lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation (by a recorded vote of 404 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 508); **Pages H6542–43, H6555–56**

Teague amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that allows a group of companies to cooperate to meet financial responsibility requirements by pooling of resources or joint insurance coverage (by a recorded vote of 399 yeas to 8 noes, Roll No. 509); **Pages H6544–45, H6556–57**

Oberstar amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that requires, following initial clean-up of a spill, that the National Resources Damages Act trustee give equal and full consideration to all statutorily prescribed natural resource damage remedies to ensure that acquisition of non-impacted land is considered an equal remedy and not given lower priority as is currently provided in statute (by a recorded vote of 258 yeas to 149 noes, Roll No. 510); and **Pages H6545–47, H6557**

Melancon amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–582) that seeks to end the federal moratorium on deepwater drilling. The moratorium would be prohibited from enforcement on those rigs that meet safety requirements set forth in NTL 05

and NTL 06 (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 195 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 511).

Pages H6548–50, H6557–58

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H. Res. 1574, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3534 and H.R. 5851) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 500, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H6462–68, H6482

Pursuant to section 4 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 3534, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 5851, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3534; (b) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (c) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 5851 to the engrossment of H.R. 3534, H.R. 5851 shall be laid on the table.

Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced that the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader jointly appoint Ms. Theresa M. Grafenstine of Manassas, Virginia to the position of Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives effective July 30, 2010.

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

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of certain information reporting requirements to corporations and to payments for property and to eliminate loopholes which encourage companies to move operations offshore: H.R. 5982, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of certain information reporting requirements to corporations and to payments for property and to eliminate loopholes which encourage companies to move operations offshore, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 514.

Pages H6470–82, H6561–62

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following members to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Nicholas Scott Cannon of Los Angeles, CA, for the remainder of the term ending September 25, 2011 and in addition, Mr. Jimmie Lee Solomon of Washington, DC.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6470 and H6482–83.

Senate Referrals: S. 258 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on En-

ergy and Commerce and S. 3567 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6482, H6483, H6483–84, H6484–85, H6485, H6553–54, H6554–55, H6555, H6555–56, H6556–57, H6557, H6557–58, H6560, H6560–61, and H6561–62. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 6:40 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 308, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 2 through August 7, 2010

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1586, FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Reid (for Murray) Amendment No. 4567, in the nature of a substitute, at 5:45 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business. Senate also hopes to consider an energy bill, and the nomination of Elena Kagan to be an Associated Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: August 4, to hold hearings to examine promoting agricultural exports, focusing on United States agricultural trade policy and the farm bill’s trade title, 9:30 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Armed Services: August 3, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

August 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Woodson, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, and Neile L. Miller, of Maryland, to be Principal