

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine security clearance reform, focusing on setting a course for sustainability, and preliminary observations on the Department of Defense's progress on addressing timeliness and quality issues, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

AIR CARGO SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine

closing the gaps in air cargo security, after receiving testimony from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Alan D. Bersin, Commissioner, United States Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MORTGAGE SERVICING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mortgage servicing from modification to foreclosure, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Miller, Iowa Attorney General, Des Moines; Barbara Desoer, Bank of America Home Loans, Calabasas, California; David Lowman, JPMorgan Chase, St. Louis, Missouri; Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Diane E. Thompson, National Consumer Law Center, Boston, Massachusetts; and R.K. Arnold, MERSCORP, Inc., Reston, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6406–6413; 1 private bill, H.R. 6414; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 329; and H. Res. 1716–1719 were introduced. **Pages H7498–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7499–H7500**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Loretta Sanchez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7455**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7456**

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

Congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary: H.

Res. 1475, to congratulate the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 570; **Pages H7458–59, H7476**

Recognizing Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 1428, to recognize Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn and its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 571; **Pages H7459–60, H7477–78**

Commending Bob Sheppard for his long and respected career as a public-address announcer: H. Res. 1529, to commend Bob Sheppard for his long and respected career as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees and the New York Giants; **Pages H7461–63**

Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5655, to designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office”; **Page H7463**

Amending the District of Columbia Home Rule Act: H.R. 5702, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council of the District of Columbia; **Pages H7463–64**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections to fill vacancies in local offices in the District of Columbia.” **Page H7464**

Kingman and Heritage Islands Act of 2010: H.R. 6278, to amend the National Children’s Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia; **Pages H7464–65**

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010: H.R. 5367, amended, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service; **Pages H7465–67**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, to authorize the District

of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service, and for other purposes.” **Page H7467**

Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building Designation Act: 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”; **Pages H7467–68**

Congratulating the champion, finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee: H. Res. 1494, amended, to congratulate the champion, finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee; **Pages H7468–69**

Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6237, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the “Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building”; **Pages H7469–70**

Sam Sacco Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6387, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the “Sam Sacco Post Office Building”; **Pages H7470–71**

Improving certain administrative operations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol: H.R. 6399, to improve certain administrative operations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; **Page H7471**

Congratulating the engineers, scientists, psychologists, and staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for helping to successfully rescue 33 trapped Chilean miners: H. Res. 1714, amended, to congratulate the engineers, scientists, psychologists, and staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for helping to successfully rescue 33 trapped Chilean miners from a collapsed mine near Copiapo, Chile; **Pages H7471–72**

Expressing support for designation of the week of October 24, 2010, as “Undergraduate Research Week”: H. Res. 1654, amended, to express support for designation of the week of October 24, 2010, as “Undergraduate Research Week”; **Pages H7472–74**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for designation of the week of April 11, 2011, as ‘Undergraduate Research Week’.” **Page H7474**

Expressing support for designation of the month of October 2010 as National Principals Month: H.

Res. 1652, amended, to express support for designation of the month of October 2010 as National Principals Month; **Page H7474**

Celebrating September 30, 2010, as the 60th Anniversary of Impact Aid: H. Res. 1641, to celebrate September 30, 2010, as the 60th Anniversary of Impact Aid; and **Pages H7478–79**

Expressing support for designation of October as “National Farm to School Month”: H. Res. 1655, amended, to express support for designation of October as “National Farm to School Month”. **Pages H7479–81**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, November 15th:

Recognizing Gail Abarbanel and the Rape Treatment Center: H. Res. 716, to recognize Gail Abarbanel and the Rape Treatment Center, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 569. **Pages H7475–76**

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

Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building designation Act: H.R. 5758, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the “Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building”; **Pages H7460–61**

Congratulating Joe Paterno on his 400th win as Penn State Nittany Lions football head coach: H. Res. 1715, to congratulate Joe Paterno on his 400th win as Penn State Nittany Lions football head coach; and **Pages H7481–82**

Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975: H. Con. Res. 329, to recognize the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. **Pages H7482–84**

Oath of Office—Third Congressional District of Indiana: Representative-elect Marlin A. Stutzman presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from the Honorable Todd Rokita, Secretary of State, State of Indiana, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 2, 2010, the Honorable Marlin Stutzman was elected Representative to Congress for the Third Congressional District, State of Indiana. **Pages H7476–77, H7498**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Stutzman, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H7477**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7475–76, H7476, H7477–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AND FINANCIAL REFORMS IN NIGERIA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “The Global Financial Crisis and Financial Reforms in Nigeria.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of Nigeria: Lamido Sanusi, Governor, Central Bank; and Arunma Oteh, Director General, SEC; and a public witness.

IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. RANGEL

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Adjudicatory Subcommittee met in executive session to conclude hearings in the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel, to determine whether any counts in the Statement of Alleged Violation have been proven by clear and convincing evidence.

The Adjudicatory Subcommittee found eleven of the thirteen counts in the Statement of Alleged Violation regarding Representative Rangel proven by clear and convincing evidence.

The full Committee will hold a sanction hearing on the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel on Thursday November 18, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: To receive a briefing on the net assessment of Russian and United States strategic forces in support of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, 3:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold an oversight hearing to examine Transportation Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to hold hearings to examine television viewers, retransmission consent, and the public interest, 3 p.m., SR–253.