

By 56 yeas 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Benita Y. Pearson, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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By 58 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 291), William Joseph Martinez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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**Record Votes:** Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—297) **Pages S10853, S10885, S10887, S10888, S10903, S10903–04, S10913, S10914**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10934.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 6560–6569 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6116, to reform the financing of House elections, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–691, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1781, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2751) to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting automobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles; and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2142) to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council (H. Rept. 111–692);

H.R. 2811, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species

Python genera as an injurious animal, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–693); and

H. Res. 1782, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3082) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–694). **Page H8941**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. **Page H8787**

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

**Shark Conservation Act:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 81, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks;

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**Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010:** Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5809, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and modify provisions relating to the diesel emissions reduction program; **Pages H8792–98**

**Defense Level Playing Field Act:** H.R. 6540, to require the Secretary of Defense, in awarding a contract for the KC–X Aerial Refueling Aircraft Program, to consider any unfair competitive advantage

that an offeror may possess, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 325 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 658;

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**Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act:** H.R. 6547, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 314 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 663;

**Pages H8801–02**

**Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act:** S. 118, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 and to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly;

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**Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act:** S. 1481, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities;

**Pages H8806–11**

**Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010:** 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 initiate all periodic background re-investigations of certain law enforcement personnel;

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**Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act of 2010:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4748, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to require a northern border counternarcotics strategy;

**Pages H8813–14**

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1746, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

**Pages H8814–17**

**Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2010:** S. 2925, amended, to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking.

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**Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:** H. Res. 1771, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 657, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010:** The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5116, to invest in innovation through research and development and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 659.

**Pages H8817, H8820–52, H8890–91**

H. Res. 1781, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5116), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2751) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2142) was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a term of 4 years: Dr. Vickie M. Mays of Los Angeles, CA.

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**Commission on Key National Indicators—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Commission on Key National Indicators: Dr. Stephen Heintz of New York, NY and in addition, Dr. Marta Tienda of Princeton, NJ.

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**Order of Procedure:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on the following measures as though under clause 8(a)(1)(A) of rule XX: Motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2142 and motion to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 2751.

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**Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2010:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2142, to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 660.

**Pages H8852–61, H8891–92**

H. Res. 1781, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5116), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2751) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2142) was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**FDA Food Safety Modernization Act:** Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2751, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 661.

**Pages H8861–90, H8892**

H. Res. 1781, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5116), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2751) and the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2142) was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Page H8861**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which was debated on Friday, December 17th:

**First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building Designation Act:** S. 3592, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the “First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building”. **Page H8893**

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010:** The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 662. **Pages H8893, H8901–15**

H. Res. 1782, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H8914–15**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, December 22nd. **Page H8916**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) or, if she is not available, Representative Connolly (VA) to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress. **Page H8916**

**Commission on Key National Indicators—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following members to the Commission on Key National Indicators: Mr. Marcus Peacock of Washington, DC and Mr. Tomas J. Philipson of Chicago, IL. **Page H8916**

**Indian Law and Order Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following member to the Indian Law and Order Commission: Mr. Thomas Gede of San Francisco, CA. **Page H8916**

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Larry Wortzel to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2011. **Page H8916**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H8789, H8852, H8860.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 118 and S. 3481 were held at the desk. **Page H8852**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8818–19, H8819–20, H8890, H8891, H8892, H8914–15, H8915. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING—AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT; FDA SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT; AND THE GPRA MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5116, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Science and Technology that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5116. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 2751, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2751. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule