

Turner was elected Representative to Congress for the Ninth Congressional District, State of New York. **Pages H6195–96**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Nevada, Mr. Amodei, and the gentleman from New York, Mr. Turner, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H6196**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 14th:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011: H.R. 2867, amended, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 709. **Pages H6197–98**

Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act: The House passed H.R. 2587, to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance, by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 711.

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Rejected the Bishop (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 710. **Pages H6213–14**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6198**

H. Res. 372, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 708, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 707.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, September 19th. **Page H6218**

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Dreier, Lungren, Miller (MI), Smith (NE), Huizenga, Higgins, Meeks, Slaughter, Welch, and Larsen (WA).

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report with respect to Iceland's commercial whaling activities—referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–54). **Pages H6228–29**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6194–95, H6196–97, H6197, H6214, and H6215. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES IN ACHIEVING SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Audibility Reform held a hearing on organizational challenges in achieving sound financial management and audit readiness. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Mitchell H. Stevenson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, G-4, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; Major General Judith A. Fedder, Director of Logistics, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, USAF; and Martha Smith, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Services.

SUSTAINING GPS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on sustaining GPS for national security. Testimony was heard from General William L. Shelton, Commander, USAF Space Command; Teresa M. Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Karl Nebbia, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and Anthony J. Russo, National Coordination Office, Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Training, NOAA.

INTERNET PRIVACY: THE IMPACT AND BURDEN OF EU REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Internet Privacy: The Impact and Burden of EU Regulation." Testimony was heard from Nicole Lamb-Hale, Assistant Secretary, International Trade Administration; and public witnesses.

SAVING JOBS FROM PPACA'S HARMFUL REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Cutting the Red Tape: Saving Jobs from PPACA's Harmful Regulations." Testimony was heard from Steve Larsen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Fixing the Watchdog: Legislative Proposals to Improve and Enhance the Securities and Exchange Commission." Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 2885, the "Legal Workforce Act"; and H.R. 2847, the "American Specialty Agriculture Act." The Committee adjourned for the week and will resume next week.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation to establish in the Department of the Interior an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals and a Bureau of Ocean Energy, an Ocean Energy Safety Service, and an Office of Natural Resources Revenue, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Michael Bromwich, Director, BOEMRE; Donald Boesch, President, Univ. of MD Center for Environmental Science, and Commissioner, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1162, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes; H.R. 2087, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia; H.R. 2336, the "York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2011"; H.R. 2351, the "North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act"; H.R. 2352, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside; H.R.

2606, the "New York City Natural Gas Supply Enhancement Act"; and H.R. 2687, the "Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act." Testimony was heard from Rep. Dicks; Rep. Rigell; Rep. Pingree of Maine; Rep. Grimm; Rep. Kingston; Herbert C. Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Cas Holloway, Deputy New York City Mayor, New York City, New York; Maryann J. Minard, Director of Curriculum, York School Department; Wanda Thornton, Member, Accomack County Board of Supervisors; and public witnesses.

CONNECTING INVESTORS AND JOB CREATORS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services, and Bailouts of the Public and Private Programs held a hearing entitled "Crowdfunding: Connecting Investors and Job Creators." Testimony was heard from Meredith B. Cross, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTING IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations held a hearing entitled "Defense Department Contracting in Afghanistan: Are We Doing Enough To Combat Corruption?" Testimony was heard from Gary J. Motsek, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Support, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Material Readiness), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), Department of Defense; Kim Denver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Stephen Townsend, USA, Director, Joint Staff Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Department of Defense.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 79, the "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2012." The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of 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 joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the

joint resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides that all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended, are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky; and Rep. Dicks.

EPA'S CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Out of Thin Air: EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule." Testimony was heard from Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Bryan W. Shaw, Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; Barry T. Smitherman, Commissioner, Texas Railroad Commission; Chip Merriam, Chief Legislative and Regulatory Compliance Officer, Orlando Utilities Commission; and public witnesses.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES COMPETE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "Helping Small Businesses Compete: Challenges

Within Programs Designed To Assist Small Contractors." Testimony was heard from Joseph G. Jordan, Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Jiyoung Park, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Utilization, General Services Administration; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.