

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7809–S7944

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1490–1504, S. Res. 220–221, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S7868–69**

Measures Reported:

S. 1494, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 111–55)

S. 1064, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted under such Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–56)

S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–57)

S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. (S. Rept. No. 111–58)

S. 1498, to provide an extension of highway programs authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. (S. Rept. No. 111–59)

S. 151, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings.

S. 1496, to extend National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authorizations funded by the Highway Trust Fund. **Page S7868**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (vote No. 238), Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1761, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should fully enforce existing sanctions, and should explore additional sanctions, with respect to North Korea and to require a review to determine whether North Korea should be re-listed as a state sponsor of terrorism. **Pages S7841–46**

Cardin Amendment No. 1475, to require the Secretary of Defense to report on the numbers and percentages of troops that have served or are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who have been prescribed antidepressants or drugs to treat anxiety. **Pages S7848–49**

Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1472, to modify the reporting requirement for the defense nanotechnology research and development program. **Page S7851**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1518, to require the Secretary of the Army to expand the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative (FSBI) throughout the Army in order to improve the quality of life and living environments for single soldiers. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569, to require a plan to manage vegetative encroachment at training ranges. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Gregg/Shahen) Amendment No. 1553, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct a previously authorized Armed Forces Reserve Center in vicinity of specified location at Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1471, to release to the State of Arkansas a reversionary interest in Camp Joseph T. Robinson. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1512, to require additional disclosure of poor performance in the contractor performance database. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1473, to modify the provision requiring the inclusion of pension obligations for certain Department of Energy facilities in the budget request of the President to include pension obligations for all Department of Energy facilities. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1561, to expand the authority of the Ombudsman under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1520, to require a report on the re-determination process of the Department of Defense used to determine the eligibility of permanently incapacitated dependents of retired and deceased members of the Armed Forces for benefits provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Defense. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 1600, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit of assistance to local educational agencies for the education of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 1555, to permit the extension of eligibility for enrollment in Department of Defense elementary and secondary schools to certain additional categories of dependents. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1488, to include in the study on options for educational opportunities for dependent children of members of the Armed Forces consideration of the impact of such options on students with special needs. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1476, to permit the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to certain Indian tribes certain relocatable military housing units. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)/Vitter) Amendment No. 1612, to modify the provision clarifying responsibility for preparation of the biennial global positioning system report. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1560, to make technical corrections regarding certain military construction projects at Cannon Air Force Base and Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. **Pages S7851, S7853–54**

Levin (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1500, to include analysis of military whistleblower reprisal appeals in the assessment by the Comptroller General of the United States of military whistleblower protections. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1535, to require the Director of National Intelligence to report on Cuba and Cuba's relations with other countries. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1536, to require the Director of National Intelligence to report on political and other support provided by Venezuelan officials to terrorist and other groups. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Thune/Johnson) Amendment No. 1510, to provide technical changes to land conveyance matters regarding Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. **Pages S7851, S7854–55**

Levin (for Barrasso/Enzi) Amendment No. 1492, to authorize a land conveyance at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming. **Pages S7851, S7855**

Levin (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1495, to authorize a land conveyance at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. **Pages S7851, S7855–56**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1599, to authorize a land conveyance at Haines Tank Farm, Haines, Alaska. **Pages S7851, S7856**

Levin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1636, to authorize land conveyances of certain parcels in the Camp Catlin and Ohana Nui areas, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. **Pages S7851, S7856**

Levin (for Udall (CO)) Amendment No. 1619, to authorize the Department of Defense to participate in programs for the management of energy demand or reduction of energy usage during peak periods. **Pages S7851, S7856–57**

Levin (for McCain/Levin) Amendment No. 1638, to require a master plan to provide world class military medical facilities in the National Capital Region. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1642, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of spending in the final quarter of fiscal year 2009 by the Department of Defense. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1499, to authorize an Air Force Academy athletics support program. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for McCain) Amendment No. 1634, to express the sense of Congress regarding airfares for members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S7851, S7857–58**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1676, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review the assessment and plan for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. **Pages S7851, S7858**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1677, to avoid a break in production of the Ground-based Interceptor missile until the Department of Defense completes the Ballistic Missile Defense Review and to ensure there is no gap in homeland defense by ensuring that Missile Field 1 at Fort Greely, Alaska, does not complete decommissioning until seven silos have been emplaced at Missile Field 2 at Fort Greely. **Pages S7851, S7858**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 239), Brownback Amendment No. 1597, to express the sense of the

Senate that the Secretary of State should redesignate North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism.

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Withdrawn:

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 237), Thune Amendment No. 1618, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn.)

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Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 1760, to pursue United States objectives in bilateral arms control with the Russian Federation.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 24, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 23, 2009; provided that upon disposition of Kyl Amendment No. 1760 (listed above), it be in order for Senator Lieberman to offer Amendment No. 1627, and a side-by-side or second-degree amendment be offered by Senator Bayh, to Amendment No. 1627.

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Impeachment of Former Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the impeachment proceedings of former Judge Samuel B. Kent, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, taking the following action:

The Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives to continue proceedings on behalf of the House concerning the impeachment against former Judge Samuel B. Kent, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the oath was administered to those Senators who were not present when the articles of impeachment were presented, by the Acting President pro tempore.

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The Majority Leader entered a motion that the articles of impeachment against former Judge Samuel B. Kent, Judge, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, be dismissed, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the House of Representatives, and the motion was agreed to.

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Subsequently, the Court of Impeachment stands adjourned sine die.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey Alan Goldstein, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

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Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total–3)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—239)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7865.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL WARMING LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Holdren, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, Turtle Lake, North Dakota; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Josiah Pierce, American Forest Foundation, Baldwin, Maine, on behalf of the Forest Climate

Working Group; and Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, DC.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Johnson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ADVERTISING TRENDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine advertising trends and consumer protection, after receiving testimony from David Vladeck, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, and Urvashi Rangan, Consumers Union of United States, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; C. Lee Peeler, National Advertising Review Council, New York, New York, on behalf of the Council of Better Business Bureaus; Greg Renker, Guthy-Renker, Palm Desert, California; and Jon Congdon, Product Partners LLC, Santa Monica, California.

CHILDREN'S TELEVISION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Children's Television Act for a digital media age, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Gary E. Knell, Sesame Workshop, and Cyra Zarghami, Nickelodeon and the MTV Networks Kids & Family Group, both of New York, New York; Sandra L. Calvert, Georgetown University Children's Digital Media Center, Washington, D.C.; John Lawson, ION Media Networks, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of The National Association of Broadcasters; and James P. Steyer, Common Sense Media, San Francisco, California.

NATIONAL PARK LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to

examine S. 635, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 715, to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses, S. 742, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, S. 1270, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 1418 and H.R. 2330, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 2430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Greg Walter, Jefferson State Financial Group, LLC, Cave Junction, Oregon; and Kirk L. Lindquist, Michigan Lighthouse Project, Okemos.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cochran, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Samuel Louis Kaplan, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, who was introduced by Senators Klobuchar and Franken, James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, Miguel Humberto Diaz, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, who was introduced by Senator Klobuchar, Fay Hartog-Levin, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, and Stephen J. Rapp, of Iowa, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FOREIGN AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign aid and development in a new era, after receiving testimony from Peter McPherson, former Administrator, USAID, on behalf of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, and Reverend David Beckmann, Bread for the World, on behalf of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey D. Sachs, Columbia University Earth Institute, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anthony W. Miller, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, and Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, both of the Department of Education, and Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Dodd (Chair), Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Sanders, Brown, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Alexander, Gregg, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, Coburn, Roberts, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Murray (Chair), Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Brown, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Isakson, Gregg, Burr, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging: Senators Mikulski (Chair), Harkin, Bingaman, Reed, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Kennedy (Ex Officio), Burr, Gregg, Alexander, Isakson, Coburn, and Enzi (Ex Officio).

JOB CREATION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine job creation and foreign investment in the United States, focusing on assessing the EB-5 Regional Center Program, after receiving testimony from Robert Kruszka, Deputy Chief, and Michael T. Dougherty, former Ombudsman, both of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen Yale-Loehr, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, New York, on behalf of Invest In the USA; William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Resort, Newport, Vermont; and Ron Drinkard, Alabama Center for Foreign Investment, Montgomery.

METAL THEFT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine metal theft, focusing on law enforcement challenges, after receiving testimony from Chief Mona Dohman, Maple Grove Police Department, Maple Grove, on behalf of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association; Frank Coffey, Qwest Communications, Denver, Colorado; Aaron D. Kennard, National Sheriffs' Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Mark Lewon, Utah Metal Works Inc., Salt Lake City; and David M. Sparby, Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, Minneapolis.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a nomination hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond M. Jefferson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, and Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3286–3287, 3289–3292, 3294–3302; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 667–668, 670–671 were introduced. **Pages H8584–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8585–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–218).

H. Res. 669, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and

Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–219) and

H.R. 3293, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 111–220). **Page H8584**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Stephen Leon, Congregation B’Nai Zion, El Paso, Texas. **Page H8497**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 667, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 189 nays with 14 voting “present”, Roll No. 605.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 20th:

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009: H.R. 1675, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 607. **Pages H8510–11**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 21st:

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 2938, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 608; **Pages H8511–12**

Recognizing the need to continue research into the causes, treatment, education, and an eventual cure for diabetes: H. Res. 69, to recognize the need to continue research into the causes, treatment, education, and an eventual cure for diabetes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 609; **Page H8512**

Lim Poon Lee Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the “Lim Poon Lee Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 613; **Pages H8541–42**

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Children and Families Day”: H. Res. 534, to support the goals and ideals of “National Children and

Families Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 429 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 614; and

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Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 615.

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Committee Discharge and Re-Referral: The House agreed that the Committee on Science and Technology be discharged from public consideration of H. Res. 631 and that the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2920, to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration, by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 612. **Pages H8501–09, H8513–41**

Rejected the Ryan (WI) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 611. **Pages H8538–40**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–217, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–217, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8513**

Rejected:

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–217) that sought to establish caps on discretionary spending from FY2010 through FY2014 and a cap on total spending as a percentage of gross domestic product. It would also put in place maximum limits on deficits through 2019, again as a percentage of gross domestic product (by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 610). **Pages H8527–38**

H. Res. 665, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 606, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H8501, H8510**

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

Honoring the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for

Cooperation: H. Res. 654, to honor the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation and

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Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 1511, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture.

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

Supporting Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games: H. Res. 538, amended, to support Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and to encourage the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

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Congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania: H. Res. 285, to congratulate the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and to celebrate the rich history of Lithuania; and

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Expressing appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and congratulating Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”: H. Res. 519, to express appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and to congratulate Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8501.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8509–10, H8510, H8510–11, H8511–12, H8512, H8538, H8540, H8540–41, 8541–42, H8542, H8542–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

OVERSIGHT—MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on oversight of family support programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Arthur J. Myers, Principal Director, Military Community and Family Policy, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; COL Cory Lyman, USAF, Assistant Director, Individual and Family Support Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Manpower and Personnel; SGM Kenneth O. Preston, USDA; SGM Carlton W. Kent, USMC; Master Chief Petty Officer, Rick D. West, USN; and CMSgt James A. Roy, USAF.

ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL REGULATOR REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Perspectives on the Obama Administration’s Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals.” Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, SEC; and Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “TARP Oversight Warrant Repurchases and Protecting Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury; Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, GAO; Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program; and Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on IRAN: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE'S ABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Federal Protective Service’s ability to protect Federal facilities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism approved for full Committee action the following bills: 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; H.R. 1726, amended, Border Security Search Accountability Act of 2009; and H.R. 3239, amended, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida initiative on the border security of the United States.

**AUTO INDUSTRY BANKRUPTCIES
RAMIFICATIONS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on Ramifications of the Auto Industry Bankruptcies, Part III. Testimony was heard from Louann Van Der Wiele, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Chrysler Group LLC; Michael J. Robinson, Vice-President and General Counsel of North America, General Motors Company; Richard E. Mourdock, Treasurer, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

**FAIRNESS IN COCAINE SENTENCING ACT
OF 2009; OVER-FEDERALIZATION OF
CRIMINAL LAW**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 3245 Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Over-Criminalization of Conduct/Over-Federalization of Criminal Law. Testimony was heard from Richard Thornburgh, former Attorney General; and public witnesses.

PUERTO-RICAN DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2499, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.

CONSUMER DEBT ARBITRATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Arbitration or 'Arbitrary': The Misuse of Mandatory Arbitration to Collect Consumer Debts." Testimony was heard from Lori Swanson, Attorney General, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010**

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one 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 160, line 6. 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 the following amendments; (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules; (2) not to exceed seven of the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; and (3) not to exceed two of the amendments printed in part C of the Committee report if offered by Representative Hensarling of Texas or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment 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 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the proponent of any such amendment may modify its amendatory instructions. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

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 demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, 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 his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). The

rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Chairman Olver and Representatives Waters, Latham, Frelinghuysen, Mica, King (IA), Turner, Jordan, and Thompson (PA).

WATER REGULATION—FARMERS' NEEDS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Meeting the Needs of Small Businesses and Family Farmers in Regulating our Nation's Waters." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNION STATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on The Congressional Vision for a 21st Century Union Station: New Intermodal Uses and a New Union Station Livable Community. Testimony was heard from Gabe Klein, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; David Ball, President, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation; Steven Alleman, General Superintendent, AMTRAK; and public witnesses.

VA'S BRACHYTHERAPY PROGRAM SAFETY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Enforcement of VA's Brachytherapy Program Safety Standards. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Reynolds, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Region III, NRC; Joseph A. Williams, Jr., RN, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on National Intelligence Strategy. The Committee was briefed by Dennis Blair, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIEFING—DOD HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Human Intelligence. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "The Public Transportation Extensions Act of 2009"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine establishing a framework for systemic risk regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 637, to authorize the construction of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana and a portion of McKenzie County, North Dakota, S. 789, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, S. 1080, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and the nominations of Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President, Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, Kim N. Wallace, of Texas, to be Deputy Under Secretary, George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel, and Rosa Gumataotao Rios, of California, to be Treasurer, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan, Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to

hold hearings to examine D.C. public schools, focusing on education reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the reconsideration of bankruptcy reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, oversight hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on proposed reconfiguration of the National Defense Stockpile, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue consideration of H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform acct of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on From L'Aquila to Copenhagen: Change and Vulnerable Societies, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America: Soft Power and the Free Flow of Information, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, executive, hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Examining the Personnel Challenges Facing the Federal Air Marshal Service," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Engaging the Electorate—Strategies for Expanding Access to Democracy, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Continuity of Congress in the Wake of a Catastrophic Attack, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up the following: September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act of 2009; H. J. Res. 26, Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously; H.R. 42, Commission Wartime Re-

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Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resource, oversight hearing on Federal Geospatial Data Management, followed by a markup of H.R. 2489, America View Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing entitled "E-Verify: Challenges and Opportunities," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Effective Transforming Our Electric Delivery System to a Smart Grid, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reform the SBA's Capital Access Programs," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining Quality of Life and Ancillary Benefits Issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on possible Long-Term Financial Options for the Highway Trust Fund, including Member Proposals, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine balancing work and family in the recession, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the future of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization Act, and that upon disposition of Kyl Amendment No. 1760, it be in order for Senator Lieberman to offer Amendment No. 1627, and a side-by-side or second-degree amendment be offered by Senator Bayh, to Amendment No. 1627.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 23

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3288—Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

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