

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7217–S7276

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1408–1418, and S. Res. 210. **Page S7261**

Measures Reported:

S. 423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal-year budget authority. (S. Rept. No. 111–41) **Page S7258**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 1407 (to Amendment No. 1371), to permanently reauthorize the EB–5 Regional Center Program. **Page S7230**

Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation for aliens permanent and to improve verification of immigration status of employees. (By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7227, S7228–30, S7230**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 220), DeMint Amendment No. 1399 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the completion of at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the southwest border by December 31, 2010. **Pages S7227–28, S7230–31**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 221), Feingold Amendment No. 1402 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require grants for Emergency Operations Centers and financial assistance for the predisaster mitigation program to be awarded without regard to earmarks. **Pages S7227, S7233–41**

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 222), McCain Amendment No. 1406 (to Amendment No. 1373),

to strike the provision relating to the Loran-C signal, as recommended by the Administration. **Pages S7243–48**

Pending:

Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit amounts made available under this Act from being used to amend the final rule to hold employers accountable if they hire illegal aliens. **Page S7231**

Grassley Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize employers to voluntarily verify the immigration status of existing employees. **Pages S7231–33**

Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the earmark for the City of Whitefish Emergency Operations Center. **Pages S7241, S7248–51**

Hatch Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious workers and Conrad-30 visa programs, to protect orphans and widows with pending or approved visa petitions. **Pages S7241–43**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, 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 10, 2009. **Page S7253**

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2009, that there be 10 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Tester and Kyl, or their designees; provided that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided further, that upon the use or

yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (listed above).

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National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 13, 2009, after the pledge, prayer, and any Leader remarks, Senate begin 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.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Irene Cornelia Berger, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Roberto A. Lange, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—222) Pages S7230, S7230–31, S7241, S7248

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7276.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee

consideration an original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for fiscal year 2010.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2010.

EFFECTS OF CREDIT CRISIS ON RURAL BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded a hearing to examine the effects of the economic crisis on community banks and credit unions in rural communities, after receiving testimony from Jack Hopkins, CorTrust National Bank Association, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Frank Michael, Allied Credit Union, Stockton, California, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Arthur C. Johnson, American Bankers Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Ed Templeton, SRP Federal Credit Union, North Augusta, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Peter Skillern, Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina, Durham.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 588, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 649, to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 668, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1194, to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1308, to reauthorize the Maritime Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison, Nelson (FL), Graham, DeMint, and Representatives Clyburn and Jackson-Lee, Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Deborah A.P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski, and Polly Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THREATS TO NATIVE WILDLIFE SPECIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine threats to native wildlife species, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin and Nelson (FL); Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Bill Clay, Acting Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Rebecca Humphries, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, on behalf of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Gregory M. Ruiz, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, Maryland; John Torgan, Save the Bay Inc., Providence, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Hill, University of Florida, Gainesville.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how climate change legislation relates to international trade considerations, focusing on key challenges associated with estimating the industry effects from climate change measures, after receiving

testimony from Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia; and Gary N. Horlick, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, and Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, all of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Maria Otero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State and Global Affairs, Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Louis B. Susman, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Charles H. Rivkin, of California, to be Ambassador to France, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco, Mark Henry Gitenstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Timothy J. Roemer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to India, Richard J. Schmierer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, and Gordon Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, all of the Department of State.

INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS UNDER CLIMATE POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine industrial competitiveness under climate policies, focusing on lessons from Europe, after hearing testimony from

Felix Chr. Matthes, Institute for Applied Ecology, Berlin, Germany; Steven Fries, Royal Dutch Shell, The Hague, Netherlands; Wolfgang Weber, BASF Group, Ludwigshafen, Germany; and Ben Lieberman, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reform in the Federal Protective Service after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Gary W. Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Phyllis Corrine Borzi, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Nicole Lurie, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, committee continued consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3122–3136; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 161–163, and H. Res. 615–16, 619–620, were introduced. **Pages H7836–37**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7837–38**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 617, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3081) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–193) and

H. Res. 618, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) 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 (H. Rept. 111–194). **Page H7836**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Alberto Delgado, Alfa and Omega Church, Miami, Florida. **Page H7743**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 184 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 487.

Pages H7743, H7781

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 7th:

Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009: H.R. 1275, amended, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 481; **Page H7756**

Tule River Tribe Water Development Act: H.R. 1945, 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, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 482; and

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Supporting National Men's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 142, to support National Men's Health Week, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 495. **Pages H7798–99**

Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2965, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, by a recorded vote of 386 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 486.

Pages H7757–81

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Simpson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with instructions, by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 485.

Pages H7779–80

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute by a recorded vote of 411 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 484.

Pages H7778–79

Agreed to: Velázquez manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that authorizes the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide matching grants to minority serving educational institutions to develop programs that encourage minority participation in SBIR/STTR programs; gives priority to applications from companies located in areas that have lost a major source of employment; increases the maximum allowable award under Phase I of the SBIR program with respect to applications by veteran owned and controlled small businesses, increases the maximum allowable award under Phase II of the SBIR program with respect to applications by veteran owned and controlled small businesses, and permits small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans to bypass Phase I and apply directly for Phase II awards; adds language to require agencies to report specific reasons why those agency SBIR/STTR goals were or were not achieved; provides special consideration in the awarding of SBIR funds to projects which address renewable energy technologies; requires that veterans be given priority when applying for SBIR and STTR awards; requires the Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a SBIR solicitation that requests research proposals for improving the efficiency of water delivery systems and usage patterns in the U.S. and its territories; expands outreach and support activities to Native American-owned small businesses; prioritizes SBIR outreach and support activities for areas with high unemployment and gives preference to SBIR and STTR award applications submitted by small businesses located in areas with high unemployment; and makes technical corrections to the legislation;

Pages H7771–73

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–192) that requires GAO to examine and report to Congress on the effect that the venture capital ownership restrictions in Section 102 (venture capital operating companies investment in small businesses) have on eligibility and participation under this act;

Pages H7773–74

Reichert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that gives preference to organizations that are located in under represented states and regions, or are women-, service-disabled-veterans- or minority-owned when awarding grants for Small Business Administration (SBA) outreach efforts authorized under Title III (rural development and outreach);

Pages H7775–76

Paulsen amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–192) that adds medical technology to the list of topics that deserve special consideration as SBIR research topics; and

Pages H7776–77

Kosmas amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–192), as modified, that requires commercialization programs established by agencies with space shuttle-related activities to include efforts to help small businesses affected by the termination of the space shuttle program commercialize technologies through SBIR (by a recorded vote of 427 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 483).

Pages H7774–75, H7777–78

H. Res. 610, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 480, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H7747–56

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Westmoreland motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 36 ayes to 364 noes, Roll No. 488.

Pages H7781–82

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

Pages H7782–83

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Foxx motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 35 yeas to 368 nays, Roll No. 490.

Pages H7792–93

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Mica motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 41 ayes to 369 noes, Roll No. 496.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 9th.

Pages H7799–H7828

Agreed to:

Fortenberry amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that increases funding for Rural Energy for America by \$2 million, offset by a \$2 million reduction for the Office of the Chief Information Officer and

Pages H7807–08

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that increases funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Operation Account by \$5,000,000 and offsets the increase by decreasing funding for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Salaries and Expenses by the same amount. **Page H7811**

Proceedings Postponed:

DeLauro manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to increase funding for the Agricultural Research Service salaries and expenses account by \$2 million to go toward Colony Collapse Disorder and pollinator decline research, offset by a \$1 million reduction in the Office of the Chief Information Officer and a \$1 million reduction in Departmental Administration. Would increase funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture competitive grants by \$3,000,000 to be used for Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) and pollinator decline research, and offsets the increase by a reduction in funding for the Departmental Administration. Seeks to increase funding for the Office of Inspector General at USDA by \$500,000 to determine whether the USDA Organic certification program ensures that the most rigorous standards for certification are honored, and to investigate whether non-organic substances inappropriately remain allowed in small amounts in USDA certified products after organic alternatives have been discovered. The increase is offset by a decrease of the same amount in funding for the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities, General Services Administration account. Seeks to increase the appropriation for the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program by \$519,000 to a total of \$1.5 million. The amount would be offset by decreasing appropriations for "administrative expenses necessary to carry out direct and guaranteed loan programs" within the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account. Seeks to appropriate tobacco product user fees authorized under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111–31). Seeks to fund the Methamphetamine Inhibitor Grant Program created in the 2008 Farm Bill at \$2,000,000. Offsets the increase in spending by reducing spending on Rural Development Salaries and Expenses. Seeks to prohibit the use of funds for first class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations; **Page H7805–06**

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to transfer \$50,000 from the Chief Economist to the Economic Research Service; **Pages H7806–07**

Capito amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to transfer \$10,038,000 in the bill from the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the Rural Utilities Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program (restoring the latter to FY09 appropriation levels); **Page H7807**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to reduce FDA funding by \$373 million to equal the FY09 level; **Pages H7815–17**

Blackburn amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to make an across-the-board cut of 5 percent to all discretionary funding accounts in the bill; **Pages H7819–20**

Hensarling amendment (No. 6 printed in part E of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA and seeks to reduce funds under the heading "Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses" by the amount that was to have been spent on the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy project, Kiski Basin, PA; **Pages H7820–21**

Campbell amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Specialty Crops in Indiana and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on Specialty Crops in Indiana; **Pages H7821–22**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD and to reduce funds under the heading "Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Expenses" by the amount that was to have been spent on the Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization project in Beltsville, MD; **Pages H7822–23**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on the Agriculture Energy Innovation Center in Georgia; **Pages H7824–25**

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit certain funds in the bill from being used for Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington and to reduce funds under the heading "National Institute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activities" by the amount that was to have been spent on Potato Research in Idaho, Oregon and Washington; and **Pages H7825–26**

Kingston amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–191) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to administer or pay the salary of personnel who administer any broadband loans or loan guarantees on or before September 15, 2010. **Pages H7826–28**

H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

238 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 493, and the Mica motion to reconsider the vote was rejected by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 494. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 491, and rejected the Mica motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 492.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 609 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 489.

Pages H7784–86

House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Kildee and DeGette to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H7828**

House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he reappointed Representatives Bishop (UT) and Foxx to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H7828**

House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's and Minority Leader's joint reappointment of the following individuals to the House of Representatives Page Board for a term of one year, effective July 8, 2009: Ms. Lynn Silversmith Klein of Maryland and Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan. **Page H7828**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7755–56, H7756, H7757, H7777–78, H7778–79, H7779–80, H7780–81, H7781, H7781–82, H7785–86, H7792–93, H7795, H7796, H7797, and H7797–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PREVENTING SCHOOL BULLYING

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a joint hearing on Strengthening School Safety through Prevention of Bullying. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROPOSED CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing to examine the Administration's proposal to create a new agency responsible for consumer protection with regard to financial products and services. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC; Michael Barr, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BOTTLED WATER REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Regulation of Bottled Water." Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; Joshua M. Sharfstein, Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

U.S.-UAE NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Nuclear Cooperation with the United Arab Emirates: Review of the Proposed U.S.-UAE Agreement. Testimony was heard from Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

FEMA HOUSING

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "FEMA Housing: An Examination of Current Problems and Innovative Solutions" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Craig Fugate; Administrator, FEMA; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS LEGAL ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Legal Issues Surrounding the Military Commissions System. Testimony was heard from Representative Schiff; and public witnesses.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Report and Standards. Testimony was heard from Reggie B. Walton, Judge, U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Chair, National Prison Rape Elimination Act Commission; Jon Ozmint, Director, Department of Corrections, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

CHESAPEAKE/THUNDER BAY MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on In-sular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1771, Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1053, Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009; and H.R. 905, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act. Testimony was heard from Peyton Robertson, Director, Chesapeake Bay Office, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 481, North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 685, United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009; H.R. 1593, 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; and H.R. 2167, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Los Caminos del Rio National Heritage Corridor; Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar, Clay and Cuellar; Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Services, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Tracking the Money: Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse of Recovery Act Funding." Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; Robert Nabors, Deputy Director, OMB; Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland; Deval Patrick, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Edward Rendell, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing to examine H.R. 2517, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Baldwin; John Berry, Director, OPM; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Oversight of Federal Financial Management. Testimony was heard from Representative Cuellar; Gene L. Dadaro, Acting Comptroller General; Richard L. Gregg, Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Peggy Sherry, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald Spoehel, Chief Financial Officer, NASA; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Appropriations Act, 2010, 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 for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, and the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides that each such amendment 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. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule also provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading.

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 consideration of the bill for amendment, 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). Finally, 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 by Representatives Lowey, Payne, Waters, Stupak, Herseth Sandlin, Granger, Lewis (CA), Smith (NJ), Burton, Goodlatte, Dent, and Jordan.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a structured rule. The rule provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 2701, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides for the reporting to the House of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and the ordering of the previous question on the bill and amendments except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. It provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or a designee. It provides 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). Finally, during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule XVIII and clauses 8 and 9 of rule XX. Testimony was heard by Chairman Reyes, Representatives Giffords, Hoekstra, and Kirk.

FIRE GRANT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the FIRE Grant Programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

PROJECTED PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Looming Challenge for Small Medical Practices: The Projected Physician Shortage and How Health Care Reforms Can Address the Problem." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Investment and Leasing Program (CILP). Testimony was

heard from Anthony Costa, Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Services, GSA.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General James E. Cartwright, for reappointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and reappointment to the grade of general, of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Robert F. Willard, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, Pacific Command, of the Navy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert V. Abbey, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior; and Richard G. Newell, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air regulations, one year after the CAIR and CAMR federal court decisions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to continue consideration of Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any nominations cleared for action, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine health care reform, focusing on the concerns and priorities from the perspective of small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review rural broadband programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on challenges to effective acquisition and management of information technology systems, 8 a.m., 2122 Rayburn.

Subcommittees on Readiness, Air and Land Forces and Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on the status of Army and Marine Corps reset requirements, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue markup of H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on H.R. 3068, TARP for Main Street Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, hearing entitled “Regulatory Restructuring: Balancing the Independence of the Federal Reserve Monetary Policy with Systemic Risk Regulation,” 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on The Export Administration Act: A Review of Outstanding Policy Considerations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up H.R. 1881, Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Trends Affecting Minority Broadcast Ownership, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Home Foreclosures: Will Voluntary Mortgage Modification Help Families Save Their Homes? 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2314, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009; H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Census Data and Its Use in Federal Formula Funding, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3082, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Technology Research and Development Efforts to the Energy and Water Linkage, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing entitled “Helping Small Business Innovators Through the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on The National Maritime Center and Mariner Credentials, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2379, Veterans' Group Life Insurance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2774, Families of Veterans Financial Security Act; and H.R. 2968, To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the required reduction in the amount of the accelerated death benefit payable to certain terminally-ill persons insured under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance or Veterans' Group Life Insurance, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1197, Medal of Honor Care Equity Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 1302, To amend titled 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 1335, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1546, Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2009; H.R. 2770, Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2926, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide, without expiration, hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for certain Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicide and veterans of the Persian Gulf War; and a draft discussion on Family Caregivers, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine commercial real estate, 10 a.m., 2226, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 90 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373).

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Consideration of H.R. 2701—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3081—Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

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