

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8149–S8214

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1521–1529, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 225, and S. Con. Res. 37.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 81, supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

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Measures Passed:

Hawaii as the 50th State 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 225, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State.

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Miami Dade College Land Conveyance Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of land held by the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice in Miami Dade County, Florida, to facilitate the construction of a new educational facility that includes a secure parking area for the Bureau of Prisons, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact: Senate passed S.J. Res. 19, granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

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Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Voinovich/Carper Amendment No. 1841 (to Amendment No. 1813), to clarify the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the

acquisition and lease of certain additional office space.

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Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 243), McCain Amendment No. 1814 (to Amendment No. 1813), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out any project or site-specific location identified in the committee report unless the project is specifically authorized or to carry out an unauthorized appropriation.

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1813, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid Amendment No. 1846 (to Amendment No. 1813), to modify provisions relating to the Department of the Interior.

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Alexander Amendment No. 1862 (to Amendment No. 1813), to limit disbursement of additional funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program to certain automobile manufacturers, to impose fiduciary duties on the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to shareholders of such automobile manufacturers, to require the issuance of shares of common stock to eligible taxpayers which represent the common stock holdings of the United States Government in such automobile manufacturers.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 1813 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

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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 Thursday, July 30, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2014.

Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Kelvin James Cochran, of Louisiana, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States.

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Text of H.R. 2647 as Previously Passed:

Text of S. 1390 as Previously Passed:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—243) **Page S8181**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year 2010.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory modernization, focusing on insurance, after re-

ceiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; Hal S. Scott, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation; and Martin F. Grace, Georgia State University Center for Risk Management and Insurance Research, Atlanta.

NATIONAL HURRICANE INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1485, to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, and S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, after receiving testimony from Kelvin K. Droegemeier, Member, National Science Board, National Science Foundation; Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Gordon L. Wells, University of Texas Center for Space Research, Austin; Leslie Chapman-Henderson, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Tallahassee, Florida; and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Representative Bordallo, and Jonathan B. Jarvis, of California, to be Director, National Park Service, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, both of the Department of the Interior, James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, who was introduced by Representative McGovern, Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Ertharin Cousin, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as a Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, David Killion, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural

Organization, who was introduced by Representatives Berman and Ros-Lehtinen, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, and Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, after nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Charles Aaron Ray, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Earl Michael Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Pamela Jo Howell Sutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Samuel Louis Kaplan, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Miguel Humberto Diaz, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Fay Hartog-Levin, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Stephen J. Rapp, of Iowa, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, and Donald Henry Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Carlton Eacho III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Matthew Winthrop Barzun, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Sweden, who was introduced by Senator Kerry, Bruce J. Oreck, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, who was introduced by Senator Udall (CO), James

B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Philip D. Murphy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, who was introduced by former Senator Tom Daschle, Judith Gail Garber, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Douglas W. Kmiec, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to Georgia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director, National Drug Control Policy, Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Attorney General, and Cranston J. Mitchell, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner, United States Parole Commission, both of the Department of Justice.

CLOSING GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine closing Guantanamo Bay, after receiving testimony from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; Jeh Charles Johnson, General Counsel, Department of Defense; David H. Laufman, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, and Michael J. Edney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Deborah N. Pearlstein, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3356–3369; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 170; and H. Res. 682–684, 686–688 were introduced. **Page H8959**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8960–61**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 685, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–233). **Page H8932**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H8879**

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

WIPA and PABSS Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 3325, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program; **Pages H8911–12**

Veterans Business Center Act of 2009: H.R. 1803, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program; and **Pages H8912–15**

Educating Entrepreneurs through Today's Technology Act: H.R. 1807, amended, to provide distance learning to potential and existing entrepreneurs. **Pages H8915–16**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 27th:

Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009: H.R. 1293, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 650; **Page H8933**

Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act: H.R. 556, amended, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 316 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 651; **Pages H8933–34**

Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 509, amended, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 354 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 652; **Pages H8934–35**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.”. **Page H8935**

Congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series: H. Res. 616, to congratulate the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 426 yeas with none voting “no” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 653; **Page H8935**

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009: H.R. 1035, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall; and **Page H8935**

Recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army: H.J. Res. 44, to recognize the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army. **Pages H8935–36**

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

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: S. 1513, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958; **Pages H8916–18**

Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009: H.R. 1665, amended, to structure Coast Guard acquisition processes and policies; **Pages H8916–26**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the general aviation industry should be recognized for its contributions to the United States: H. Res. 508, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the general aviation industry should be recognized for its contributions to the United States; **Pages H8926–28**

Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009: H.R. 2093, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring; **Pages H8928–32**

William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act: H.R. 2728, amended, to provide financial support for the operation of the law library of the Library of Congress; **Pages H8936–37**

Providing that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration: H.R. 1752, amended, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; **Pages H8937–38**

Absentee Ballot Track, Receive, and Confirm Act: H.R. 2510, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse States for the costs incurred in establishing a program to track and confirm the receipt of voted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office and make information on the receipt of such ballots available by means of online access; **Pages H8938–40**

Commending the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for calling upon all nations to live in peace and mutual understanding: H. Res. 535, amended, to commend the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for calling upon all nations to live in peace and mutual understanding; **Pages H8940–41**

Recognizing the “Day of the African Child” on June 16, 2009: H. Res. 550, to recognize the “Day of the African Child” on June 16, 2009, devoted to the theme of child survival and to emphasize the importance of reducing maternal, newborn, and child deaths in Africa; **Pages H8941–43**

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall: H. Res. 496, amended, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall; **Pages H8943–44**

Condemning the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and expressing condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks: H. Res. 675, to condemn the July 17, 2009, terrorist bombings in Indonesia and to express condolences to the people of Indonesia and the various other countries suffering casualties in the attacks; and **Pages H8944–46**

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan: H. Con. Res. 159, to recognize the

fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8948.

Senate Referrals: S. 1390 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8933, H8933–34, H8934–35, H8935. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDUSTRY’S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry continued hearings to review economic conditions facing the dairy industry, part three. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEAT AND POULTRY IMPORTS MEET PUBLIC STANDARDS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Protecting the Public Health in a Global Economy Ensuring that Meat and Poultry Imports Meet U.S. Standards. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY EDUCATION/OFFICER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Investing in Our Military Leaders: The Role of Professional Military Education in Officer Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director of Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff; LTG. William B. Caldwell IV, USA, Commanding General, Combined Arms Center, Deputy Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army; Dan Sitterly, Director, Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, USAF; Scott Lutterloh, Director, Total Force Requirements Division, U.S. Navy; and BG Melvin G. Spiess, USMC, Commanding General, Training and Education Command, U.S. Marine Corps.

CHEMICAL-BIOLOGICAL-NUCLEAR EXPLOSION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives consequence management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul N. Stockton, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Security and Americas' Security Affairs; and GEN Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF, Commander, NORAD/United States Northern Command; David Heyman, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and Davi M. Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION COMPENSATION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued markup of H.R. 3269, Corporate and Financial Institution Compensation Fairness Act of 2009.

U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Reset Button Has Been Pushed: Kicking Off a New Era in U.S.-Russian Relations. Testimony was heard from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Celeste A. Wallander, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, Office of the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

PERSONAL MEDICAL DEBT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Medical Debt: Is Our Healthcare System Bankrupting Americans? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2811, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species Python genera as an injuries animal; and H.R. 3327, Ramos-Compean Justice Act of 2009.

GLOBAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, COORDINATION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 3086, Global Wildlife Conservation, Coordination, and Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Rowan Gould, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Steven L. Monfort, Acting Director, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3326, Department of Defense 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 those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 147, line 4. 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 (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, which may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; (2) not to exceed eight of the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; (3) an en bloc amendment, if offered by Rep. Flake of Arizona or his designee, consisting of all of the amendments printed in part B of the report, which 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; and (4) not to exceed two of the amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Campbell of California or his designee, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. 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). 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 from Representatives Murtha, Blumenauer, Bordallo, Young of Florida, Sessions, Franks of Arizona and Collman of Colorado.

KINGSTON COAL ASH SLIDE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources, and Environment held a hearing on The Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluation of Potential Causes and Updates on Cleanup Efforts. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; the following officials of the TVA: Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer; and Richard Moore, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—DOD QUARTERLY UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive briefing on Department of Defense Quarterly Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management met in executive session to receive briefing on Information Sharing in the Intelligence Community. The Subcommittee was briefed by the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Peter Lavoy, Deputy Director, Analysis; Priscilla Guthrie, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director; and Gina Genton, DDNI/Policy, Deputy Director.

NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "New Energy Technologies: What's Around the Corner?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TRENDS IN FORECLOSURES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current trends in foreclosures and

what can be done to prevent them, focusing on trends in the loan and borrower characteristics of nonprime mortgages originated from 2000 through 2007 and their performance, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Keith S. Ernst, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 2632, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Signed on July 27, 2009. (Public Law 111-41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine protecting shareholders and enhancing public confidence by improving corporate governance, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher P. Bertram, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Susan L. Kurland, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, all of the Department of Transportation, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Samuel D. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Pakistan's internally displaced persons (IDP) crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Aaron S. Williams, of Virginia, to be Director of the Peace Corps, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member, and Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine certain nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veteran's disability compensation, 9:15 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine medical research and education, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 511, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village; H.R. 940, To provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; H.R. 1002, Pisgah National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; and H.R. 3175, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Psychological Stress in the Military: What Steps are Leaders Taking? 2 p.m., 210 HVC-210.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Academic Perspectives on the Future of Public Housing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on New Challenges for International Peacekeeping Operations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, hearing on Sudan: U.S. Policy and Implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, 3:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Ushering in Change: A New Era for U.S. Regional Policy in the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Beyond Readiness: An Examination of the Current Status and Future Outlook of the National Response to Pandemic Influenza," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

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