

Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues, all of the Department of State.

RETURN AND RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED IRAQIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the return and resettlement of displaced Iraqis, after receiving testimony from Ellen Laipson, The Stimson Center, and Nancy A. Ossey, International Medical Corps, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nabil Al-Tikriti, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

D.C. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, focusing on the progress it has made since the financial crisis of the 1990s, the financial management challenges in the years ahead, and the steps that are being taken to address those challenges, after receiving testimony from Natwar M. Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer, and Charles J. Willoughby, Inspector General, both of the Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Robert J. Dole and Senator Roberts, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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: 30 public bills, H.R. 1803–1832; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 90; and H. Res. 302–304, 308–311 were introduced. **Pages H4249–51**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4251–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 303, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the First Congressional District of Hawaii (H. Rept. 111–68);

Oversight Plans for All House Committees (H. Rept. 111–69);

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 85) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014 (H. Rept. 111–70);

H. Res. 306, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1664) to amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and

excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards (H. Rept. 111–71); and

H. Res. 307, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1256) to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products (H. Rept. 111–72). **Page H4249**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4131**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4136**

Suspensions— Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, March 30th:

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009: H.R. 1259, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 167; **Page H4144**

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel: H. Res. 282,

amended, to recognize the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 418 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 168;

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Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009: H.R. 577, amended, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 170; and

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Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009: H.R. 1253, to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 171.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Carter moved to discharge the Committee on Ways and Means from the consideration of H.R. 735, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that penalties and interest will not be imposed on individuals who are citizens of the United States (Discharge Petition No. 2).

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 275 yeas to 149 nays, Roll No. 169.

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H. Res. 296, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 166, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 289 is laid on the table.

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

Permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 54, to permit the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust;

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Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009: H.R. 151, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 173;

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Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009: H.R. 1299, to make technical

corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 174;

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Free Flow of Information Act of 2009: H.R. 985, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media;

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Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2009: H.R. 1029, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code and to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities; and

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Miami Dade College Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 838, amended, 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 and to facilitate the construction of a new educational facility that includes a secure parking area for the Bureau of Prisons.

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

Honoring the lives, and mourning the loss, of Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, Sergeant Daniel Sakai, and Officer John Hege: H. Res. 290, to honor the lives, and mourn the loss, of Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, Sergeant Daniel Sakai, and Officer John Hege, members of the Oakland Police Department in California who were brutally slain in the line of duty.

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Dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the First Congressional District of Hawaii: The House agreed to H. Res. 303, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the First Congressional District of Hawaii.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, electing the following Members to serve on certain joint committees: Joint Committee on Printing: Representatives Capuano, Davis (CA), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), and McCarthy (CA), to serve with the Chair of the Committee on House Administration; Joint Committee of Congress on the Library: Representatives Zoe Lofgren (CA), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), and Harper, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration.

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Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 279, to provide for the expenses of certain

committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 172.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4141**

H. Res. 294, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H4141–43**

HIT Policy Committee—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mrs. Gayle Harrell of Stuart, Florida to the HIT Policy Committee. **Page H4199**

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Ruppertsberger, Cummings, Kline (MN), and Frelinghuysen. **Page H4215**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4136.

Senate Referrals: S. 681 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. **Page H4248**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4143–44, H4144, H4145, H4186, H4186–87, H4187–88, H4197–98, H4198, H4198–99. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT—REVIEW INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review innovative approaches to rural development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Agriculture, on Rural Development and FDA. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Aviation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: LTG Ross Thompson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; BG William T. Crosby, USA, Programs Executive Officer of Aviation; and BG Walter L. Davis, USA, Director, Army Aviation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G/3/5/7.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on the FTC. Testimony was heard from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, FTC.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Securing the Nation's Rail and Transit System, Aviation Security Efficiency. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and W. Ross Ashley, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs, FEMA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Improving Aviation Security Efficiency. Testimony was heard from Gale Rossides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Role in the Arts. Testimony was heard from Representatives Slaughter and Platts; and public witnesses.

GREEN JOBS—ROLE IN OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Green Jobs and their Role in our Economic Recovery. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING CONSUMER ACCESS TO GENERIC DRUGS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1706, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2009. Testimony was heard