

Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4166, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex”;

S. 2725, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the “Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office”;

The nomination of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Martinez, and Gordon James Whiting, of New York, all to be

Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change, focusing on it as a challenge for public health, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Patz, University of Wisconsin—Madison Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (SAGE); Kristie L. Ebi, ESS LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; John M. Balbus, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; and John W. McDonald, Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, Arlington, Virginia.

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: 26 public bills, H.R. 5755–5780; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1097–1101, were introduced. **Pages H2223–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2224–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2634, to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–575);

H.R. 5161, to provide for the establishment of Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Centers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–576, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1777, to amend the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under antitrust laws (H. Rept. 110–577);

H.R. 4881, to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–578); and

H.R. 3965, to extend the Mark-to-Market program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–579). **Page H2223**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2167**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 182 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 178.

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Oath of Office—Twelfth Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Jackie Speier presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from the Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State for the State of California, indicating that, according to the semi-final official canvass of votes from the Special Election held on April 8, 2008, the Honorable Jackie Speier was elected Representative to Congress for the Twelfth Congressional District, State of California. **Pages H2219–20**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Jackie Speier, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H2175**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, April 9th:

Recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department's employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation: H. Res. 1038, to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security and honoring the Department's employees for their extraordinary efforts and contributions to protect and secure our Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2176–77**

Relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement: The House agreed to H. Res. 1092, relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 181. **Pages H2177–90**

Beach Protection Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 2537, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H2169–76, H2190–H2207**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2199**

Accepted:

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2008) that adds a new paragraph prohibiting the use of funds for Congressional earmarks (by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 117 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 182). **Pages H2202–07**

H. Res. 1083, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 179, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H2175–76**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14th for morning hour debate. **Page H2209**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 16th. **Page H2209**

Reception of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the House will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 17th, 2008, for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber former Members of Congress, and that the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for such purpose. **Page H2209**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2219.

Senate Referrals: S. 2739 was held at the desk. **Page S2219**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2174, H2175–76, H2176–77, H2189–90 and H2206–07. There were no quorum calls

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Keenum, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

NOAA; EEOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Naomi C. Earp, Chair, EEOC.

DOE—NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NUCLEAR WASTE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy—Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Waste. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; and Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Nuclear Waste.