

Watch, Washington, D.C.; Mark Chandler, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; and Shiyu Zhou, Global Internet Freedom Consortium, Bethesda, Maryland.

AMERICANS' RIGHT TO VOTE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the constitutional right to vote for all Americans, after receiving testimony from J. Bradley King, Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana Election Division, Indianapolis; Jonah H. Goldman, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Cleta Mitchell, Foley and

Lardner, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and John Payton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, New York.

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: 19 public bills, H.R. 6084–6102; 1 private bill, H.R. 6102; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 355–359; and H. Res. 1210–1211, 1215–1216 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–658);

Conference report on S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013 (H. Rept. 110–659);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5658, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009 (H. Rept. 110–652, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1212, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6049) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief (H. Rept. 110–660);

H. Res. 1213, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5658) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009 (H. Rept. 110–661); and

H. Res. 1214, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013 (H. Rept. 110–662).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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

Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008: H.R. 6081, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide benefits for military personnel, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 331;

Pages H4160–71, H4187–88

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should recognize the important contributions of Americans who serve as foster parents and, in doing so, unselfishly open their homes and family lives to children in need: H. Res. 1185, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should recognize the important contributions of Americans who serve as foster parents and, in doing so, unselfishly open their homes and family lives to children in need;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that youth who age out of foster care should be given special care and attention: H. Res. 1208,

to express the sense of the House of Representatives that youth who age out of foster care should be given special care and attention; **Pages H4173–75**

Honoring the service and achievements of women in the Armed Forces and female veterans: H. Res. 1054, amended, to honor the service and achievements of women in the Armed Forces and female veterans; **Pages H4178–80**

Commending the Alaska Army National Guard for its service to the State of Alaska and the citizens of the United States: H. Res. 961, to commend the Alaska Army National Guard for its service to the State of Alaska and the citizens of the United States; **Pages H4180–82**

Honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: H. Con. Res. 32, amended, to honor the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; **Pages H4182–83**

Amending title 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. 2790, amended, to amend title 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; **Pages H4183–85**

Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2008: H.R. 3681, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to advertise in the national media to promote awareness of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary; **Pages H4185–87**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary: H.R. 3889, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; **Pages H4191–93**

Justin Bailey Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008: H.R. 5554, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to veterans from the Department of Veterans Affairs for substance use disorders; **Pages H4193–96**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary: H.R. 5664, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary; **Pages H4196–97**

Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act: H.R. 5729, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide comprehensive health care to children of Vietnam veterans born with Spina Bifida; **Pages H4197–98**

Amending the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation: H.R. 6048, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; **Pages H4202–06**

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958: S. 3029, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H4206–09**

Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of the People's Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the earthquake of May 12, 2008 in Sichuan Province: H. Res. 1195, amended, to express condolences and sympathy to the people of the People's Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the earthquake of May 12, 2008 in Sichuan Province; and **Pages H4209–13**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 3035, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4278–79**

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of Mississippi: Representative-elect Travis Childers presented himself 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 Ms. Linda Dixon Rigsby, Assistant Secretary of State for Elections, State of Mississippi, indicating that, according to the unofficial

returns of the Special Election held on May 13, 2008, the Honorable Travis Childers was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of Mississippi.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. Travis Childers, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 435.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 19th:

Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act of 2008: H.R. 6074, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 324 yeas to 84 nays, Roll No. 332;

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Expressing support for designation of a “Frank Sinatra Day” on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp: H. Res. 1144, amended, to express support for designation of a “Frank Sinatra Day” on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 333;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for the designation of a Frank Sinatra Day, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp.”

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Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2008: H.R. 1464, amended, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 294 yeas to 119 noes, Roll No. 335;

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Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement and Reclamation Act of 2008: H.R. 2649, amended, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 374 yeas to 39 noes, Roll No. 336; and

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Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act: H.R. 2744, amended, to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 337.

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

Recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict: H. Res. 986, amended, to recognize the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and to call for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict;

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Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007: H.R. 3819, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities;

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Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008: H.R. 5826, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans;

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Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008: H.R. 5856, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009; and

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Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora: H. Res. 1194, to reaffirm the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 21st.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 355, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 334.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Lionel Van Deerlin, former Member of Congress. **Page H4281**

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 5658, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009. **Page H4283**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–114). **Pages H4282–83**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4173, H4287.

Senate Referrals: S. 3035 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4187–88, H4189, H4189–90, H4279–80, H4280–81, H4281–82, and H4282. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WORKPLACE RAIDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee Workforce Protections held a hearing on ICE Workplace Raids: Their Impact on U.S. Children, Families, and Communities. Testimony was heard from James Spero, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IMPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on H.R. 5632, To prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States. Testimony was heard from Margaret M. Doane, Director, Office of International Programs, NRC, Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

CREDIT MONITORING CLARIFICATION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on examining the need for H.R. 2885, Credit Monitoring

Clarification Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BURMA'S CYCLONE AFTERMATH

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Burma in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis: Death, Displacement, and Humanitarian Aid. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Greg Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; former Representative Thomas H. Andrews of Maine; and a public witness.

GUANTANAMO BAY AND AMERICA'S IMAGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America's Image, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT COMPLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Export Compliance: Ensuring Safety, Increasing Efficiency. Testimony was heard from Matthew S. Borman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Todd Owen, Executive Director, Office of Cargo and Conveyance Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 1333, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act; H.R. 4179, Fast, Accurate, Secure and Timely Redress Act of 2007; H.R. 4749, National Bombing Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 5909, To amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to prohibit advance notice to certain individuals, including security screeners, of covert testing of security screening procedures for the purpose of enhancing transportation security at airports; H.R. 5982, Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008; and H. Res. 1150, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission