

certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, with an amendment;

S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force;

S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as “Tay-Sachs Awareness Month”; and

The nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Kiyo A. Matsumoto, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Cathy Seibel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, and Clyde R. Cook, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2969, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals;

S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations relating to the notice to be provided claimants with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the substantiation of claims, with amendments;

S. 2617, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to provide technical corrections to S. 22, the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christine O. Hill, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Dole, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 6376–6427; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96–97; H. Con. Res. 383–387; and H. Res. 1306–1316, were introduced. **Pages H6173–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6177–78**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Directing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within the jurisdiction and control of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded: H.R. 6377, to direct the Commodity Futures Trad-

ing Commission to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within the jurisdiction and control of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded, and to eliminate excessive speculation, price distortion, sudden or unreasonable fluctuations or unwarranted changes in prices, or other unlawful activity that is causing major market disturbances that prevent the market from accurately reflecting the forces of supply and demand for energy commodities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 468.

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Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, June 24th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week: H. Res. 1294, to support the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week; **Page H6121**

Expressing the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus: H. Con. Res. 163, amended, to express the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus; **Page H6121**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased Federal commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment: H. Res. 353, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased Federal commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment; **Page H6121**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment." **Page H6121**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and calling on the American people to recognize such a day: H. Res. 1231, to support the goals and ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day and calling on the American people to recognize such a day; **Page H6121**

Elwood "Bud" Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 2245, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood "Bud" Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic; **Page H6121**

Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center Designation Act: H.R. 4264, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs spinal cord injury center in Tampa, Florida, as the "Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center"; **Page H6121**

Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act: H.R. 4918, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami, Florida, as the "Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; **Page H6121**

Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States: H. Res. 1271, to recognize National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States; **Page H6121**

Expressing support for designation of September 2008 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and honoring gospel music for its valuable and long-standing contributions to the culture of the United States: H. Con. Res. 370, to express support for designation of September 2008 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and to honor gospel music for its valuable and longstanding contributions to the culture of the United States; **Page H6121**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established: H. Con. Res. 195, to express the sense of the Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established; **Page H6121**

Expressing support for designation of June 30 as "National Corvette Day": H. Res. 970, to express support for designation of June 30 as "National Corvette Day"; and **Page H6121**

Honoring the life of Robert Mondavi: H. Con. Res. 365, to honor the life of Robert Mondavi. **Page H6121**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2008, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 379, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H6121**

Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 6052, to promote increased public transportation use and to promote increased use of alternative fuels in providing public transportation, by a recorded vote of 322 ayes to 98 noes, Roll No. 467. **Pages H6122-43**

Rejected the Walden (OR) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 466. **Pages H6140-43**

Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110-734) that adds a finding that public transportation stakeholders should engage local communities in promoting the importance of using public transportation; amends section 3 (grants to improve public transportation services) to clarify that transit agencies may use these new grants to offset the increased cost of fuel to transit agencies; clarifies that

intercity bus service and acquiring facilities or equipment to improve fuel efficiency are eligible activities under the bill; and requires the Transportation Secretary to carry out consumer awareness programs on the benefits of alternative transportation;

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McGovern amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–734) that amends section 5 (transportation fringe benefits) to authorize increasing the transit portion of the transportation fringe benefit so it is equal to the maximum limit of the parking portion of the transportation fringe benefit; **Pages H6134–35**

Reichert amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–734) that amends section 7 (federal share for fixed guideway stations) to create a 100% Federal share for park-and-ride lots that serve fixed route commuter bus routes of more than 20 miles in length; **Pages H6137–39**

Hodes amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–734) that allows funds authorized in section 3 of the bill (regarding grants to improve public transportation services) to be used by states to establish or expand commuter matching services to provide commuters with information about alternatives to single occupancy vehicle use; and **Pages H6139–40**

Mahoney (FL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–734) that provides an exception to section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (regarding procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels) by exempting contracts for generally available fuels that are not predominantly produced from non-controversial petroleum sources if (1) the contract does not require the contractor to provide alternative fuels, (2) the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative fuel, and (3) the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source (by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 465). **Pages H6135–37, H6140**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H6145**

H. Res. 1304, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 463, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 462.

Pages H6094–H6102

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Responsible Federal Oil and Gas Lease Act: H.R. 6251, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new Federal oil and gas leases to holders of existing leases who do not dili-

gently develop the lands subject to such existing leases or relinquish such leases, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 469.

Pages H6110–21, H6144–45

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 24th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran: H. Res. 1098, to support the goals and ideals of the Year of the American Veteran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 470. **Page H6145**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 9th. **Page H6146**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 8, 2008. **Page H6146**

Removing the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events and providing relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility: The House agreed to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events and to provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H6171–72**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he issued an Executive Order continuing certain restrictions on North Korea and North Korean nationals imposed pursuant to the exercise of authorities under the Trading with the Enemy Act—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–128). **Page H6103**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6091, H6103, and H6171.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6101, H6101–02, H6102–03, H6140, H6142–43, H6143, H6143–44, H6144–45, and H6145. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

POLLINATOR HEALTH

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review the status of pollinator health including colony collapse disorder. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastings of Florida; Edward Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION; AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Began consideration of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations, but no action was taken.

PRE-K ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3289, PRE-K Act.

WORKPLACE TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on An Examination of Discrimination Against Transgender Americans in the Workplace. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, and Baldwin; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANCE COSTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on Climate Change: Costs of Inaction. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 6066, Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDS PRACTICES AFFECTING STUDENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Problem Credit Card Practices Affecting Students." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Lawsky, Deputy Counselor and Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (New York); and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 263, amended, Cybersecurity Education Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 2490, amended, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States; H.R. 3815, amended, Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 4806, amended, Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2007; H.R. 5170, amended, Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2008; H.R. 5531, amended, Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008; H.R. 5743, Scientific Transformations through Advancing Research (STAR) Act; H.R. 5935, American Steel First Act of 2008; H.R. 5983, amended, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security; H.R. 6098, amended, Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act; and H.R. 6193, amended, Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008.

SUBPOENA—ATTORNEY GENERAL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Attorney General Michael Mukasey for certain documents previously requested.

DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part III. Testimony was heard from David Addington, Chief of Staff, Vice President of the United States, and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4789, Performance Rights Act.

PRIVATE PRISON INFORMATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1889, Private Prison Information Act of 2007 (Part II). Testimony was heard from Representative Holden; and public witnesses.