

compensation, focusing on undue delay in the claims processing system, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, and Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kerry Baker, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees,

AFL-CIO, and William Rollins, Paralyzed Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Howard Pierce, Problem-Knowledge Couplers (PKC) Corporation, Burlington, Vermont.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6444–6451; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 389; and H. Res. 1325–1328 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4174, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–749).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John Crosby, Christ Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Roskam moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Science and Technology from the consideration of H.R. 2208, to provide for a standby loan program for certain coal-to-liquid projects (Discharge Petition No. 12).

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

Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2008: H.R. 6382, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006;

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Honoring the goal of the International Year of Astronomy: H. Con. Res. 375, to honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy;

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Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation: H. Res. 1312, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation;

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Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2008: H.R. 4174, amended, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

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Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2008: H.R. 4461, amended, to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program;

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Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008: H.R. 6216, amended, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

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Homes for Heroes Act of 2008: H.R. 3329, amended, to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 478;

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America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008: H.R. 6184, to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 479;

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Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act: H.R. 5541, amended, to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy;

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Commending the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires: H. Res. 1322, to commend the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires;

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DTV Transition Assistance Act: S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005—clearing the measure for the President;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”: H. Res. 1260, to support the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”; and

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Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the “Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building”.

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

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education: H. Res. 1313, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and to honor her contributions to the space program and to science education and

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Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration: H. Res. 1315, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces.

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Electronic Message Preservation Act: The House passed H.R. 5811, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, by a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 477.

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Agreed to the Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 476. Subsequently, Representative Clay reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1318, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 475, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 474.

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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—corrected text: Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 353, to express 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, be considered to have been adopted with the corrected text that was placed at the desk, and that the resolution be re-engrossed in that corrected form.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6294 and H6305.

Quorum Calls Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6293–94, H6294, H6303, H6304, H6305 and H6305–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matheison, Van Hollen, DeLauro, Stupak, Larson of Connecticut, and Welch of Vermont.

Hearings continue tomorrow.