

nothing in the Act shall be construed as limiting access for hunting, fishing, trapping, or recreational shooting (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 504); and

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Boyda amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–758) that requires that nothing in the bill impact the supply of domestically-produced energy resources (by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 505). **Pages H6642–43, H6645**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–758) that would have removed from the bill the designation as a recreational river of a 9-mile segment of the Taunton River from Muddy Cove to the confluence with the Quequechan River at the Route 195 Bridge in Fall River (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 503).

Pages H6640–41, H6643–44

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H6649**

H. Res. 1339, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 498, after agreeing to order the previous questions by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 497.

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Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, S. 2062, as amended, is considered as passed and the House is considered to have insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the Senate thereon. **Page H6587**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 14th:

Expressing the deepest appreciation of Congress to the families of members of the United States Armed Forces: H. Con. Res. 295, to express the deepest appreciation of Congress to the families of members of the United States Armed Forces, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 508. **Pages H6648–49**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the Agreement Between the United States of America and Poland on Social Security—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–133).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2008—referred to the Committee on

Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–134). **Pages H6649–50**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6596, H6597, H6598, H6598–99, H6624–25, H6625, H6626, H6628–29, H6643–44, H6644–45, H6645, H6647, H6647–48, H6648–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL FOOD/AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Speciality Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review efforts to deliver international food aid and provide foreign agricultural development assistance. Testimony was heard from Michael W. Yost, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; James Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

INCREASING HEALTHCARE VALUE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Getting Better Value in Health Care. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2851, Mitchell’s Law; H.R. 6432, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6433, Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008.

MONETARY POLICY AND STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3202, Foreign

Service Overseas Pay Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 6328, To develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees.

The Committee favorably considered the following measures and, by unanimous consent, approved a request of the Chairman that they be placed on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 6456, amended, To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State and for other purposes; H. Res. 937, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families; H. Res. 1008, amended, Condemning the persecution of Baha'is in Iran; H. Res. 1069, amended, Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children; H. Res. 1159, Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America's effort to end the practice; H. Res. 1254, amended, Supporting the values and goals of the "Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality," signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008; H.R. 1266, amended, Congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance; H. Res. 1279, Recognizing the Special Olympics' 40th anniversary; H. Res. 1290, amended, Joining the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in observance of World Refugee Day and calling on the United States Government, international organizations, and aid groups to take immediate steps to secure urgently needed humanitarian relief for the more than 2,000,000 people displaced by genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan; H.R. 1307, Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation; H. Con. Res. 344, amended, Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis; H. Con. Res. 361, Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and H. Con. Res. 371, amended, Strongly supporting an immediate

and just restitution of, or compensation for, property illegally confiscated during the last century by Nazi and Communist regimes.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Implementing the 9/11 Act Mandates for Enhancing the Visa Waiver Program." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Richard C. Barth, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development; and Robert Mocny, Director, US-VISIT Program; Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BIOSURVEILLANCE IMPLANTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "One Year Later—Implementing the Biosurveillance Requirements of the '9/11 Act.'" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert Hooks, Deputy Assistant Secretary for WMD and BioDefense, Office of Health Affairs; Eric Myers, Director, National Biosurveillance Integration Center, Office of Health Affairs; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues; and Jeffrey Stieffel, Director, BioWatch, Office of Health Affairs; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and Frances Downes, Director, State Public Health Laboratory, Department of Community Health, State of Michigan; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5546, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008; H.R. 4854, False Claims Act Correction Act of 2007; H.R. 4081, PACT Act; H.R. 6083, To authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center; and H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children.

U.S. PAROLE COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the U.S. Parole Commission. Testimony was heard from Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate, District of Columbia; Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairman, United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 160, amended, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 4828, amended, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 2933, amended, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, amended, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, amended, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, amended, Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 3437, amended, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; H.R. 5293, amended, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 5350, amended, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1865, amended, To amend title 31, United States Code, to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of Federal tax refunds; H.R. 5235, amended, Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act; H.R. 6073, To provide that Federal employees their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically; H.R. 6113, amended, To amend title 44, United States Code, to require each agency to include a contact telephone number in its collection of information; H.R. 6322, Public Charters School Home Rule Act of 2008; H.R. 6388, amended, Government Accountability Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 6500, amended, Thrift Savings Enhancement Act; H. Res. 732, amended, To support the designation of National Estate Planning Awareness Week; H. Con. Res. 364, Recognizing the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; H. Res. 1128, To express support for the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month; H. Res. 1143, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nations's domestic apple industry; H. Res. 1202, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day; H. Res. 1262, Express-

ing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable measures to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 decennial census; H. Res. 1311, Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day on July 22, 2008; H.R. 5932, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building;" H.R. 6168, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building;" H.R. 6169, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building;" H.R. 6198, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Officer Building;" H.R. 6208, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building;" H.R. 6226, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street, Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building;" H.R. 6229, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Mayor William Bill' Sandberg Post Office Building;" H.R. 6338, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building;" and H.R. 6437, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office."

RETIRED-DISABLED VETS RETROACTIVE PAY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Examining Contractor Performance and Government Management of Retroactive Pay for Retired Veterans with Disabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Zack E. Gaddy, Director, Finance and Accounting Service; and Gordon Heddell, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES—MEASURE CONCERNING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, July 17, 2008, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure concerning the domestic production of oil and natural gas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3957, amended, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007; and H.R. 6323, amended, To establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes.

VETERANS AMPUTEES SMALL PROSTHETIC PRACTICES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Ensuring Continuity of Care for Veteran Amputees: The Role of Small Prosthetic Practices. Testimony was heard from Frederick Downs, Jr., Chief Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer, Office of Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses

COAST GUARD ICEBREAKING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard Icebreaking. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Arden L. Bement, Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Improving Roadway Safety: Assessing the Effectiveness of the NHTSA's Highway Traffic Safety Programs. Testimony was heard from Jim Ports, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Christopher J. Murphy, Director, Office of Traffic Safety, State of California; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4255, amended, United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2007; H.R. 6225, Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6221, amended, Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008; H.R. 6445, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1527, amended, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; H.R. 2192, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009.

Joint Meetings

RACISM IN OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine racism in the 21st century, focusing on understanding global challenges and implementing solutions, addressing non-violent and violent forms of racial and ethnic discrimination in the 56 North American and European countries that make up the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, including racist and xenophobic political platforms, worrying increases in hate crimes, and inequalities in housing, education, employment, and the justice system, after receiving testimony from Anastasia Crickley, OSCE Chair-in-Office Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Discrimination Against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Maynooth, Ireland; Gay McDougall, United Nations, Washington, D.C.; and John Payton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund, New York, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 6331, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–275)