

Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost and injured as a result of these attacks: H. Res. 1461, amended, to recognize the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost and injured as a result of these attacks;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens and families of the United States, the Republic of Kenya, and the United Republic of Tanzania whose lives were lost or suffered injury as a result of these attacks."

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Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month": H. Con. Res. 393, to support the goals and ideals of "National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month";

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Designating the month of March 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Month": H. Res. 988, amended, to designate the month of March 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Month"; and

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: H.R. 3018, to provide for payment of an administrative fee to public housing agencies to cover the costs of administering family self-sufficiency programs in connection with the housing choice voucher program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:58.

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Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House began consideration of the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 7060, 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. Further proceedings on the rule were postponed.

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Earlier, it was agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the proceedings on both ordering the previous question and on adoption of H. Res. 1501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) 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. Subsequently, H. Res. 1501 was withdrawn.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9871, H9934–35, and H9961.

Senate Referrals: S. 2840 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 3550 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; S. 3560 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 1276 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 3296 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9895, H9895–96, H9896, H9911–12, H9927, H9927–28, and H9928–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADVANCES IN ANIMAL HEALTH WITHIN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review advances in animal health within the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from John Clifford, D.V.M., Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; Bernadette Dunham, D.V. M., Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REFORM PROPOSALS FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFEGUARDING RETIREE BENEFITS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Safeguarding Retiree Benefits. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTINUING SECURITY CONCERNS AT DOE'S NATIONAL LABS

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to Review of Continuing Security Concerns at DOE's National Labs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Glenn S.

Podonsky, Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, Office of Health, Safety and Security; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; Linda Wilbanks, Chief Information Officer, National Nuclear Security Administration; Thomas N. Pyke, Jr., Chief Information Officer; Bradley A. Peterson, Chief and Associate Administrator, Defense Nuclear Security, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Stanley J. Borgia, Deputy Director, Counterintelligence, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing to Examine Recent Treasury and FHFA Actions Regarding the Housing GSE's. Testimony was heard from James B. Lockart III, Director Federal Housing Finance Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Herbert M. Allison, Jr., President and CEO; Fannie Mae; and David M. Moffett, CEO, Freddie Mac.

INTERIM AUTHORITY RESOLUTION AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MASS MAILING AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on House Administration: Committee passed an Interim Authority Committee resolution and amendments to Committee Regulations governing Mass Mailing and Mass Communications.

ENSURING THE RIGHT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS TO VOTE

Committee on House Administration: held a hearing on Ensuring the Rights of College Students to Vote. Testimony was heard from Representative Schakowsky; Sheri Iachetta, Registrar, City of Charlottesville, Virginia; Neil Albrecht, Assistant Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 883, Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act; H.R. 6754, White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act; H.R. 6768, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos; and H.R. 6992, Reclamation Title Transfer Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Kris Polly, Deputy Assistant

Secretary, Water and Science; and Michael Bogert, Counselor to the Secretary; and public witness.

TUMORS AND CELL PHONE USE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Tumors and Cell Phone use: What the Science says. Testimony was heard from Julius Knapp, Director, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; Robert N. Hoover, M.D., Director, Epidemiology and Biostatistics Program, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND JOB CREATION TAX ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7060, the "Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008." The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule lays on the table House Resolution 1489. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS THE "RENEWABLE ENERGY AND JOB CREATION TAX ACT OF 2008."

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7060, the "Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008." The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule lays on the table House Resolutions 1489 and 1501.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of September 28, 2008. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this rule.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of September 26, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITION POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Competition Policy: Are Markets Open for Entrepreneurs? Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

RUNWAY SAFETY: AN UPDATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Runway Safety: An Update. Testimony was heard from Hank Krakowshi, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in open and executive sessions to consider pending business.

BRIEFING ON HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FUTURE OF LIHEAP FUNDING

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing on The Future of LIHEAP Funding: Will Families Get The Cold Shoulder this Winter? Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Deval Patrick, Governor, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

FINAL REPORT—SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE VOTING IRREGULARITIES OF AUGUST 2, 2007

Select Committee To Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007: The Select Committee approved the Final Report and Summary of Activities of the Select Committee.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to reduce the number of American families living in poverty, after receiving testimony from Mayor David N. Cicilline, Providence, Rhode Island; Rebecca M. Blank, Brookings Institution, and Robert Rector, Heritage Foundation Domestic Policy Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink, Oakland, California; and John W. Edwards, Jr., Community Action Partnership, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1132)

S. 2617, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify increases in 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 that were effective as of December 1, 2007, to provide for an increase in the rates of such compensation effective December 1, 2008. Signed on September 24, 2008. (Public Law 110-324)

S. 3406, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Signed on September 25, 2008. (Public Law 110-325)