

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS, U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and the Office of the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Representative Frank, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, David H. Stevens, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commission, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, who was introduced by Representative Schiff, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of

the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs, Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Cameron F. Kerry, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the United States Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary, Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), and Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy, and Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Udall (NM), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

TECHNOLOGY NEUTRALITY IN ENERGY TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine technology neutrality in energy tax, focusing on issues and options, after receiving testimony from David L. Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Department of Energy, Knoxville, Tennessee; Gilbert E. Metcalf, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; and John M. Urbanchuk, LECC LLC, Wayne, Pennsylvania.

AFGHAN WAR SOLDIERS' STORIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine soldiers' stories from the Afghan war, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Bacevich, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Genevieve Chase, Alexandria, Virginia; Christopher McGurk, New York, New York; Westley Moore,

Washington, D.C.; and Rick Reyes, Los Angeles, California.

STIMULUS FUNDING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine state and local stimulus funding, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Ray Scheppach, National Governors Association, and Carolyn M. Coleman, National League of Cities, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Gerald Hill, Asso-

ciation of American Indian Physicians, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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: 39 public bills, H.R. 2058–2099; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 105–108; and H. Res. 356–363 were introduced. **Pages H4731–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4734**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1746, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (H. Rept. 111–83) and

H. Res. 251, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG)(H. Rept. 111–84). **Page H4731**

National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1145, to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 205. **Pages H4693–H4718**

Agreed to the Nunes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 392 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 204. Subsequently, Representative Gordon (TN) reported the bill back

to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H4715–17**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H4698**

Agreed to:

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–82) that requires that the National Water Research Development Plan specified in the bill be revised and resubmitted to Congress every 4 years after its initial submission; authorizes appropriations of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014; (1) requires review of measures related to abating water quality impairment, (2) requires the committee to work with institutions of higher education, (3) requires cooperation with commercial end users, (4) requires relevant information be posted on a public website, and (5) requires research into watershed hydrology; requires that the plan include a focus on the (1) development of the effect of invasive species on water supplies, (2) development of technologies to treat eutrophic water bodies, (3) development of a program to assist state and local regions regarding land conservation, (4) improvement of understanding of chemical impairments to water supply and quality, and (5) identification of whether a need exists for additional water research facilities; requires the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to write to Congress and evaluate the budget