

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27th for morning hour debate.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4695.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 18 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4712–13, H4713, H4713–14, H4714–15, H4716–17, H4717–18, H4718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS AT THE USDA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review Federal food safety systems at the USDA. Testimony was heard from Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., The Attorney General, Department of Justice.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Clarence Thomas; and Stephen G. Beyer.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Member Requests. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Architect of the Capitol, and CBO. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO, Visitors Services, Capitol Visitors Center; and Douglas Elmendorf, Director, CBO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Outside Witnesses, and on Related Agencies. Testimony was heard from Chief Judge William Greene, U.S. Court of Appeals, Veterans Claims; BG John W. Nicholson, USA (ret.), Secretary; American Battle Monuments Commission; Terrence C. Salt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Arlington National Cemetery; and Timothy C. Cox, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Request. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State.

U.S.-PAKISTAN MILITARY PARTNERSHIP—EFFECTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: The Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Military Partnership. Testimony was heard from LTG David W. Barno, USA, (ret.); Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Department of Defense; public witnesses.

ARMY AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army aircraft programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense; BG Walter Davis, USA, Director, Army Aviation; and BG William Crosby, USA, Program Executive Officer, Aviation.

MEASURING VALUE AND RISK IN SERVICES CONTRACTS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on measuring value and risk in services contracts. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of GAO: William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team; and John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team; and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

REDUCTION IN HEALTH CARE COSTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and Their Families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on Communications Networks and Consumer Privacy: Recent Development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on The American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; Dian M. Grueneich, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

Hearing continues tomorrow.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act. Testimony was heard from Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to Africa: A Call for Foreign Aid Reform. Testimony was heard from Earl Gast, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1913. Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.

NONNATIVE WILDLIFE INVASION PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 669, Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Lawrence M. Riley, Division Coordinator, Wildlife Management Division, Department of Game and Fish, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009; and H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas and Foxx; Stephen P. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 299, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year; H. Res. 340, Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, New York; H. Res. 341, Expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Geneva and Coffee Counties in Alabama, on March 10, 2009; H. Res. 342, Expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day;" and H.R. 1271, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building."

H-2B GUESTWORKER PROGRAM—IMPROVING DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS OF GUESTWORKS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "The H-2B Guestworker Program and Improving the Department of Labor's Enforcement of the Rights of Guestworkers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NOAA'S GEOSTATIONARY WEATHER SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on Oversight of NOAA's Geostationary Weather Satellite System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NOAA, Mary Ellen Kicza, Assistant Administrator, Satellite and Information Services; and George Morrow, Director, Flight Projects Directorate, Goddard Space Flight Center; and David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO.

STIMULATING INNOVATION AT SMALL HIGH-TECH BUSINESSES-ROLE OF THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Role of the SBIR and STTR Programs in Stimulating Innovation at Small High-Tech Businesses. Testimony was heard from Sally Rocky, Acting Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMBAT PTSD ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 952, COMBAT PTSD Act. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VA NON-COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA Non-competitive Contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SBA: Shawne Carter McGibbon, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy; and Joseph Jordan, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development; Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT-IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to review the implementation and impact of the unemployment insurance provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Labor; Michael L. Thurmond, Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of Georgia; Joseph Walsh, Deputy Director, Iowa Workforce Development, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

TARP

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a quarterly report by the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Base Posture and Supplemental Request, 9:30 a.m., 2350 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.