

F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits legislation, after receiving testimony from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; R. Chuck Mason, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Jackson, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Ian DePlanque, American Legion, both of Washington, D.C.; Raymond Kelley, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Rebecca Poynter, Annapolis, Maryland.

LIFE SETTLEMENT MARKET

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the life settlement market, focusing on what is at stake for seniors, after receiving testimony from Mary Beth Senkewicz, Florida Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Insurance Regulation, Tallahassee; Michael T. McRaith, Illinois Director of Insurance, Chicago; Fred J. Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner, Denver, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Stephan R. Leimberg, Leimberg Information Services, Inc., Havertown, Pennsylvania; James J. Avery, Individual Life Insurance, Prudential Financial, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; Scott Peden, Life Partners, Inc., Waco, Texas; and Michael Freedman, Coventry First LLC, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2159–2182; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 114; and H.Res. 377–378, 380, were introduced. **Pages H4998–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4999–H5000**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 379, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan (H. Rept. 111–92). **Page H4998**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Grzegorz “Greg” Brozonowicz, St. Mary’s Mother of the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, Groton, Connecticut. **Page H4917**

Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fis-

cal years 2011 through 2014, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 216. Consideration of the conference report began on Tuesday, April 28th. **Pages H4920–28**

H. Res. 371, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to on Tuesday, April 28th.

Pursuant to the provisions of the conference report accompanying S. Con. Res. 13, H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, is considered agreed to in the House.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, April 28th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009: H. Res. 357, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 419 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 217; **Page H4928**

Supporting the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights: H. Res. 109, to support the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded

vote of 422 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 218; and **Pages H4928–29**

Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 2009: H.R. 46, 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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 397 ayes to 19 noes, Roll No. 221. **Page H4940**

Oath of Office—Twentieth Congressional District of New York: Representative-elect Scott Murphy presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Todd D. Valentine and Mr. Stanley L. Zalen, Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held March 31, 2009, the Honorable Scott Murphy was elected Representative to Congress for the Twentieth Congressional District, State of New York. **Page H4939**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New York, Mr. Murphy, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Pages H4939–40**

Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1913, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 223. **Pages H4940–58**

Rejected the Gohmert motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 222. **Pages H4956–58**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–91, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4940**

H. Res. 372, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 220, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 219. **Pages H4929–38**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, April 27th:

Supporting the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month: H. Res. 337, to support the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. **Pages H4958–59**

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

Protecting Incentives for the Adoption of Children with Special Needs Act of 2009: S. 735, to ensure States receive adoption incentive payments for fiscal year 2008 in accordance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. **Pages H4959–60**

Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, April 30th. **Pages H4960–69**

Consideration of the measure was initiated pursuant to an order of the House agreed to on Tuesday, April 28th.

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland. **Page H4969**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H4969**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Representative Levin, Co-Chairman; Representatives Kaptur, Honda, Walz, Wu, Smith (NJ), Manzullo, Royce, and Pitts. **Page H4970**

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Danny Vargas of Herndon, Virginia as a voting member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. **Page H4970**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4969.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4927–28, H4928, H4929, H4937–38, H4938, H4940, H4957–58, and H4958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Joe Leonard, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights, USDA; Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Christopher J. Scolese, Acting Administrator, NASA.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Copps, Acting Chairman, FCC.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Library of Congress and Open World Leadership Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; and Ambassador John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

EFFECTIVE COUNTERINSURGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Effective Counterinsurgency: The Administration's Perspective on the Future of the U.S.-Pakistan Military Partnership. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flourney, Under Secretary, Policy; and VADM James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ambassador Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs; Department of State.

MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Health System: Health Affairs/TRICARE Management Activity Organization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail H. McGinn, Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Ellen P. Embrey, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and MG Elder Granger, USA, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity; LTG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; VADM Adam Robinson, USN, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; and LTG James G. Roudebush, USAF, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Strengthening America's Competitiveness through Common Academic Standards. Testimony was heard from Ken James, Commissioner, Department of Education, Arkansas; former Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI- PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended., H.R. 1728, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

TRANSPORTATION WORKER ID CARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a Member briefing on Transportation Worker Identification Card. The Committee was briefed by the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Maurine Fanguy, Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration; and ADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IT STRATEGIC PLANNING

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Library of Congress IT Strategic Planning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: Laura Campbell, Chief Information Officer; James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer; and Karl Schornagel, Inspector General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1018, To amend the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of