

to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 295, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H6099–H6101**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 2nd:

Expressing sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009: H. Res. 471, amended, to express sympathy to the victims, families, and friends of the tragic act of violence at the combat stress clinic at Camp Liberty, Iraq, on May 11, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 299. **Pages H6123–24**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 500, directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to report to the House of Representatives on the actions the Committee has taken concerning any misconduct of Members and employees of the House in connection with activities of the PMA Group, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 134 nays with 17 voting “present”, Roll No. 300. **Pages H6124–25**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McHugh, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today. **Page H6125**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6100–01, H6121, H6122, H6122–23, H6123–24, and H6624–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. FORESTRY POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review the future of forestry in the United States. Testimony was heard from Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Michael B. Donley, Secretary; and GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Navy and Marine Corps Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Raymond E. Mabus, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughhead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Stephen Chu, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

COORDINATING REQUIREMENTS/ BUDGETS/ACQUISITIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Coordinating Requirements, Budgets, and Acquisition: How Does It Affect Costs and Acquisition Outcomes. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Gordon England, Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy; ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN (ret.); and LTG Ron Ladish, USAF (ret.).

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Military Construction, Family Housing, Base Closure, Facilities Operations and Maintenance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wayne Arny, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Joseph Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Installations and Housing; B.J. Penn, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Installations and Environment; and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations.

FEDERAL RESERVE'S ECONOMIC VIEW

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Challenges Facing the Economy: The View of the Federal Reserve. Testimony was heard from Benjamin S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded markup of the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; H.R. 2309, Consumer Credit and Debt Protection Act; H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act; and H.R. 1706, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft legislation the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Tim F. Jones, M.D., State Epidemiologist, Department of Health, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

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Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Present Condition and Future Status of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Housing Finance Agency: James B. Lockhart III, Director; Edward J. DeMarco, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Deputy Director, Housing Mission and Goals; and Christopher Dickerson, Deputy Director, Enterprise Regulation; and public witnesses.

REMITTANCES: REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Remittances: Regulation and Disclosure in a New Economic Environment.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERIC DRUG PATENT SETTLEMENT DELAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Pay to Delay: Are Patent Settlements That Delay Generic Drug Market Entry Anticompetitive? Testimony was heard from Richard Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE SAMUEL B. KENT IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment held a hearing to consider Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge Samuel B. Kent. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. District Court, Southern District

of Texas: Cathy McBroom, Case Manager; and Donna Wilkerson, Legal Secretary; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, House Committee on the Judiciary; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 2040, To authorize a process by which the Secretary of the Interior shall process acquisitions of certain real property by the Samish Indian Nation into trust; and H.R. 1035, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from George Skibine, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lynch, Maloney, Al Green of Texas, and Issa.

NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2407, National Climate Service Act of 2009.

HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Common Ground: Finding Consensus on Health Reform, the Small Business Perspective.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER/ENVIRONMENT AGENCY BUDGETS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2010. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; David White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; Collister Johnson, Jr., Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation; John H. Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and John M. Thomas III, Vice President and Controller, Financial Services, TVA.

ENDING VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on a National Commitment to End Veterans Homelessness. Testimony was heard from Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 952, as amended, COMBAT PTSD Act; and H.R. 2270, Benefits for Qualified World War II Veterans Act of 2009.

HUMAN CAPITAL

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Human Capital. Testimony was heard from LTG John F. Kimmons, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Ron Sanders, Associate Director, National Intelligence for Human Capital; and Patricia Taylor, Chief, Intelligence Community EEO and Diversity.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D614)

H.R. 131, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. Signed on June 2, 2009. (Public Law 111–25)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform and derivatives markets, 2 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to be followed by a closed session at 11:15 a.m. in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Navy; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter Silva, of California, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, and Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for U.S.-China cooperation on climate change, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine a status report on emergency preparedness for the 2009 hurricane season, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.