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Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1179–1195, and S. Res. 168–169.

Measures Reported:

S. 407, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–24)

Measures Passed:

Commending the University of Washington Women's Softball: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, commending the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 NCAA Women's College World Series.

Measures Considered:

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Dodd Amendment No. 1247, in the nature of a substitute.

Burr/Hagan Amendment No. 1246 (to Amendment No. 1247), in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1256 (to Amendment No. 1247), to modify provisions relating to Federal employees' retirement.

A motion was entered to close further debate on Dodd Amendment No. 1247, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2009.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2009; provided further, that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 3 p.m., on Monday June 9, 2009, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2009.

Travel Promotion Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to report S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States, on Friday, June 5, 2009, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2012.

Preet Bharara, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Tristram J. Coffin, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

A motion was entered to close further debate on Travel Promotion Act—Agreement, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 8, 2009.
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Jenny A. Durkan, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Paul Joseph Fishman, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

B. Todd Jones, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

John P. Kacavas, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Joyce White Vance, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6229.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATORY REFORM AND DERIVATIVES MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform and derivatives markets, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Lynn A. Stout, University of California Los Angeles School of Law; Mark Lenczowski, JPMorgan Chase and Co., Washington, D.C.; David Dines, Cargill Risk Manage-
ment, Hopkins, Minnesota; Michael W. Masters, Masters Capital Management, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; Daniel A. Driscoll, National Futures Association, Chicago, Illinois; and Richard Bookstaber, New York, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Michael B. Donley, Secretary, and General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary, Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, and Scott Steele, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and John O’Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center, both of the Library of Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for the Department of the Navy, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James
T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S.-CHINA COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE


2009 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine a status report on emergency preparedness for the 2009 hurricane season, after receiving testimony from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and George Foresman, former Under Secretary for Preparedness and Emergency Response, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Major General Frank J. Grass, Director of Operations, United States Northern Command, Department of Defense; Armond T. Maselli, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.; and Janet Durden, United Way of Northern Louisiana, Monroe.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine SBIR and STTR reauthorization, focusing on ensuring a strong future for small business in federal research and development, after receiving testimony from Charles Wessner, Director, Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, National Academy of Sciences; Cheryl Williams, Assistant Director, Government Accountability Office; Sally J. Rockey, Acting Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Linda B. Oliver, Acting Director of Small Business Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Technology, and Logistics; Laura Mann Eyester, Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, and Subash Ayer, Special Assistant to the Administrator, both of the Small Business Administration; Gary McGarrity, VIRxSYS, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Jim Barry, Creare, Inc., Hanover, New Hampshire; Keith Crandell, ARCH Venture Partners, Chicago, Illinois; Jere N. Glover, Small Business Technology Council, Washington, D.C.; Kunal Mehra, Scientific Systems Company, Woburn, Massachusetts; and Kathy Wyatt, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.

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.
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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 2695–2742; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 144; and H. Res. 503–514, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 404, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, copies of documents relating to the Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Assessment titled, “Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment”, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–134);

H.R. 1320, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees (H. Rept. 111–135); and

H.R. 2410, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and to modernize the Foreign Service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–136).

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Kenneth L. Simon, New Bethel Baptist Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, June 3rd:


Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 2nd:

Congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team (the “Lady Vols”) and Head Coach Pat Summitt on her 1000th victory: H. Res. 196, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team (the “Lady Vols”) and Head Coach Pat Summitt on her 1000th victory, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 417 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 303

Recognizing and commending the Toys for Tots Literacy Program: H. Res. 232, to recognize and commend the Toys for Tots Literacy Program for its contributions in raising awareness of illiteracy, promoting children’s literacy, and fighting poverty through the support of literacy.

Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 2200, to authorize the Transportation Security Administration’s programs relating to the provision of transportation security, by a recorded vote of 397 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 307.

Agreed to the King (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by voice vote. Subsequently, Representative Thompson (MS) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 12 noes, Roll No. 306.

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

Agreed to:

Thompson (MS) manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that clarifies which aviation facilities qualify for general aviation security grants, including helicopter operators and heliports, establishes a plan and implements a program for screening air passengers with metal implants, improves transportation security assistance, studies the creation of new transportation security positions at TSA, and has a GAO review of other transportation security functions at TSA;

Mica amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–127), as modified, that requires the Assistant Secretary to establish a “known air traveler credential” that incorporates biometric identifier technology;

Bachus amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that directs the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to develop and implement an expedited security screening program for members of the Armed Forces traveling on official orders while in uniform through commercial airports. Additionally, family members would be eligible to accompany the servicemembers through the expedited screening process onto the concourse;
Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that requires the TSA, within 6 months of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on complaints and claims received by the TSA for loss of property with respect to passenger baggage screened by the TSA; Pages H6201

Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–127), as modified, that reimburse airports for eligible costs incurred before August 3, 2007, that were previously reimbursed at 90% of such costs. The Secretary will reimburse such airports an amount equal to the difference for such eligible costs; Pages H6201–02

Castor (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to prohibit states from requiring separate security background checks for transportation security cards, and waives application of the prohibition if a compelling homeland security reason necessitates a separate background check; Pages H6202–05

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that prevents earmarking in a new grant program established in the bill, and clarifies that Congress presumes that grants awarded through that program will be awarded on a risk-based competitive basis, and if they are not, require the Assistant Secretary to submit a report to Congress explaining the reason; Pages H6205

Lynch amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that provides that any TSA personnel voluntarily may wear personal protective equipment (including surgical and N95 masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer) during any public health emergency; Pages H6205–06

Bordallo amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to report to Congress on a review to be conducted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for preferred and alternative methods of having the airports in U.S. territories comply with TSA security regulations. The report will also address the cost differences and financing opportunities for such airports to fully comply with the TSA regulations; Pages H6208–09

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that requires TSA to increase the number of canine detection teams used for air cargo screening by a minimum of 100 from the date of enactment; Pages H6209–10

Butterfield amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that requires a study on the use of the combination of facial and iris recognition to rapidly identify individuals in security checkpoint lines. The study will focus on increased accuracy of facial and iris recognition and the possibility of using this advanced technology broadly for accurate identification of individuals; Pages H6210–11

Roskam amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to collect public comments from transit agencies to determine the extent to which current allowable uses of grant funds under the Transit Security Grant Program are sufficient to address security improvement priorities identified by transit agencies. Where security improvement priorities identified by local transit agencies are not met by the regulations implementing the grant program, the Secretary will report to Congress on how such regulations should be changed to accommodate them or why these are not appropriate priorities; Page H6211

Mica amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that alters the standard for when TSA can issue an emergency regulation or security device without adhering to the rule making and public notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Allows TSA to issue a regulation or security directive when needed "to respond to an imminent threat of finite duration" and requires TSA to comply with the rule making requirements of the APA when a security directive or emergency order has been in place for more than 180 days (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 304); and Pages H6196–98, H6212

Chaffetz amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–127) that prohibits the TSA from using Whole Body-Imaging machines for primary screening at airports, and requires the TSA to give passengers the option of a pat-down search in place of going through a WBI machine, information on the images generated by the WBI, the privacy policies in place, and the right to request a pat-down search, and prohibits the TSA from storing, transferring, or copying the images (by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 118 noes, Roll No. 305).

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

H. Res. 474, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 301, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 626, to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 154 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 310.

Rejected the Issa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the bill back to the
House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 309.

Agreed to:

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–133) that directs the Office of Personnel Management to take into consideration the impact of increased paid parental leave on lower-income and economically disadvantaged employees and their children when evaluating whether to promulgate regulations increasing the amount of paid parental leave offered to federal employees and

Bright amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–133) that clarifies that federal employees (including those in the executive branch, legislative branch, Library of Congress, and GAO) who are called into active duty as members of the National Guard or Reserves will be allowed to count the time of that service towards their total time of employment, for purposes of receiving benefits created in the underlying bill.

Rejected:

Issa amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–133) that would have required employees to use all accrued leave before receiving additional paid parental leave and would require additional paid parental leave to be treated as a repayable advance (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 308).

H. Res. 501, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8th for morning hour debate, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9th for morning hour debate.

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Energy and Commerce have until 11:59 p.m. on June 5th to file a report on H.R. 2454, to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6168, H6168–69, H6169–70, H6212, H6213, H6215, H6216, H6237, H6238–39, and H6239–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.
CHARTER SCHOOLS
Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Building on What Works at Charter Schools. Testimony was heard from Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education; Lt. Gov. Barbara O’Brien, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION
Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). Testimony was heard from Fiona Alexander, Associate Administrator, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Paul Twomey, President and CEO, ICANN; and other public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES SALES
Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Commercial Sales of Military Technologies.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of GAO: Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and Anne-Marie Lasowski, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Matthew Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security; and Thomas Madigan, Director, Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Industry and Security; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION
Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Section 8 Voucher Reform Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LOCAL/REGIONAL FOOD AID PURCHASES
Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Local and Regional Purchases: Opportunities to Enhance U.S. Food Aid. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team GAO; Jon C. Brause, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Bud Philibrook, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; Jean McKeever, Associate Administrator, Business and Workforce Development, Office of Cargo Preference Program, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

AGENT ORANGE IMPACT IN VIETNAM
Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Global Environment held a hearing on Agent Orange: What Efforts Are Being Made To Address The Continuing Impact of Dioxin in Vietnam? Testimony was heard from Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION BUDGET

SUNSHINE IN LITIGATION ACT
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1508, Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Judge Mark R. Kravitz, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and public witnesses.

STATE SECRET PROTECTION ACT
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 984, State Secret Protection Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Patricia M. Wald, retired Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

INDIGENT REPRESENTATION
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Indigent Representation: A Growing National Crisis. Testimony was heard from Rhoda Billings, former Justice and Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court; and public witnesses.

UNCONVENTIONAL FUELS/SHALE GAS
Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “Unconventional Fuels, Part I: Shale Gas Potential.” Testimony was heard from Douglas Duncan, Associate Coordinator, Energy Resources Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the...
Interior; Albert F. Appleton, former Director, Water and Sewer System, New York City; and public witnesses.

WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME IN BATS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a joint oversight hearing on White-nose Syndrome: What’s Killing Bats in the Northeast. Testimony was heard from Marvin Moriarty, Northeast Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Joe Holmtrup, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; Scott Darling, Wildlife Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2646, as amended, Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 1345, District of Columbia Hatch Act Reform Act of 2009; H.R. 2392, amended, Government Information Transparency Act; H. Res. 420, Celebrating the symbol of the United States Flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 435, amended, Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; H.R. 2325, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “Laredo Veterans Post Office;” H.R. 2422, amended, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 702 East University Avenue in Georgetown, Texas, as the “Lyle G. West Post Office Building;” and H.R. 2470, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the “Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building.”

FEDERAL OIL SPILL RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on a New Direction for Federal Oil Spill Research and Development. Testimony was heard from Doug Helton, Incident Operations Coordinator, Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Albert D. Venosa, Director, Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, EPA; RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen Edinger, Director, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Department of Fish and Game, State of California.

INNOVATION RESEARCH/TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislative Initiatives to Strengthen and Modernize the SBIR and STTR programs.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2093, amended, Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009; H.R. 2650, Maritime Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 2651, Maritime Workforce Development Act; H.R. 2652, amended, Coast Guard Modernization Act; H.R. 1687, amended, To designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 2053, To designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the “Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse;” H.R. 2498, To designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “William O. Lipinski Federal Building;” H. Res. 410, Recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States; H. Res. 472, Congratulating and saluting the seventieth anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and their dedication to general aviation, safety and the important contribution general aviation provides to the United States; H. Res. 484, Expressing support for designation of June 10th as the “National Pipeline Safety Day;” and General Services Administration Building Resolutions.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1037, amended, Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009; H.R. 1098, amended, Veterans’ Worker Retaining Act of 2009; H.R. 1172, amended, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; H.R. 1821, amended, Equity for Injured Veterans Act of 2009; and H.R. 2180, To amend title 38, United States Code, to waive housing loan fees for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities called to active service.
WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE; VETERANS FAMILY CAREGIVER NEEDS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1211, Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Meeting the Needs of Family Caregivers of Veterans. Testimony was heard from Madhulika Agarwal, Chief Patient Care Services Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Edwin L. Walker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Aging, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services; Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Transition Policy and Care Coordination, Department of Defense; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

IRS OPERATIONS/BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on IRS operations, the fiscal year 2010 budget proposals, and the 2009 tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Matters. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Matters. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for May 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 8 through June 13, 2009

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1256, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd Amendment No. 1247, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 9, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

June 9, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

June 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

June 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

June 11, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: June 9, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for tactical aviation programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

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