

Cooperation: H. Res. 654, to honor the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation and

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Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 1511, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games: H. Res. 538, amended, to support Olympic Day on June 23, 2009, and to encourage the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games;

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Congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania: H. Res. 285, to congratulate the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and to celebrate the rich history of Lithuania; and

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Expressing appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and congratulating Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”: H. Res. 519, to express appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States and to congratulate Canada as it celebrates “Canada Day”.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8501.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8509–10, H8510, H8510–11, H8511–12, H8512, H8538, H8540, H8540–41, 8541–42, H8542, H8542–43. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2010

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

OVERSIGHT—MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on oversight of family support programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Arthur J. Myers, Principal Director, Military Community and Family Policy, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; COL Cory Lyman, USAF, Assistant Director, Individual and Family Support Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs, Manpower and Personnel; SGM Kenneth O. Preston, USDA; SGM Carlton W. Kent, USMC; Master Chief Petty Officer, Rick D. West, USN; and CMSgt James A. Roy, USAF.

ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL REGULATOR REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Perspectives on the Obama Administration’s Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals.” Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, SEC; and Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC.

TARP OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “TARP Oversight Warrant Repurchases and Protecting Taxpayers.” Testimony was heard from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury; Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, GAO; Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program; and Elizabeth Warren, Chair, Congressional Oversight Panel.

U.S.-IRAN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on IRAN: Recent Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE'S ABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Federal Protective Service’s ability to protect Federal facilities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1517, To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; H.R. 1726, amended, Border Security Search Accountability Act of 2009; and H.R. 3239, amended, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida initiative on the border security of the United States.

AUTO INDUSTRY BANKRUPTCIES RAMIFICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on Ramifications of the Auto Industry Bankruptcies, Part III. Testimony was heard from Louann Van Der Wiele, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Chrysler Group LLC; Michael J. Robinson, Vice-President and General Counsel of North America, General Motors Company; Richard E. Mourdock, Treasurer, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

FAIRNESS IN COCAINE SENTENCING ACT OF 2009; OVER-FEDERALIZATION OF CRIMINAL LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 3245 Fairness in Cocaine Sentencing Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Over-Criminalization of Conduct/Over-Federalization of Criminal Law. Testimony was heard from Richard Thornburgh, former Attorney General; and public witnesses.

PUERTO-RICAN DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2499, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.

CONSUMER DEBT ARBITRATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Arbitration or 'Arbitrary': The Misuse of Mandatory Arbitration to Collect Consumer Debts." Testimony was heard from Lori Swanson, Attorney General, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a record vote of 7 to 2, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 160, line 6. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the following amendments; (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules; (2) not to exceed seven of the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee; and (3) not to exceed two of the amendments printed in part C of the Committee report if offered by Representative Hensarling of Texas or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment 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 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the proponent of any such amendment may modify its amendatory instructions. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). The

rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Chairman Olver and Representatives Waters, Latham, Frelinghuysen, Mica, King (IA), Turner, Jordan, and Thompson (PA).

WATER REGULATION—FARMERS' NEEDS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Meeting the Needs of Small Businesses and Family Farmers in Regulating our Nation's Waters." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNION STATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on The Congressional Vision for a 21st Century Union Station: New Intermodal Uses and a New Union Station Livable Community. Testimony was heard from Gabe Klein, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; David Ball, President, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation; Steven Alleman, General Superintendent, AMTRAK; and public witnesses.

VA'S BRACHYTHERAPY PROGRAM SAFETY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Enforcement of VA's Brachytherapy Program Safety Standards. Testimony was heard from Steven A. Reynolds, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Region III, NRC; Joseph A. Williams, Jr., RN, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on National Intelligence Strategy. The Committee was briefed by Dennis Blair, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

BRIEFING—DOD HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Department of Defense Human Intelligence. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "The Public Transportation Extensions Act of 2009"; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine establishing a framework for systemic risk regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 637, to authorize the construction of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the State of Montana and a portion of McKenzie County, North Dakota, S. 789, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, S. 1080, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and the nominations of Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President, Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, Kim N. Wallace, of Texas, to be Deputy Under Secretary, George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel, and Rosa Gumataotao Rios, of California, to be Treasurer, all of the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan, Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to