

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3547–3555; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 181–182; and H. Res. 729–736 were introduced. **Pages H9441–42**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9442–43**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 940, to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana (H. Rept. 111–250);

H.R. 1002, to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina (H. Rept. 111–251);

H.R. 3175, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida (H. Rept. 111–252); and

H.R. 511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village (H. Rept. 111–253). **Page H9441**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dean George Werner, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Page H9399**

**Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act:** The House passed H.R. 965, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, by a recorded vote of 311 ayes to 107 noes, Roll No. 695. **Pages H9402–10**

Rejected the Hastings (WA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 694. **Pages H9407–09**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 111–249) that sought to reauthorize appropriations for the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 at the existing, authorized funding level for an additional five years. **Pages H9405–07**

H. Res. 726, 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. **Pages H9401–02**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of W. G. (Bill) Hefner, former Member of Congress. **Page H9409**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14 for morning hour debate, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15 for morning hour debate. **Page H9412**

**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Science and Technology have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009 to file its report to accompany H.R. 3246. **Pages H9426–27**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–63). **Page H9432**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9409.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1023 was held at the desk. **Page H9409**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9408 and H9409–10. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Charting the Course for Effective Professional Military Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Consumer Product Safety Commission Oversight: Current Issues and a Vision for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Inez Moore Tenenbaum, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission

**RECOVERY ACT—BROADBAND**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Broadband, Part 2.” Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and Jonathan S. Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**WORLD BANK’S DISCLOSURE POLICY REVIEW**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “The World Bank’s Disclosure Policy Review and the Role of Democratic Participatory Process in Achieving Successful Development Outcomes.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**IRAQ OUTLOOK**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Outlook for Iraq and U.S. Policy. Testimony was heard from Christopher R. Hill, Ambassador to Iraq.

**U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on U.S.-China Relations: Maximizing the Effectiveness of the Strategic and Economic Dialogue. Testimony was heard from David Shear, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; David Loevinger, Executive Secretary and Senior Coordinator for China Affairs and the Strategic and Economic Dialogue, Department of the Treasury; Randall G. Schriver, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**DIGITAL BOOKS COMPETITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Competition and Commerce in Digital Books. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 685, amended, United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009; H.R. 1593, amended, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2802, amended, To provide for an extension of the legisla-

tive authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 2806, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3113, Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act; H.R. 2008, amended, Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act; H.R. 2265, Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act of 2009; H.R. 2442, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009; H.R. 2522, To raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2741, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2950, amended, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1881, Transportation Security Workforce Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2495, Federal Real Property Disposal Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 2092, amended, Kingman and Heritage Islands Act of 2009; H.R. 2711, amended, Families of Fallen Heroes Act; H. Con. Res. 163, Expressing support for designation of September 23 as “National Job Corps Day”; H. Res. 441, Honoring the historical contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States; H. Res. 679, Supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day; H.R. 2215, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the “John J. Shivnen Post Office Building”; H.R. 3319, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gulling Street in Portola, California, as the “Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building”; and H.R. 3386, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office”.

## BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH—ENERGY AND MEDICAL APPLICATIONS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Biological Research for Energy and Medical Applications at the Department of Energy Office of Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Anna Palmisano, Director, Office of Biological and Environmental Research; and Jehanne Gillo, Office of Nuclear Physics; and public witnesses.

## FINANCIAL MODELING RISKS

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Risks of Financial Modeling: VaR and the Economic Meltdown. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on Concerns with Hazardous Materials Safety in the U.S.: Is PHMSA Performing its Mission? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and John D. Porcari, Deputy Secretary; and a public witness.

## VA—SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Vocational Rehabilitation and Review of SPAWAR and VA's Interagency Agreement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; CPT Mark Krause, USN, (Ret.), Department of Veterans Affairs

Program Manager, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology.

## ROADMAP TO COPENHAGEN

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Roadmap to Copenhagen: Driving Toward Success." Testimony was heard from Todd Stern, U.S. Special Envoy, Climate Change, Department of State.

## Joint Meetings

### INCOME, POVERTY, AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine income, poverty, and health insurance coverage, focusing on assessing key census indicators of family well-being in 2008, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Blank, Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Cecilia Rouse, Member, Council of Economic Advisers; and Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, Harry Holzer, Georgetown University, on behalf of the Urban Institute, and Thomas P. Miller, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.