

Service, Library of Congress; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia; Jason Grumet, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; and Michael Wara, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, California.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine unemployment insurance benefits, after receiving testimony from Beth Shulman, National Employment Law Project, Douglas J. Holmes, UWC—Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation, Karen Campbell, The Heritage Foundation, and Gary Burtless, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas S. Whitaker, North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Raleigh, on behalf of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, and Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, all of the Department of State, after the nominees, who were all introduced by Senator Kerry, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine security clearance reform, focusing on modernization, progress in reducing delays at the Department of Defense, improving executive reports to Congress and, the extent to which joint reform efforts reflect key factors in reform, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; John Berry, Director, United States Office of Personnel Management; James R. Clapper, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; David R. Shedd, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Policy, Plans and Requirements, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office.

#### MENTAL ILLNESS IN U.S. PRISONS AND JAILS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine human rights, focusing on mental illness in United States prisons and jails, after receiving testimony from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Samuel Bagenstos, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Mary Lou Leary, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, all of the Department of Justice; Gary D. Maynard, Secretary, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Towson; Michael P. Randle, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections, Springfield; Kathryn E. Zenoff, Presiding Justice, Second Appellate Court of Illinois, Rockford; and David L. Fuller, Manhattan Outreach Consortium, Brooklyn, New York.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 3563–3578; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 185; and H. Res. 744, 747 were introduced. **Pages H9548–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** LPage H9550

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H. Res. 745, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3246) to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial

application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy (H. Rept. 111–255) and H. Res. 746, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 111–256). **Page H9548**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9493**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H9496**

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

***United States Postal Service Financial Relief Act of 2009:*** H.R. 22, amended, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to allow the United States Postal Service to pay its share of contributions for annuitants' health benefits out of the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 701; **Pages H9502–06, H9535–36**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 5, United States Code, to reduce the amount that the United States Postal Service is required to pay into the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund by the end of fiscal year 2009."

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***Amending title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques:*** H.R. 3137, to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 702;

**Pages H9506–07, H9536**

***Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office Designation Act:*** 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";

**Pages H9507–08**

***Supporting the goals and ideals of American Legion Day:*** H. Res. 679, to support the goals and ideals of American Legion Day;

**Pages H9508–09**

***Recognizing the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to Columbia, Missouri, as the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor:*** H. Res. 317, to recognize the region from Manhattan, Kansas, to Columbia, Missouri, as the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 108 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 700;

**Pages H9509–13, H9534–35**

***Recognizing the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges:*** H. Con. Res. 95, to recognize the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges;

**Pages H9513–14**

***Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois:*** 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;

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***Directing the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida:*** H.R. 3175, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami-Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida;

**Pages H9514–16**

***Providing for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana:*** H.R. 940, to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana;

**Pages H9516–17**

***Recognizing the importance and sustainability of the United States hardwoods industry:*** H. Res. 81, to recognize the importance and sustainability of the United States hardwoods industry and to urge that United States hardwoods and the products derived from United States hardwoods be given full consideration in any program directed at constructing environmentally preferable commercial, public, or private buildings;

**Pages H9517–18**

***Pisgah National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009:*** H.R. 1002, to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina;

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***21 Century FHA Housing Act of 2009:*** H.R. 3146, amended, to make improvements to the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

**Pages H9520–22**

***FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2009:*** H.R. 3527, amended, to increase the maximum mortgage amount limitations under the FHA mortgage insurance programs for multifamily housing projects with elevators and for extremely high-cost areas;

**Pages H9522–24**

***Securities Law Technical Corrections Act of 2009:*** H.R. 2947, to amend the Federal securities laws to make technical corrections and to make conforming amendments related to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935;

**Pages H9524–26**

***Congratulating the Minority Business Development Agency on its 40th anniversary:*** H. Res. 215, to congratulate the Minority Business Development Agency on its 40th anniversary and to commend its achievements in fostering the establishment and growth of minority businesses in the United States;

**Pages H9526–27**

***SIG TARP Small Business Awareness Act of 2009:*** H.R. 3179, amended, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to require the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset

Relief Program to include the effect of the Troubled Asset Relief Program on small businesses in the oversight, audits, and reports provided by the Special Inspector General. **Pages H9527–29**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:41 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m. **Page H9529**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 744, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 179 nays with 5 voting “present,” Roll No. 699.

**Pages H9529–34**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9534, H9535, H9535–36, H9536. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PANDEMIC FLU PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing to review the nation’s readiness for the probable surge of cases of seasonal and pandemic H1N1 influenza. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Mandatory Binding Arbitration: Is It Fair and Voluntary? Testimony was heard from Representatives Linda T. Sánchez of California and Johnson of Georgia; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—MANAGEMENT/ACQUISITION CHALLENGES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled “Investment Management and Acquisition Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Elaine C. Duke, Deputy Under Secretary, Management; and James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems Issues, GAO.

### ADVANCED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3246, the Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009, equally divided and con-

trolled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further 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 this 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Representatives Peters, Polis, Inglis, and Posey.

### NASA’S HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT PROGRAM

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on Options and Issues for NASA’s Human Space Flight Program Report of the “Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans” Committee. Testimony was heard from VADM Joe Dyer, USN (Ret.) Chair, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, NASA; Norman Augustine, Chair, Review of U.S. Human Space Flight Plans Committee; and a public witness.

### INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to review implementation of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–351). Testimony was heard from Brenda Donald, Office of the Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; Erwin McEwen, Director, Department of Children and Family Services, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.