

Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs, and to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund, United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank, and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada, 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, and Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway, all of the Department of State.

#### SECURITIES VIOLATIONS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a

person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act, after receiving testimony from John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, and Robert J. Giuffra, Jr., Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, both of New York, New York; Patrick J. Szymanski, Change to Win, and Tanya Solov, Director, Illinois Securities Department, Illinois Secretary of State, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adam C. Pritchard, University of Michigan Empirical Legal Studies Center, Ann Arbor.

#### VETERANS' DISABILITY COMPENSATION REVIEW

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' disability compensation, focusing on benefits in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Patrick W. Dunne, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; George Kettner, Economic Systems Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; Katy Neas, Easter Seals, Chicago, Illinois; Susan Prokop, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; and John L. Wilson, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Springs, Kentucky.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3590–3606; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 748–756 were introduced. **Pages H9729–30**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9730–31**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 719. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, September 16th. **Pages H9675–H9702**

Agreed to the Issa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 345 ayes to 75 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 718. Subsequently, Representative George Mil-

ler (CA) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

**Pages H9699–H9701**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18. **Page H9675**

Agreed to:

Reyes amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that encourages community colleges to use grant money to increase the provision of training for members of the National Guard and Reserves, and men and women returning from active duty;

**Pages H9675–76**

Etheridge amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that borrower services, including delinquency prevention, default aversion, and loan counseling, are allowed uses of grant funds.

The amendment also explicitly authorizes the Department of Education to contract directly with guaranty agencies for funded services; **Pages H9676–77**

Driehaus amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires that states receiving State Innovation Completion Grants have plans to increase postsecondary enrollment and completion among dislocated workers; **Pages H9677–78**

Cuellar amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires the Secretary of Education to conduct outreach activities to educate students and their families about the transition to Federal Direct Lending; **Pages H9678–79**

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that states may use funds awarded as Quality Pathways Grants under Section 403(a) of Title IV of H.R. 3221 to establish or support partnerships with institutions of higher education that support effective education and training for early learning providers; **Pages H9679–80**

Childers amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires the campus Veterans Resource Officer to act as a link between student veterans and mental health care providers at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to help improve college completion rates for veterans; **Pages H9680–81**

Adler (NJ) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that gives priority for State Innovation Completion grants to entities that promote activities to increase degree or certificate completion for students who are veterans; **Pages H9681–82**

Kilroy amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–256), as modified, that gives priority to “dislocated workers” for community college and state grants; **Pages H9683–84**

Perriello amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that requires states to evaluate and report disparities by geographic area (rural and urban) of available high-quality early learning programs for low-income children, and steps the state will take to address the disparity; **Pages H9585–86**

Teague amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that adds veterans to the list of priority grantees in Title V. Also adds to the allowable uses of funds programs that prepare students to enter careers in the Veterans Administration, and occupations in energy-related fields; **Pages H9687–88**

Flake amendment (No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that prohibits funds appropriated under the bill to be used for Congressional earmarks as defined by clause 9(d) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives; **Page H9689**

Himes amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that makes five minor language adjustments to strengthen the financial literacy provisions

of the State Innovation Completion Grants, Innovation in College Access and Completion National Activities, and contracting requirements related to private student loan servicers (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 713); **Pages H9682–83, H9695–96**

Minnick amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that allows servicemen and women to transfer academic credits earned while serving in the Armed Forces between institutions of higher education (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 714); **Pages H9684–85, H9696–97**

Schauer amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that gives priority in awarding Federal grants to schools, states, and non-profits to encourage dislocated workers to complete their degrees (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 715); and **Pages H9686–87, H9697**

Teague amendment (No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that clarifies that all savings in the bill not otherwise allocated go towards deficit reduction (by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 716). **Pages H9688–89, H9697–98**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to strike Title III of the bill, which authorizes \$6.6 billion in new mandatory spending to create three Federal school construction programs for elementary and secondary public schools and institutions of higher education, and apply the savings to reduce the Federal deficit (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 710); **Page H9663**

McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to limit the ability of certain schools that received funding under the economic stimulus package for school construction from receiving additional money through the new Federal school construction program authorized under this bill (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 711); **Pages H9663–64**

Foxx amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that was debated on September 16th that sought to strike the entire American Graduation Initiative (but maintain the privacy provisions that apply to the whole Act) and put the savings toward deficit reduction. These privacy provisions ensure that student information is protected from individuals not authorized to view it and that students cannot be identified by any unique identifier (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 712); and **Pages H9664–65**

Guthrie amendment (No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 111–256) that sought to extend the ECASLA programs through 2014 and create a commission to develop a new private sector model for student lending (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 717).

Pages H9689, H9698–99

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

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H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, September 16th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 21st; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9673.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1677 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1494 was held at the desk.

Pages H9673, H9726–27

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9693, H9694, H9695, H9695–96, H9696–97, H9697, H9697–98, H9698–99, H9700–01, H9701–02. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKET REGULATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review proposed legislation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding regulation of over-the-counter derivatives markets, Part One. Testimony was heard from former Representative Glenn L. English, Jr., State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE ACQUISITION STRATEGIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on the Department of Defense and Industry: Does DOD Effectively Manage Its Industrial Base and Match its Acquisition Strategies to the Marketplace? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FCC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Com-

munications Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Julius Genachowski, Chairman; Michael J. Copps; Robert M. McDowell; Mignon Clyburn and Meredith Attwell Baker, all Commissioners.

### TARP/FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Utilizing Technology to Improve TARP and Financial Oversight.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-IRAQ BILATERAL AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Relations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on the United National Chapter VII Mandates and the U.S.-Iraq Bilateral Agreement. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Stephen G. Rademaker, former Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; and a public witness.

### SECURE BORDER INITIATIVE REVIEW

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “The Secure Border Initiative: SBInet Three Years Later.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U. S. Customs Office and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security: David Aguilar, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol; and Mark Borkowski, Executive Director, Secure Border Initiative; Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

### CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Concluded hearings on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Stephen B. Smith, Mayor, Pinedale, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

### PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BUREAURACY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy concluded hearings entitled “Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS/HYPOXIA

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Harmful