

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine a review of United States diplomatic readiness, focusing on the staffing and foreign language challenges facing the foreign service, after receiving testimony from Nancy J. Powell, Director General, Foreign Service, Department of State; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, and Susan Rockwell Johnson, American Foreign Service Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1670, to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary trans-

missions of certain signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, Florence T. Nakakuni, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii, Deborah K. R. Gilg, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, and Ignacia S. Moreno, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3639–3648; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 770–771, 773–778 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

Conference report on H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–265) and

H. Res. 772, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2918) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–266).

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Barrett (SC), wherein he resigned from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, effective today.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 770, electing a minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representative McCaul.

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**Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 735, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Tuesday, September 22nd:

*Expressing support for designation of September 23, 2009, as “National Job Corps Day”:* H. Con. Res. 163, to express support for designation of September 23, 2009, as “National Job Corps Day”, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 413 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 736.

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

*Medicare Premium Fairness Act:* H.R. 3631, to amend title XVIII to provide for the application of a consistent Medicare part B premium for all Medicare beneficiaries in a budget neutral manner for 2010, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 737.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9901.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 41 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9906–07, H9907, H9915. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### DOD—SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on DOD Supply Chain Management: Can the Department Identify and

Meet Its Supply Needs Efficiently? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Gary T. McCoy, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center; and Nancy Heimbaugh, Senior Procurement Executive and Director, Acquisition Management, Defense Logistics Agency; and William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE BROADBAND NETWORK**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing entitled “A National Interoperable Broadband Network for Public Safety: Recent Developments.” Testimony was heard from William Bratton, Chief of Police, Police Department, Los Angeles, California; and public witnesses.

#### **SYSTEMIC RISK AND RESOLUTION ISSUES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Experts’ Perspectives on Systemic Risk and Resolution Issues.” Testimony was heard from Paul Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Arthur Levitt, Jr., former Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

#### **SECURITIZATION OF LIFE INSURANCE SETTLEMENTS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Recent Innovations in Securitization.” Testimony was heard from Paula Dubberly, Associate Director, Division of Corporation Finance, SEC; Susan E. Voss, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY’S INTELLIGENCE ROLE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “I&A Reconciled: Defining a Homeland Security Intelligence Role.” Testimony was heard from Bart Johnson, Acting Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 186, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; H. Res. 725, Congratulating the Chula Vista Park View Little League team of Chula Vista, California, for winning the 2009 Little League World Series Championship; H. Res. 734, as amended, Expressing the support for and honoring September 17, 2009 as “Constitution Day”; H. Res. 693, Honoring the life and accomplishments of Jim Johnson and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on the occasion of his death; H.R. 3547, To designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the “Rex E. Lee Post Office Building”; and H. Res. 16, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

#### **CONFERENCE REPORT—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2010**

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010.” The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit, if applicable. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wasserman Schultz and Jordan.

#### **BIOLOGIC DRUGS DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on the Potential Need for Measurement Standards to Facilitate the Research and Development of Biologic Drugs. Testimony was received from Steven Kozlowski, Director, Office of Biotechnology Products, Office of Pharmaceutical Science, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Willie May, Director, Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards of Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **FEDERAL LAWS SPURRING ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Roles of Federal Labs in Spurring Innovation and Entrepreneurship Across the U.S.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Cynthia Lee, Associate Director, Langley Research Center; and Bruce Underwood, Technical Manager, Wallops Space Flight Facility; Paul G. Sebesta, Center Director, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3619, as amended, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3618, Clean Hull Act of 2009; H.R. 3305, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 138, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas; H.

Res. 465, as amended, Recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; H.R. 719, as amended, Commending Russ Meyer on his induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame; H.R. 1700, as amended, National Women's History Museum Act of 2009. The Committee also approved GSA Capital Investment Program Resolutions.

### HONORING THE FALLEN

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Honoring the Fallen: How Can We Better Serve America's Veterans and Their Families? Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; Katherine Stevenson, Assistant Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Departments of Veterans Affairs: John C. Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, and Steve L. Muro, Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, both with the National Cemetery Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 294, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2009; H.R. 1169, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2696, Servicemembers Rights Protection Act; H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009; H.R. 2928, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an apprenticeship and on-job training program under the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program; H.R. 3223, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and references for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; H.R. 3554, National Guard Education Equity Act; H.R. 3561, To amend title 38, United

States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance provided to certain veterans for flight training; H.R. 3577, Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009; and other draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Rodriguez, Carter, Miller of North Carolina, Loeb sack, and Connolly of Virginia; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

### SOLAR HEATS UP

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Solar Heats Up: Accelerating Widespread Deployment." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### NEWSPAPERS

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of newspapers, focusing on the impact on the economy and democracy, after receiving testimony from Tom Rosentiel, Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism, and Denise Rolark Barnes, The Washington Informer, both of Washington, D.C.; Paul Starr, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, New Jersey; and John Sturm, Newspaper Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", Time to be announced, SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing on H.R. 1207, Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.