

health and benefits, after receiving testimony from Senators Reed and Bayh; Gerald M. Cross, Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Walter Hall, and Richard Hipolit, both Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert Jackson, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ian de Planque, The American Legion, John Driscoll, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, and Rick McMichael, American Chiropractic Association, all of Washington,

DC; and Bill Fenn, The American Academy of Physician Assistants, Alexandria, Virginia.

COUNTERNARCOTICS IN AFGHANISTAN

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine United States counternarcotics strategy in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Braun, Spectre Group International, LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; Norine MacDonald, International Council on Security and Development, Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan; and Vanda Felbab-Brown, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3885–3897; 1 resolution, H. Res. 852 were introduced. **Pages H11580–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11581–82**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1061, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe and to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–306);

H.R. 1471, to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia and to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–307);

H.R. 2008, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–308);

H.R. 2489, to authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–309);

H.R. 715, to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park and to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park (H. Rept. 111–310); and H. Res. 853, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3619) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–311). **Page H11580**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11519**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Darrell Armstrong, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, New Jersey. **Page H11519**

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

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009: S. 1793, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 793; **Pages H11523–33, H11553**

Expressing support for designation of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”: H. Res. 811, amended, to express support for designation of October 2009 as “National Principals Month”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 794; **Pages H11533–35, H11553–54**

Recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for over 150 years of service as an institution of higher education: H. Res. 837, to recognize Kentucky Wesleyan College for over 150 years of service as an institution of higher education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 795; **Pages H11535–36, H11554**

Recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute: H. Res. 660, amended, to recognize the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 796; **Pages H11536–38, H11555**

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009: S. 1818, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall;

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke: S. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 797;

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Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos: H. Res. 761, amended, to remember and commemorate the lives and work of Jesuit Fathers Ignacio Ellacuria, Ignacio Martin-Baro, Segundo Montes, Amando Lopez, Juan Ramon Moreno, Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, and housekeeper Julia Elba Ramos and her daughter Celina Mariset Ramos on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their deaths at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas located in San Salvador, El Salvador on November 16, 1989;

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Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom: H. Res. 672, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom; and

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Expressing deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009: H. Res. 823, to express deep condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those killed and injured in the attack on the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) office in Islamabad, Pakistan, on October 5, 2009, and support for the WFP’s mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

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

Expressing support for Teen Read Week: H. Res. 836, to express support for Teen Read Week and

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Condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights: H. Res. 175, to condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11519.

Senate Referrals: S. 1818 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11553, H11553–54, H11554, H11555, H11555–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVER-THE COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT; AND WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3795, Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved the Dunloup Creek Watershed of West Virginia and the Cape Cod Watershed of Massachusetts projects.

USDA RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to examine U.S. Department of Agriculture rural business programs, conditions for rural entrepreneurship and business development. Testimony was heard from Judy Canales, Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Program, USDA; and public witnesses..

MILITARY REDEPLOYMENT FROM IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. Military Redeployment from Iraq: Issues and Challenges. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; Alan Estevez, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Logistics and Materiel Readiness; LTG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Joint Staff, Director, Logistics (J–4); and VADM James A. Winnefeld, USN, Joint Staff, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J–5).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, following bills: H.R. 3276, American