

MARINE CONSERVATION AND EXPORTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine marine wealth, focusing on promoting conservation and advancing American exports, after receiving testimony from Eric C. Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, and Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark Linscott, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Ted Danson, Oceana, Los Angeles, California; David Schorr, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association, Portland, Oregon; and Tom Bastoni, American Seafoods Group, LLC, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on governance and civilian strategy, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Rep-

resentative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 2930, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, after receiving testimony from Abraham D. Sofaer, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Richard Klingler, Sidley Austin LLP, and John B. Bellinger III, Arnold & Porter LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Evan F. Kohlmann, Flashpoint Global Partners, and Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, both of New York, New York.

VETERANS BENEFIT CLAIM PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working, after receiving testimony from Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Diana M. Rubens, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Peter L. Levin, Chief Technology Officer, and Joseph Thompson, former Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda Jan Avant, American Federation of Government Employees, Little Rock, Arkansas; Richard Paul Cohen, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, on behalf of the Independent Budget, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5730–5740; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1515–1516, 1518–1519 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5381, to require motor vehicle safety standards relating to vehicle electronics and to reauthorize and provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–536) and

H. Res. 1517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5114) to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program and to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program (H. Rept. 111–537).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010: S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321

note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 442;

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David John Donafee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5390, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “David John Donafee Post Office Building”;

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Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office Designation Act: Concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4840, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1981 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the “Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office”;

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Tom Bradley Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5450, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Tom Bradley Post Office Building”;

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Veterans’, Seniors’, and Children’s Health Technical Corrections Act of 2010: H.R. 5712, to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program; and

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Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003: H.J. Res. 83, to approve the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.”

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 13th:

Amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998: H.R. 2864, amended, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 439.

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Telework Improvements Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 1722, to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative work-

weeks, by a ye-and-nay vote of 290 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 441.

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Agreed to the Issa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 119 nays, Roll No. 440. Subsequently, Representative Lynch reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 111–535, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the head of each executive agency to establish and implement a policy under which employees shall be authorized to telework, and for other purposes.”

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H. Res. 1509, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 438, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 437.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 1496 is laid on the table.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5560.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5575–76, H5576, H5576–77, H5588, H5589–90, H5590. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4785, Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Military Construction, VA Appropriations bill.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held an oversight