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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Brown (OH), Beryl Alaine Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Leahy and Representative Norton, and Rob-

ert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures, including S. Res. 465, to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased, and S. Res. 440, improving the Senate cloture process, after receiving testimony from Senators Lautenberg and Bennet; Elizabeth Rybicki, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Gregory Koger, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida; and Barbara Sinclair, University of California, Los Angeles.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5890–5916; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 306; and H. Res. 1565–1567, were introduced. **Pages H6282–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6283–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4692, to require the President to prepare a quadrennial National Manufacturing Strategy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–574, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–575, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5781, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–576);

H. Res. 1568, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create jobs through increased investment in infrastructure and to eliminate loopholes which encourage companies to move operations offshore (H. Rept. 111–577); and

H. Res. 1569, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5850) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011 (H. Rept. 111–578). **Page H6282**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6165**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Shawn Black, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California. **Page H6165**

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

National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010: H.R. 4692, amended, to require the President to prepare a quadrennial National Manufacturing Strategy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 477; **Pages H6169–79, H6214–15**

Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of 2010: H.R. 5156, amended, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services; **Pages H6179–83**

End the Trade Deficit Act: H.R. 1875, amended, to establish an Emergency Commission to End the Trade Deficit;

Pages H6183–89

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Emergency Trade Deficit Commission.”.

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Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Save for Retirement Week”: H. Res. 1481, to support the goals and ideals of “National Save for Retirement Week”, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy;

Pages H6189–90

Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: H.R. 1796, amended, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet the applicable ANSI/UL standard by treating that standard as a consumer product safety rule and to encourage States to require the installation of such detectors in homes;

Pages H6190–92

Honoring the achievements of Dr. Robert M. Campbell, Jr., to provide children with lifesaving medical care: H. Res. 1499, amended, to honor the achievements of Dr. Robert M. Campbell, Jr., to provide children with lifesaving medical care;

Pages H9192–94

Truth in Fur Labeling Act: H.R. 2480, amended, to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling;

Pages H6194–96

Fair Sentencing Act of 2010: S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing;

Pages H6196–H6204

Fee on Lobbyists Act: H.R. 5751, amended, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registrants to pay an annual fee of \$50, to impose a penalty of \$500 for failure to file timely reports required by that Act, and to provide for the use of the funds from such fees and penalties for reviewing and auditing filings by registrants;

Pages H6204–06

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the establishment of a task force that will be responsible for investigating cases referred to the Attorney General under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, and for other purposes.”.

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General and Special Risk Insurance Funds Availability Act of 2010: H.R. 5872, amended, to provide adequate commitment authority for fiscal year 2010 for guaranteed loans that are obligations of the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Pages H6249–51

United States Patent and Trademark Office Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: H.R. 5874, making supplemental appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010;

Pages H6251–53

Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: H.R. 5875, making emergency supplemental appropriations for border security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010;

Pages H6253–57

Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5610, to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers;

Pages H6257–58

Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act: H.R. 4658, amended, to authorize the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Cherokee National Forest and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to use the proceeds from that conveyance to acquire a parcel of land for inclusion in that national forest; and

Pages H6259–60

Directing the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa: H.R. 5669, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa.

Pages H6260–61

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 26th:

Honoring the educational significance of Dr. Jane Goodall's work: H. Res. 1543, to honor the educational significance of Dr. Jane Goodall's work on this the 50th anniversary of the beginning of her work in Tanzania, Africa, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 478.

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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 27th:

Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010: H.R. 5827, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 307 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 479.

Pages H6215–16

Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011: The House passed H.R. 5822, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 482. **Pages H6216–49**

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that instructs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to set aside at least \$20 million for suicide outreach prevention via direct advertising and the use of online social media; **Pages H6235–36**

Buyer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund additional professional level VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment counselors; **Page H6236**

Buyer amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–570), as modified, that provides \$162,734,000 of the amounts appropriated for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Minor Construction for renewable energy projects at VA medical facility campuses; **Pages H6236–37**

Buyer amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund the second year of the VA–US Paralympics Adaptive Sports Program for disabled veterans; **Pages H6237–38**

Cuellar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits first class travel under this Act; **Page H6238**

Hill amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$100,000, then increases it by \$100,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to examine its practices in how it accounts for returned Post-9/11 GI Benefit payments from either a veteran or an institute of higher learning, and for the purpose of directing the VA to issue a report to Congress no later than January 1, 2011, on any changes made or planned to be made to increase efficiency and timeliness of accounting for returned payments; **Page H6241**

Gingrey amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits funds under the Act from being used to exercise the power of eminent domain without payment of just compensation; **Pages H6241–42**

Halvorson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that subtracts \$10,000,000 from General Operating Expenses and adds \$10,000,000 to Major Construction Projects; **Page H6243**

Peters amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$50,000, then increases it by \$50,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to implement a program that would

re-label prescription drugs used in VA hospitals to be sent home with discharged patients for outpatient use. Currently, veterans often have to go right to the pharmacy to refill what was discarded; **Page H6245**

Peters amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$150,000, then increases it by \$150,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to create a program to review all contracts after every 90-day period of inactivity to determine if the funds obligated for the contract could be deobligated and returned to the account from which the funds were obligated to be put to better use; and **Page H6245**

Gingrey amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits any funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense under this Act to be used to renovate or construct any facility within the Continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained, at any time after September 11, 2001, at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 353 yeas to 69 noes, Roll No. 480). **Pages H6242–43, H6247–48**

Rejected:

Garrett amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that sought to increase funding for the Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries account by \$7,000,000 and decrease funding for the Grants for Construction, Minor Projects account by \$7,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 128 yeas to 296 noes, Roll No. 481). **Pages H6245–47, H6248**

Withdrawn:

Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funding for all of the member-requested earmarks for military construction projects; and **Pages H6238–41**

Bilirakis amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Veterans Administration to acquire and construct up to four long-term care residential brain injury medical facilities. **Pages H6243–45**

H. Res. 1559, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 476, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6206–14**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1559 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6206–08**

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States: H. Res. 1558, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States, reminding us all to take pride in the healthy bounty produced by American farmers and workers.

Pages H6258–59

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6165.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6213–14, H6214–15, H6215, H6215–16, H6247–48, H6248, and H6248–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5509, amended, Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act; H.R. 3519, amended, Veterinarian Services Investment Act; and H.R. 5852, Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM QUALITY CONTROL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department of Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review quality control systems in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Julie Paradis, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the Department of State: Richard Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ENLISTED PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Transformation in Progress: The Services' Enlisted Professional Military Education Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL James J. Minick, USMC, Director, Enlisted PME, Marine Corps University, USMC; John Sparks, Director, Institute for NCO Professional Development, Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army; Scott Lutterloh, Director, Total Force Requirements Division, U.S. Navy; and Dan Sitterly, Director, Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

SURFACE FLEET READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on surface fleet readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM John Harvey, USN, Commander, Fleet Forces Command; VADM Kevin McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and VADM William Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4).

HARNESSING SMALL BUSINESS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY CYBER NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on harnessing small business innovation for national security cyber needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 903, amended, Dental Emergency Responder Act; H.R. 1745, amended, Family Health Care Accessibility Act; H.R. 3199, amended, Emergency Medic Transition (EMT) Act; H.R. 5710, amended, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2010; H.R. 5756, amended, Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act of 2010; H.R. 5809, amended, Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2010; H.R. 2923, Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3470, amended, Nationally Enhancing the Well-being of Babies through Outreach and Research Now Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3421, Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009; and H.R. 5823, United