

**CLEAR SKIES ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine S. 485, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; James Krimmel, Zaclon Incorporated, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association; Richard A. Metz, UNIMARK L.L.C., Edmond, Oklahoma; Steve Thumb, Energy Ventures Incorporated, and Joel Bluestein, Energy and Environmental Analysis, Inc., both of Arlington, Virginia.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Carolyn B. Kuhl and Consuelo Maria Callahan, both of California, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Leonardo M. Rapadas, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 2028–2042; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 168–171, and H. Res. 224–226, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H. Res. 110, providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Homeland Security in the One Hundred Eighth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 108–93);

H.R. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth, amended (H. Rept. 108–94);

H. Res. 227, providing for consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth (H. Rept. 108–95). Page H3855

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Rogers, Senior Pastor, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church of Lake Forest, California. Page H3765

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on May 7:

**Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act:** H.R. 874, to establish a program, coordinated by

the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 172); and

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**Public Service Recognition Week:** H.Res. 213, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public service employees should be commended for their dedication and service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 176). PageH 3820

**Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act:** The House passed H.R. 1261, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability by recorded vote of 220 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 175.

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Rejected the George Miller of California motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back promptly with an amendment that will extend unemployment benefits for 26 weeks for

unemployed individuals who have exhausted regular unemployment benefits and an additional 13 weeks of income support for individuals who have exhausted their Federal extended unemployment benefits by ye-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 174. **Pages H3819–20**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–82) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H3821**

Agreed To:

McKeon amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that clarifies that the state unit that serves the most individuals with disabilities will serve on the workforce investment board; makes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) a mandatory partner in the one-stop career center system unless the Governor objects to the Secretaries of Labor and Health and Human Services; reinstates the requirement that youth providers be selected by competitive process; clarifies that state-recognized tribes may continue to participate in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program for Native Americans; specifies that the National Institute for Literacy is under the direction of an Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services; **Pages H3808–09**

Allen amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that includes administrators of adult education and literacy activities on local Workforce Investment Boards; **Page H3809**

Vitter amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that requires one-stop centers and providers of training services to meet the specific employment needs of local employers and participants (agreed to by recorded vote of 423 yeas with none voting “no,” Roll No. 173); **Pages H3810–11, H3816–17**

Kline amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that clarifies that administrative overhead costs for one stop centers will be shared proportionately by all providers; **Pages H3811–13**

Lewis of Georgia amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that extends youth participant eligibility from age 21 to age 24; **Pages H3813–14**

Hastings of Florida amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that increases the established formula for allocations to local areas from 80 to 85 percent and decreases the discretionary formula from 20 percent to 15 percent; **Pages H3814–15**

Millender-McDonald amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that gives additional priority for training services to single parents, displaced homemakers, and pregnant single women; and **Page H3815**

Kaptur amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108–92 that requires the Department of Labor to

give technical assistance to local boards regarding accounting and other program operation practices when this assistance is not offered by the State and requires the Department of Labor to establish a system for States to share information regarding the best practices of workforce investment activities. **Pages H3815–16**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H3821**

Agreed to H. Res. 221, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by recorded vote of 221 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 171. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 170. **Pages H3767–76**

**Meeting Hour—Friday, May 9:** Agreed to the Boehner motion that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 9. **Page H3808**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 5:38 p.m. **Page H3822**

**Committee Funding Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 148, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighth Congress by voice vote. **Pages H3821–27**

Earlier today agreed to Chairman Ney unanimous consent request that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider the resolution; that the amendment recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution, modified by the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk, be considered as adopted; that the resolution, as amended, be debatable for one hour; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution, as amended, to final adoption without intervening motion. **Pages H3821–27**

**Committee on Homeland Security Funding Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 110, H. Res. 110, providing for the expenses of the Committee on Homeland Security in the One Hundred Eighth Congress, by voice vote. **Pages H3821–22, H3828–28**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on Homeland security.” **Page H3821**

Earlier today agreed to Chairman Ney unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider the resolution; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the resolution be considered as adopted; that the resolution, as amended, be debatable for one hour; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution, as

amended, to final adoption without intervening motion.

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**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Berthy de La Rosa-Aponte of Cooper City, Florida to a four-year term to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H3858.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3775, H3776, H3776-77, and H3816-17. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE ANNIVERSARY; HEALTHY FOREST RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Management and Cost Oversight of Federal Highway Funding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administrator; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Tom Stephens, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Nevada.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

### TRADE IN SERVICES AND E-COMMERCE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Trade in Services and E-Commerce: The Significance of the Singapore and Chile Free Trade Agreements." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative: Ralph F. Ives III, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Asia-Pacific and APEC Affairs; and Regina K. Vargo, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; Michelle O'Neill, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Technology Industries, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL CREDIT REPORTING SYSTEM IMPORTANCE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "The Importance of the National Credit Reporting System to Consumers and the U.S. Economy." Testimony was heard from Wayne Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT—INFORMATION SHARING BARRIERS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Out of Many, One: Assessing Barriers to Information Sharing in the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Steve Cooper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Mark Forman, Associate Director, Information, Technology and E-Government, OMB; the following officials of the GAO: Robert Dacey, Director, Information Technology Team; and Randolph C. Hite, Director, Architecture and Systems Issues, Information Technology; and public witnesses.

### DENTISTRY—FULL DISCLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on "Consumer Choice and Implementing Full Disclosure in Dentistry." Testimony was heard from Representative Michaud; and public witnesses.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005.