

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator McCain and former Senator Robb, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, after the nominee further answered questions in his own behalf. Also, testimony was received from Representative John Lewis; Jennifer Cabranes Braceras and Peter Kirsanow, each a Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Dick Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States; Carol M. Browner, former Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Engler, former Michigan Governor, Lansing; Bruce Botelho, former Alaska Attorney General, Juneau; Judge Nathaniel Jones, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to the Sixth Circuit (Retired); Judge Denise Lindberg, Third District of the Utah State Court, Salt Lake City; Stephen L. Tober, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Tom Hayward, Chicago, Illinois, and Pamela A. Bresnahan, Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the American Bar Association; Reginald M. Turner, Jr., National Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan; Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Maureen E. Mahoney, Latham & Watkins, Catherine E. Stetson, Hogan & Hartson, Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center, Peter B. Edelman,

Georgetown University Law Center, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Kathryn Webb Bradley, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Charles Fried, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Patricia L. Bellia, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana; Judith Resnik, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Christopher S. Yoo, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, Tennessee; David Strauss, University of Chicago Law School, and Susan Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary, both of Chicago, Illinois; Robert Reich, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts; Anne Marie Tallman, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Los Angeles, California; Rabbi Dale Polakoff, Rabbinical Council of America, Great Neck, New York; Karen Pearl, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, New York; Henrietta Wright, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center; Roderick Jackson, Ensley High School, Birmingham, Alabama; and Beverly Jones, Lafayette, Tennessee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, (as approved by the Committee, the substitute amendment incorporated related provisions of S. 1182, as introduced, and provisions of S. 1177, S. 1189, and S. 1190); and

S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 3784–3818; 5 private bills, H.R. 3819–3823; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 244–245; and H. Res. 444–449 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3768, amended, to provide emergency tax relief for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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A resolution to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: The House passed H. Res. 437, to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

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H. Res. 439, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 472, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote 222 yea to 193 nay, Roll No. 471. **Pages H8013–14**

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 474.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H8036**

Agreed to:

LoBiondo amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record) that authorizes additional funding for operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard as a result of Hurricane Katrina and to add certain other sundry provisions; **Pages H8036–45**

Young of Alaska amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record) that will confirm the legality of allowing foreign workers to work on U.S.-flag vessels on international voyages to conduct various non-watchstanding functions. The amendment also requires these foreign personnel to possess a transportation security card, when required by 46 U.S.C. § 70105; **Page H8045**

Young of Alaska amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record) to include provisions regarding eligibility to participate in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program; **Page H8046**

Young of Alaska amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record) that adjusts the Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program implementing regulations in regard to quotas for crab fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands which was implemented under Public Law 108–199; **Page H8046**

Souder amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record) which authorizes funding for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to purchase or lease a maritime refueling vessel to support United States drug interdiction efforts in the Eastern Pacific maritime transit zone; **Pages H8046–47**

Fossella amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record) that requires ferries that carry 399 passengers or more to have voyage data recorders on board. It would also authorize funding for the program; and **Pages H8050–52**

Sanchez of California amendment, as modified (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record) would

have the Commandant of the Coast Guard review the adequacy of the strength of the active duty personnel to carry out all the Coast Guard’s missions. **Page H8051**

Rejected:

Markey amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record) that sought to require the Coast Guard to perform an assessment of the security and safety of all new or expanded Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, and provides the Commandant of the Coast Guard with the power to block construction of new terminals or expansion of existing terminals based on security or safety concerns (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 473). **Pages H8047–50, H8055**

Withdrawn:

Oberstar amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to make technical and conforming changes; **Pages H8041–42**

Markey amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record) was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to reimburse port authorities, facility operators, and State and local agencies that are required under Federal law to provide security services or funds to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans; and **Pages H8052–53**

Markey amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record) was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide that when the Coast Guard writes its Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans, it will now be required to list facilities located within the Area that could substitute safer chemicals or processes in order to reduce the consequences of a toxic release caused by a future hurricane or other natural disaster or terrorist attack. It would also require the Coast Guard to recommend special efforts or procedures for proposed new facilities that might be built near densely populated areas or in other sensitive areas that might have important economic or national security significance. **Pages H8053–55**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8057**

H. Res. 440, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H7963–65**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, September 19, and when the House adjourns on

Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 21.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 445, electing the following Members and Delegates to the following standing committees: **Pages H8060–61**

Committee on Agriculture: Mrs. Schmidt to rank after Mr. Fortenberry.

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Committee on Government Reform: Mrs. Schmidt to rank after Ms. Foxx.

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Committee on Homeland Security: Mr. King of New York, Chairman; Ms. Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida to rank after Mr. Dent.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mrs. Schmidt to rank after Mr. Boustany.

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Sense of Congress Welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on September 20, 2005: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 237, expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on September 20.

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Agreed to the Chabot amendment to the preamble of the measure.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 20, 2005.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress the report containing the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–56).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H7961 and H8031.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and 2 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8013, H8014, H8055, H8056 and H8056–57. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Canada and Australia's experience with imple-

menting national animal identification systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations authorized the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum to the Jockeys' Guild and to Matrix Capital Associates, Inc.

KATRINA/EMERGENCY HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Emergency Housing Needs in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 59, Recognizing the contributions of African-American basketball teams and players for their achievements, dedication, and contributions to the sport of basketball and to the Nation; H. Con. Res. 209, Supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families; H.J. Res. 61, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H.R. 2062, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West Street in Newville, Pennsylvania, as the "Randall D. Shughart Post Office Building;" H.R. 2413, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building;" H.R. 3439, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office;" H.R. 3440, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodreguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the "Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building;" H.R. 3667, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street In Los Angeles, California, as the "Karl Malden Station;" H.R. 3703, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building;" S. 1275, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building;" S. 1223, Information Technology for Health Care Quality Act; a Committee Report entitled "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records;" H.R. 3508, amended, 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; H.R. 3128, Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act; H.R. 3767, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Jacob L.