

Secretary, Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, and Robert Lynch, Director, Veterans Inte-

grated Service Network 16, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4291–4309; 1 private bill, H.R. 4310; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295–296; and H. Res. 545–551 were introduced. **Pages H10156–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10157–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4146, to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Wilma by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions, credit unions, and Federal regulatory agencies (H. Rept. 109–282);

H. Con. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the Congress upholding the Makah Tribe treaty rights, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–283);

H.R. 323, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library” (H. Rept. 109–284);

H.R. 679, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah (H. Rept. 109–285);

H.R. 1096, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–286);

H.R. 1436, to remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona (H. Rept. 109–287);

H.R. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District (H. Rept. 109–288);

H.R. 1972, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–289);

H.R. 3443, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (H. Rept. 109–290); and

H. Res. 505, requesting the President of the United States and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the White House Iraq Group, adversely (H. Rept. 109–291).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m. **Page H10151**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H10151**

Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the request for yea and nay votes on H.R. 3665 and H.R. 1953, subsequently votes were taken by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated earlier in the Legislative week:

Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005: H.R. 3665, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member and to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans; **Page H10151**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member, to make certain improvements in veterans employment assistance programs, and for other purposes.”; and **Page H10151**

San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the “Granite Lady”. **Page H10151**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 14th, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15th, for Morning Hour Debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, November 16th. Page H10152

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WORKPLACE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 1445, Workplace Religious Freedom Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and McCarthy; and public witnesses.

RIGHT TO REPAIR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protections held a hearing entitled “Right to Repair: Industry Discussions and Legislative Options”, Testimony was heard from James Kohm, Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Marketing Practices, FTC; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States”. Testimony was heard from James H. Lambright, Chairman and Acting President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR NUCLEAR ATTACK

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on medical countermeasures for nuclear attack. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY—AROUND-THE-WORLD REVIEW

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on An Around-the-World Review of Public Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Karen P. Hughes, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND ALHURRA TELEVISION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Broadcasting Board of Governors and Alhurra Television. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman, Board of Broadcasting Governors; Mouafac Harb, News Director, Alhurra Television Network; and a public witness.

STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Tom Dolgenos, Chief, Federal Litigation Unit, District Attorney’s Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kent Cattani, Chief Counsel, Capital Litigation Section Attorney General’s Office, Phoenix, Arizona; and public witnesses.

HOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IMPACTS CONSTITUENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Bonilla, Pearce and Guitierrez.

Hearings continue November 15.

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NEPA LITIGATION

Committee on Resources: NEPA Task Force held a hearing on NEPA Litigation: The Causes, Effects and Solutions. Testimony was heard from former Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 413, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Act; H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers’ Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1307,