

Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals: H. Res. 936, amended, to honor the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, to celebrate the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and to recognize the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 133 and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Re-affirming the goals and ideals that formed the impetus for Albert Gallatin’s national plan for transportation improvements 200 years ago, and for other purposes.”.

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Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2733, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 134—clearing the measure for the President.

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Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 312, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 13th.

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H. Res. 1036, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 130, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 129.

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

Extending agricultural programs beyond March 15, 2008 and suspending permanent price support authorities beyond that date: S. 2745, to extend agricultural programs beyond March 15, 2008 and to suspend permanent price support authorities beyond that date—clearing the measure for the President;

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Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2007: H.R. 3361, amended, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006; and

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad: H. Res. 953, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad.

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

Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror: H. Res. 991, recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–101).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1541, H1543.

Senate Referrals: S. 2516 and S. 2745 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1542–43, H1544, H1545–46, H1552, H1553, H1559–60, H1560, H1560–61, H1573, H1574, and H1574–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA, and on the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals, and Detention Trustee. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michele Leonhart, Acting Administrator, DEA; Harley G. Lappin, Director, Bureau of Prisons; Stacia A. Hylton, Federal Detention Trustee, Office of the Federal Detention Trustee; and John F. Clark, Director, U.S. Marshals Service.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Pete Geren, Secretary; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Dean G. Popp, Acting Secretary, Acquisition; LTG Ross Thompson, II, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on The Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Julia Gibbons, Chair, Budget Committee of the Judiciary Conference; and James C. Duff, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Investing in Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Status of the World Trade Center 9/11 Health Monitoring and Treatment Program. Testimony was heard from John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Office of Compliance, Congressional Budget Office, Open World Leadership Center and on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Tamara Chrisler, Executive Director, Office of Compliance; Peter Orszag, Direc-

tor, CBO; Ambassador John O'Keefe, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Capitol Visitors Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Bernard Ungar, CVC Project Executive; Terrie Rouse, CEO, Visitors Services; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Timothy Keating, USN, Commander, U.S., Pacific Command; and GEN B. B. Bell, USAF, Commander, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command and Commander, United States Forces Korea.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for International Affairs. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

PACIFIC COMMAND/U.S. FORCES; KOREAN BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Burwell B. Bell, III, USAF, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

MILITARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OUTLOOK

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Future of the Military Healthcare System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: S. Ward Cassells, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Gail R. Wilensky, Co-Chairman, Future of Military Health Care Task Force, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and a public witness.

ENERGY'S NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of Energy National Security Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: GEN Robert Smolen, USAF, (Ret.), Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs; Will Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation; and Glenn Podonsky, Director, Office of Health, Safety, and Security, all with the National Nuclear Security Administration; and James Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

COMBUSTIBLE DUST EXPLOSION AND FIRE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 5522, Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barrow and Kingston; Edwin Foulke, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Bill Wright, Interim Chair, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; and public witnesses.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINES SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "The Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006: Implementation Review and Discussion of Safety Reassessment Intervals for Natural Gas Pipelines." Testimony was heard from Carl T. Johnson, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Failure: Must America Live with Unsafe Food?" Testimony was heard from Stephen F. Sundlof, D.V.M., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard A. Raymond, M.D., Under Secretary, Food Safety, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MUNICIPAL BOND TURMOIL

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Municipal Bond Turmoil: Impact on Cities, Towns, and States." Testimony was heard from Erik R. Sirri, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, SEC; Eric R. Dinallo, Superintendent of Insurance, Department of Insurance, New York; Richard

Blumenthal, Attorney General, Connecticut; Bill Lockyer, Treasurer, California; Robin L. Wiessmann, Treasurer, Pennsylvania; Tate Reeves, Treasurer, Mississippi; and public witnesses.

BALKANS AND NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the Balkans after the Independence of Kosova and on the Eve of NATO Enlargement. Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

ISRAEL'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM GAZA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on 853 Days: From Gaza Disengagement to De Facto Power? Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Partnerships in Securing Critical Infrastructure." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance Commission: Curtis Crider, Inspector General; Rosemary Rodriguez, Chairwoman; Caroline Hunter, Vice Chair; Gracia Hillman and Donetta Davidson, both Commissioners.

IMMIGRATION MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 5571, To extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; H.R. 5569, To extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program; H.R. 5570, amended, Religious Worker Visa Extension Act of 2008; and H.R. 5060, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow athletes admitted as nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15)(P) of such Act to renew their period of authorized admission in 5-year increments.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2016, amended, National

Landscape Conservation System Act; H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 2342, amended, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 1187, amended, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 3352, amended, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; H.R. 2515, amended, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2675, amended, HALE Scouts Act; and H.R. 3651, amended, Utah National Guard Readiness Act.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Priorities and Accountability at ONDCP. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3773—FISA AMENDMENTS ACT of 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3773, the “FISA Amendments Act of 2008.” The rule provides that it is in order for the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to make a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3773 with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the rule.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. It further provides that the motion shall be debatable for one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes and Representatives Smith of Texas and Hoekstra.

TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Competitiveness and Innovation on the Committee’s 50th Anniversary. Testimony was heard from William H. Gates, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation.

VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing on the Oversight of the Entrepreneurial Development Programs Implemented by the Small Business Administration and National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from Anoop Prakash, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NUCLEAR POWER IN WARMING WORLD

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Power in a Warming World: Solution or Illusion?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D273)

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007. Signed on March 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–195)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR–253.