

SBIR Advisory Board. It adds small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans to the groups to be targeted by the board to make applications for SBIR grants (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes with none voting “no,” Roll No. 214); and

**Pages H2620–21, H2624–25**

Foster amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 110–603) that requires SBIR awardees to be owned and controlled by at least one individual, or a business concern owned and controlled by individuals, who are citizens of, or permanent resident aliens in, the United States. Any applicant found knowingly hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, an unauthorized alien shall not be eligible for the receipt of future awards (by a recorded vote of 406 ayes with none voting “no” and 3 voting “present,” Roll No. 215).

**Pages H2622–23, H2625**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1125, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 212, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 211.

**Pages H2577–86, H2597–98**

**Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 219, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 218.

**Pages H2586–93, H2594–95, H2628–29**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2595.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2593, H2596, H2596–97, H2597–98, H2598, H2623–24, H2624–25, H2625, H2627–28, H2628, H2628–29, and H2829. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NSA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on the National Security Agency. Testimony was heard from Keith B. Alexander, Director, NSA.

## SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM CHALLENGES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Status of Project-Based Section 8 Program. Testimony was heard from Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

## RESERVES’ DENTAL SERVICES READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on challenges associated with achieving full dental readiness in the reserve component. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL Gary Martin, DDS, USAF, Chief, Dental Care Branch TRICARE Management Activity; COL Mark Bodenheim, DDS, USA, Chief, Reserve Component Mobilization and Demobilization Operations, U.S. Army Dental Command; CPT Kerry Krause, DDS, USN, Reserve Affairs Officer, U.S. Navy Dental Corps; COL Deborah L. Hart, DDS, USAF, Mobilization Assistant to the Air Force Assistant Surgeon General, Dental Services, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and COL David B. Sproat, M.D., USA, Chief Surgeon, Army National Guard.

## IMPROVING WORKPLACE SAFETY

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Improving Workplace Safety: Strengthening OSHA Enforcement of Multi-Site Employers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## HEALTH MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1343, amended, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007; H.R. 5669, Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008; H.R. 1553, amended, Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007; and H.R. 3112, amended, Prenatally Diagnosed Condition Awareness Act of 2007.

## NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION ACT; EMERGENCY MORTGAGE LOAN MODIFICATION ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and H.R. 5579, Emergency Mortgage Loan Modification Act of 2008.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

#### FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REFORM

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform in the Next Administration: Challenges and Solutions. Testimony was heard from former Representative Jim T. Kolbe of Arizona; and public witnesses.

#### U.S.-SOUTH KOREA STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on A New Beginning for the U.S.-South Korea Strategic Alliance. Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Arvizu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

#### NATO OUTLOOK

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Bucharest Summit and the Way Forward for NATO. Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Daniel P. Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Policy, Department of Defense.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Improving the Functionality, Governance, and Accountability of the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Paul A. Schneider, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

#### OVERSIGHT—FBI

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on the FBI. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

#### ALASKA PENINSULA REFUGE/KING COVE SAFE ACCESS ACT

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act; H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2649, To make amendments to the Reclamation Project Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; and H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act.

#### DOMESTIC ABSTINENCE-ONLY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Domestic Abstinence-Only Programs: Assessing the Evidence. Testimony was heard from Senator Brownback, Representative Capps, Charles Keckler, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia Crosse, Director, Healthcare, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRESERVATION ACT

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on H.R. 5811, Electronic Communications Preservation Act. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Gary Stern, General Counsel; and Paul Wester, Jr., Director, Modern Records Program; and a public witness.

#### NUCLEAR POWER—OPPORTUNITIES/CHALLENGES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on Opportunities and Challenges for Nuclear Power. Testimony was heard from John Grossenbacher, Director, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### SBA'S WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled "Minority and Hispanic Participation in the Federal Workforce and the Impact on the Small Business Community." Testimony was heard from Daryl Hairston, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Management and Administration, SBA; Nancy Kachik, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; George Stalcup, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board and Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

## RAIL CAPACITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Rail Capacity. Testimony was heard from Alexander Kummant, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

## VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 5684, amended, Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 4884, amended, Helping Our Veterans to Keep Their Homes Act of 2008; H.R. 4883, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a limitation on the sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property owned by a servicemember during the one-year period following the servicemember's period of military service; H.R. 4889, amended, The Guard and Reserved Are Fighting Too Act of 2008; H.R. 3681, Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007; H.R. 3889, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; and H.R. 5664, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2790, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 5729, Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; H.R. 5554, amended, Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; and H.R. 5856, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008.

## CLEARING—DISABILITY BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, SSA; Sylvester J. Schieber, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

## FY 2009 BUDGET—HUMAN CAPITAL

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Human Capital. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D459)

S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls. Signed on April 23, 2008. (Public Law 110–202)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on sensitive intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. credit markets, focusing on the U.S. regulatory framework for assessing sovereign investments, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership, S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if