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GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine responding to the global food crisis, after receiving testimony from Henrietta H. Fore, Director, United States Foreign Assistance and Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Edward P. Lazear, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Josette Sheeran, United Nations World Food Programme, Rome, Italy; and Peter McPherson, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, former Administrator of USAID, and James R. Lyons, Oxfam America, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Archives, focusing on protecting the history of the United States for future generations, after receiving testimony from Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, and Paul Brachfeld, Inspector General, both of the National Archives and Records Administration; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues,

Government Accountability Office; Patrice McDermott, OpenTheGovernment.org, Thomas Blanton, George Washington University National Security Archive, and Martin J. Sherwin, George Mason University, on behalf of the National Coalition for History, all of Washington, D.C.; and James S. Henderson, Society of American Archivists, Portland, Maine.

FOOD ALLERGIES IN CHILDREN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing addressing the challenge of children with food allergies, after receiving testimony from Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Hugh A. Sampson, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Jaffe Food Allergy Institute, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; Donna Kosiorowski, West Haven School District, Shelton, Connecticut, on behalf of the National Association of School Nurses; Colene Birchfield, Ooltewah, Tennessee; and Teresa Walters, Aurora, Colorado.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of Alzheimer's disease, focusing on current medical breakthroughs and challenges, after receiving testimony from former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, both of the Alzheimer's Study Group, Washington, D.C.; Rudolph E. Tanzi, Massachusetts General Hospital Genetics and Aging Research Unit, Hull; Chuck Jackson, Albany, Oregon; and Suzanne Carbone, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6047–6061; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84–85; H. Con. Res. 349–350; and H. Res. 1194–1196, 1198–1200 were introduced. **Page H3884**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3885–86**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1197, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–636). **Page H3884**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Hank Wilkins, IV, St. James United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. **Page H3779**

Calendar Wednesday: On a call of committees pursuant to the Calendar Wednesday rule, no bills were called up for consideration. **Page H3779**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 13th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month: H. Res. 1134, to support the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 312; **Pages H3799–H3800**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day: H. Res. 1176, to support the goals and ideals of National Train Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 313; **Page H3800**

Congratulating Winona State University on winning the 2008 Division II men’s basketball championships: H. Res. 1133, amended, to congratulate Winona State University on winning the 2008 Division II men’s basketball championships, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 316; **Page H3823**

Recognizing AmeriCorps Week: H. Res. 1173, to recognize AmeriCorps Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 344 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 319; and **Pages H3846–47**

Honoring public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children: H. Res. 789, amended, to honor public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities providing services for foster children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 322. **Page H3857**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1196, electing the following Member to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Natural Resources: Representative Scalise and Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Representative Scalise. **Page H3801**

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a recorded vote of 318 ayes to 106 noes, Roll No. 315. **Pages H3784–99, H3801–22**

Rejected the Cantor motion to recommit the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419 to the committee on conference with instructions, by a yeand-nay vote of 193 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 314. **Pages H3821–22**

H. Res. 1189, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 228 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 311, after agreeing to order the previous question by a

yeand-nay vote of 232 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 310. **Pages H3784–99**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1189 and it was agreed by voice vote to proceed with consideration of the resolution. **Pages H3784–86**

Subsequently, a second point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1189 and it was agreed by a yeand-nay vote of 228 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 309, to proceed with consideration of the resolution. **Pages H3786–89**

Amending Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H.R. 6051, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008. **Pages H3823–24**

Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Deborah M. Spriggs, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for her under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of her temporary absence or disability. This designation shall remain in effect for the 110th Congress or until modified by the Clerk. **Page H3824**

Budget resolution for FY2009: The House passed H. Res. 1190, providing for the adoption of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, by a yeand-nay vote of 214 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 318, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 225 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 317. **Pages H3824–46, H3847–54**

Pursuant to H. Res. 1190, S. Con. Res. 70 was taken from the Speaker’s Table; the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 312, as agreed to in the House, was considered as agreed to; and S. Con. Res. 70, as amended, was agreed to; and the House insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the Senate. Pursuant to H. Res. 1190, H. Con. Res. 312 was laid on the table. **Pages H3824–28**

Rejected the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees on the resolution by a yeand-nay vote of 185 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 321. **Pages H3856–57**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Spratt, DeLauro, Edwards, Ryan (WI), and Barrett (SC). **Page H3857**

Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H3854–56**

Agreed to the Whitfield (KY) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 320. **Pages H3854–56**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Dingell, Waxman, Rush, DeGette, Schakowsky, Barton (TX), Whitfield (KY), and Stearns. **Page H3856**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week H. Con. Res. 331, to support the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week. **Pages H3858–59**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3782.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3788–89, H3798, H3799, H3799–H3800, H3800, H3821–22, H3822, H3823, H3827, H3828, H3846–47, H3855–56, H3856–57, H3857. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2744, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act of 2008; and H.R. 5876, Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.

FDA MEDICAL DEVICE AND COSMETIC SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Discussion Draft of the 'Food and Drug Administration Globalization Act' Legislation: Device and Cosmetic Safety Provisions." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Stephen Sundlof, D.V.M., Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and Lillian Gill, Senior Associate Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Contributing Factors and International Responses to the Global Food Crisis." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEAD-SAFE HOUSING FOR KIDS ACT; HOMES FOR HEROES ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3397, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2007; and H.R. 3329, Homes for Heroes Act of 2007.

U.S.-CENTRAL AMERICA ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6028, Merida Partnership to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Violence Authorization Act of 2008.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following resolutions be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 1194, Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora; and H. Res. 1195, Expressing the condolences and sympathy to the people of the People's Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the massive earthquake centered in Sichuan Province

VISIT WAIVER PROGRAM EXPANSION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Improving America's Security, Strengthening Transatlantic Relations: An Update on the Expansion of the Visa Waiver Program. Testimony was heard from Richard Barth, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.