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#### U.S.-PAKISTAN STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine addressing the United States-Pakistan strategic relationship, focusing on the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Don Camp, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; K. Alan Kronstadt, Specialist, South Asian Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lisa Curtis, Heritage Foundation Asian

Studies Center, and Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Krepon, University of Virginia Henry L. Stimson Center, Charlottesville.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 3480, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans;

S. Res. 576, designating August 2008 as “Digital Television Transition Awareness Month”; and

The nominations of Helene N. White, of Michigan, and Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Stephen Joseph Murphy III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 6249–6273; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 372; and H. Res. 1269–1274 were introduced. **Pages H5406–07**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5408–09**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1333, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Air Force to use Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–691, Pt. 2) and

H.R. 5912, to amend title 39, United States Code, to make cigarettes and certain other tobacco products nonmailable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–711). **Page H5406**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5331**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, June 11th:

*Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008:* H.R. 1553, amended, to amend the

Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 409; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer.” **Page H5345**

*Authorizing the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects:* S. 2146, amended, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 413.

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**Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 5749, to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 412.

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Rejected the Weller (IL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 170 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 411.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–710 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised by Representative Weller (IL) by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 410.

**Pages H5347–59**

H. Res. 1265, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 408, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 407.

**Pages H5343–44**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 18th.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17th for morning hour debate.

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**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008:** The House began consideration of H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Pages H5342–43, H5365–93**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

**Pages H5372–79**

Accepted:

Gordon (TN) manager's amendment (No 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that includes a provision related to coordination with the FAA on sonic boom research; replaces Secs. 305 and 306 with equivalent language from Secs. 903 and 905 respectively of the House-passed FAA Reauthorization, H.R. 2881;

adds suborbital reusable launch vehicles to the list of suborbital science research platforms; includes a sense of Congress on the value of NASA's EarthKam and robotics competitions for inspiring students; includes sense of Congress language urging NASA to use entrepreneurial companies to conduct appropriate R&D and seek ways to ensure that firms that rely on fixed price proposals aren't disadvantaged; and includes NASA workforce-related provisions, including an extension of the RIF moratorium, a limit on the use of term positions in FY 2009, and a temporary continuation of coverage of health benefits;

**Pages H5379–81**

Feeney amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. should seek to obtain cooperation from other nations in discovering and monitoring near-Earth asteroids;

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Wu amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that encourages the United States to lead confidence building measures that advance the long-term initiative for international cooperation;

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Wu amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that expresses the sense of Congress that NASA should not dilute, distort, suppress, or impede scientific research or the dissemination thereof;

**Pages H5382–83**

Arcuri amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that requires the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to examine the feasibility of contracting non-federal actors to disseminate images and multi-media records delivered from space to the public as part of NASA's participatory exploration technology plan. Additionally, the amendment requires NASA to employ a transparent bidding process to award any such contracts, pursuant to U.S. law;

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Wu amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that requires CBO to update their report from 2004 on the budgetary analysis of the NASA's Vision for the Nation's Space Exploration Program. This report is to be completed in 6 months;

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Harman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that expresses the sense of Congress that NASA should work with other government agencies and the aerospace industry to develop and implement policies to sustain and expand the aerospace industry workforce;

**Pages H5387–89**

Gordon (TN) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that directs NASA to prioritize any existing cooperatives with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that are related to the study of tornadoes and tornado force winds with the goal of determining the nation's ability to

predict tornado events; and also requires NASA to examine if there are other areas where NASA can work with NOAA in the area of tornado research;

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Yarmuth amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that requires NASA to respond to recommendations in recent reports of the Government Accountability Office and the National Academy of Sciences to ensure the public has access to correct and timely research and data on global warming; and

**Pages H5390–91**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that clarifies that the NASA Outreach and Technology Assistance Program will include small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses; also gives preference, in selection for the program, to socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and HUBZone small business concerns.

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H5391–93**

#### Proceedings Postponed:

Lampson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that seeks to exempt NASA from Section 526(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 if the contract does not specifically require the contractor to provide an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional source, the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source, and the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source and

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H5383–86**

Hodes amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that seeks to establish a scholarship program in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord, New Hampshire who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. The scholarship would go to women pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, and engineering.

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H. Res. 1257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 406, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 405.

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H5342–43**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5342, H5343, H5343–44, H5344, H5345, H5347–48, H5360–61, H5361, H5362. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

### CHEMICAL FACILITY SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5533, Chemical Facilities Act of 2008; and HR. 5577, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Robert B. Stephan, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### SUBPOENAS—FOOD SAFETY RECORDS; FDA'S FOOD PROTECTION PLAN

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and approved the issuance of subpoenas for records in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing investigation regarding the safety of the Nation's food supply.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "American Lives Still at Risk: When Will FDA's Food Protection Plan Be Fully Funded and Implemented?" Testimony was heard from Lisa Shames, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; David W. K. Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### RUSSIA, IRAN AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on Russia, Iran, and Nuclear Weapons: Implications of the Proposed U.S.-Russia Agreement. Testimony was heard from Representative Markey; John C. Rood, Acting Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State; Robert J.