

for wildfire (by a recorded vote of 422 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 159); and

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Kirkpatrick (AZ) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that amends the definition of “fire-ready community” in the bill to provide that a community satisfies the definition if it is located within a priority area identified by the fire risk maps required by the bill, and meets two of the other four criteria listed in the bill for “fire-ready communities” (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 160).

Pages H4038, H4042–43

Rejected:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–52) that sought to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with a State Forester to prepare and implement “good neighbor” projects on National Forest System land to complement any similar project being performed on bordering or adjacent non-Federal land. Would have provided that the decision to proceed with a good neighbor project is in the Secretary’s sole discretion. Defined good neighbor projects to include certain fuels reduction projects (by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 161).

Pages H4038–40, H4043

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. 281, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 25th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30th for morning hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4040–41, H4041, H4042, H4042–43, H4043 and H4044. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF OBESITY IN THE U.S.

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the state of obesity in the United States. Testimony was heard from William Dietz, M.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TOBACCO PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review tobacco production in the United States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA. Testimony was heard from Michelle M. Leonhart, Acting Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on S&T Research and Transitioning Products Into Use. Testimony was heard from Bradley Buswell, Acting Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued hearings on Native-American and Alaska Natives Issues. 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 NIH: Budget Overview, Implementation of ARRA and Status of the National Children’s Study. Testimony was heard from Raynard Kington, M.D., Acting Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

STATE, AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, and Foreign Operations, and Related Programs continue appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATUS OF THE FUTURE COMBAT SYSTEMS PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on status of the future combat systems program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; William R. Graveline, Assistant Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; Marcus Ferguson, Senior Analyst.

FUTURE CAPABILITIES OF U.S. MARITIME FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on requirements for the future capabilities of the United States maritime forces. Testimony was heard from Ron O'Rourke, Senior Naval Analyst, CRS, Library of Congress; RADM. William Houley, USN (Ret.); and a public witness.

FUTURE ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on future roles and missions of the Missile Defense Agency. Testimony was heard from David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense; John Pendleton, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; and a public witness.

ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT IMPACT ON THE ARTS AND MUSIC INDUSTRY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on the economic and employment impact of the Arts and music industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Slaughter and Bishop of Utah; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on Oversight of the Digital Television Transition. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Copps, Acting Chairman, FCC; Anna Gomez, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EXPERIMENTAL HUMAN TESTING FOR PROFIT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Institutional Review Boards that Oversee Experimental Human Testing for Profit. Testimony was heard

from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jerry Menikoff, Director, Office for Human Research Protections; and Joanne Less, Director, Good Clinical Practice Programs, FDA; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1664, as amended, To amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards; and H. Res. 251. Directing the Secretary of the Treasury to transmit to the House of Representatives all information his possession relating to specific communications with American International Group, Inc. (AIG).

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "Addressing the Need for Comprehensive Regulatory Reform." Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

CONSOLIDATING DHS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Consolidating DHS: An Update on the St. Elizabeth Project." Testimony was heard from Donald Bathurst, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and William Guerin, Assistant Commissioner for Construction Programs, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

2008 ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on the 2008 Election: A look back on what went right and wrong. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission: Gineen Beach, Chairwoman; and Gracia Hillman, Vice-Chairwoman; Eric Eversole, former Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN CRIMINAL CASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Representation of Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases: A Constitutional Crisis in Michigan and Other States? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSESSING STRATEGIC RESOURCES IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Troops, Diplomats, and Aid: Assessing Strategic Resources for Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from LTG. David W. Barno, USA (Ret.) former Commander, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan; Ambassador James Dobbins, former Special Envoy for Afghanistan; David Kilcullen, former Special Advisor for Counterinsurgency to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; and a public witness.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported through the legislative day of March 30, 2009, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon.

AVIATION AND THE EMERGING USE OF BIOFUELS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Aviation and the Emerging Use of Biofuels. Testimony was heard from Jaiwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

EXPANDING EQUITY INVESTMENT IN SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Expanding Equity Investment in Small Business." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOT'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Clyburn; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joel Szabat, Acting Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy; and Robert C. Ashby, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Regulation and Enforcement; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Climate Change Legislation. Legislative. Testimony was heard from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

USDI UPDATE BRIEFING; AFGHANISTAN ROLL BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on USDI Update. The Committee was briefed by James Clapper, Under Secretary, Intelligence, Department of Defense.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Roll-Out. The Committee was briefed by Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Sima Samar, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Kabul, Afghanistan; and Scott Worden, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 30 through April 4, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2010.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 31, to hold hearings to examine Federal school meal programs, focusing on nutrition for kids in schools, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.