

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2509–2536; 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 129–132; and H. Res. 460–462, 465–468 were introduced. **Pages H5890–92**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5892–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems (H. Rept. 111–124);

H. Res. 463, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 454) to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems (H. Rept. 111–125); and

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 915) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system (H. Rept. 111–126).

Pages H5795–H5805

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5795**

Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan. **Pages H5808–15, H5822, H5823–42**

On a division of the question, the House concurred in all but section 512 of the Senate amendment by a recorded vote of 361 ayes to 64 noes, Roll No. 276. **Page H5840**

On a division of the question, the House concurred in section 512 of the Senate amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 277. **Pages H5841–42**

H. Res. 456, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 273, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Page H5822**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 18th:

Recognizing May 25, 2009, as National Missing Children's Day: H. Res. 297, to recognize May 25, 2009, as National Missing Children's Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 278 and **Pages H5841–42**

Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being: H. Res. 374, to recognize the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being. **Page H5860**

Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2352, to amend the Small Business Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 281.

Pages H5815–21, H5842–63

Agreed to the Capito motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 385 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 280. Subsequently, Representative Velázquez reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H5861–62**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H5847**

Agreed to:

Velázquez manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that makes conforming grammatical and technical corrections to the legislation; **Pages H5852–53**

Markey (CO) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that includes cost saving energy usage reductions as an eligible project under section 403(b) management assistance; **Pages H5853–54**

Paulsen amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that requires a study by the Comptroller General to look at the effects of the legislation's efforts for veteran owned businesses. The Comptroller must also include recommendations as to how the Federal government can more effectively serve veteran owned businesses; **Pages H5854–5855**

Bocchieri amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that allows veterans centers to receive grants to develop specialized programs to assist unemployed veterans in becoming entrepreneurs and

adds training for veterans centers to improve outreach to veterans in areas of high unemployment at the Veterans Development Summit; **Page H5855**

Himes amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that requires the Small Business Administrator to establish and carry out a “Microenterprise Training Center Program” for the purpose of providing low-income and unemployed individuals with training and counseling with respect to starting a microenterprise; **Pages H5855–56**

Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that increases the grant sizes for “initial grants” and “growth funding grants” for each veterans business center by \$50,000 per year per center to \$200,000 and \$150,000 respectively. In addition, the amendment increases the authorized appropriations to carry out this subsection by \$2,000,000 each per year to \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2011; **Pages H5857–58**

Nye amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that adds a new title (Military Entrepreneurs Program) to require the Small Business Administration to establish and carry out a program to provide business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance to members of the Armed Forces to facilitate the development of small business concerns. The amendment establishes a liaison to facilitate outreach to members of the Armed Forces with respect to business counseling and entrepreneurial development assistance; **Pages H5858–59**

Schauer amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that creates a new section and authorizes funding for small business development centers to assist small manufacturers that are transitioning into growth sectors; and **Page H5859**

Kratovil amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–121) that establishes a Rural Entrepreneurship Advisory Council within the Small Business Administration, comprised of appropriate officials from the SBA, the rural development programs of the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce and of representatives from the academic, small business, agriculture, and high-tech communities. The council is tasked with providing a report to Congress on rural entrepreneurship, and to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to foster rural entrepreneurs (by a recorded vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 279). **Pages H5856–57, H5860–61**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5863**

H. Res. 457, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 275, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 175 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 274. **Pages H5822–23**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:17 p.m. **Page H5860**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–42). **Page H5865**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5795, H5871.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5822, H5822–23, H5823, H5840, H5841, H5841–42, H5860–61, H5861–62 and H5862–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Gates, Secretary; ADM Michael Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert Hale, Comptroller.

FINANCIAL SERVICES GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies held a hearing on OMB. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, OMB.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of Defense.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and on Office of Global AIDS Coordinator. Testimony was heard from Alonzo Fullgham, Acting Administrator,