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NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, after receiving testimony from Representatives Velázquez and Serrano; Peter N. Kirsanow, Commissioner, United States Commission on Civil Rights; Louis J. Freeh, former Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dustin McDaniel, Arkansas Attorney General, Little Rock; Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Robert M. Morgenthau, New York County District Attorney, Theodore M. Shaw, Columbia Law School, and Patricia M. Hynes, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, all of New York, New York; Kim J. Askew and Mary M. Boies, both of the American Bar Association, Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Chuck Canterbury, National Fraternal Order of Police, Charmaine Yoest, Americans United for Life, Ramona E. Romero, Hispanic

National Bar Association, Nicholas Quinn Rosenkranz, Georgetown University Law Center, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker and Hostetler LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Frank Ricci and Ben Vargas, both of the New Haven Fire Department, and Kate Stith, Yale Law School, all of New Haven, Connecticut; Linda Chavez, Center for Equal Opportunity, Falls Church, Virginia; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Golden, Colorado, on behalf of the CATO Institute; Ilya Somin and Neomi Rao, both of George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; Tim Jefferies, P7 Enterprises, Scottsdale, Arizona; John O. McGinnis, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; JoAnne A. Epps, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Women Lawyers; David B. Cone, Stamford, Connecticut; Sandra S. Froman, Tucson, Arizona; and Stephen P. Halbrook, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3230–3245; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 651–652, 654–656 were introduced.

Pages H8301–02

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8302–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1196, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 111–210);

H.R. 1604, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–211); and

H. Res. 653, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1018) to amend the Wild Free-Roam-

ing Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros (H. Rept. 111–212). **Page H8301**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Elizabeth Hanley, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Cameron, Texas. **Page H8187**

Oath of Office—Thirty-Second Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Judy Chu presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Ms. Cathy Mitchell, Chief of Elections Division, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 14, 2009, the Honorable Judy Chu was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Second Congressional District, State of California. **Page H8200**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Chu, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H8200**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Walden announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H8201**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 14th:

Providing for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909: H.R. 1442, amended, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 548; **Pages H8199–H8200**

Authorizing the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California: H.R. 129, amended, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 549; **Page H8201**

Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009: H.R. 2188, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 550; **Pages H8201–02**

Providing for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway: H.R. 409, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 551; **Pages H8202–03**

Expressing support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month": H. Res. 543, to express support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 9 nays with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 554; and **Pages H8204–05**

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month": H. Res. 476, amended, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 572. **Page H8269**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Celebrating the goals and ideals of Black Music Month'." **Page H8269**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 651, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on Education and Labor: Representative Chu. **Page H8216**

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3170, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 571. **Pages H8191–99, H8203–04, H8205–69**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Tiahrt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 570. **Pages H8266–68**

Agreed to:

Serrano manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that (1) increases FY 2010 funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission by \$4,875,000 to the auth level of \$118,200,000 and FY2010 funding under GSA Federal Buildings Fund will be reduced by the same amount; (2) transfers \$250,000 from the GSA's Federal Building Fund operations account to the National Credit Union Administration's Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; and (3) prohibits the use of funds for first-class travel for employees of agencies funded by the bill, in contravention of Federal regulations and **Page H8233**

Paulsen amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that increases the appropriation for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) of the Treasury Department by \$15 million and offsets from the GSA Rent Account by the same amount. **Pages H8233–34**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to strike funding for the President's Council of Economic Advisers (\$4.2 million) (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 279 noes, Roll No. 555); **Pages H8234–35, H8255–56**

Emerson amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to reduce funding for the

Help America Vote Act by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 556);

Pages H8235–37, H8256–57

Blackburn amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by the Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 5 percent (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 557);

Pages H8237–38, H8257

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit funding made available in this bill from paying the salaries of specific positions in the Council on Environmental Quality (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 558);

Pages H8238–39, H8257–58

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the small business incubator project of the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 559);

Pages H8239–41, H8258–59

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$200,000 from being used for the Commercial Driver Training Institute project of Arkansas State University in Newport, Arkansas, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 314 noes, Roll No. 560);

Pages H8241–42, H8259

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$285,000 from being used for the Proof of Concept Center of Idaho TechConnect, Inc., in Nampa, Idaho, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 561);

Pages H8242–43, H8259–60

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$200,000 from being used for the Greenstone Group project of the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund in Virginia, Minnesota, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 93 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 562);

Pages H8243–44, H8260–61

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$150,000 from being used for the Green Business Incubator Project of Montgomery County, Maryland, and reduce the amount of Section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 563);

Pages H8244–47, H8261

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from

being used for the Activity Based Total Accountability project of the Florida Institute of Technology, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 326 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 564);

Pages H8247–49, H8261–62

Flake amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$90,000 from being used for the Commercial Kitchen Business Incubator project of the El Pajaro Community Development Corporation in Watsonville, California, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 565);

Pages H8249–50, H8262–63

Flake amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$125,000 from being used for the Defense Procurement Assistance Program of the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 566);

Pages H8250–51, H8263

Flake amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the Myrtle Beach International Trade and Conference Center of the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 567);

Pages H8251–53, H8263–64

Flake amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$100,000 from being used for the Tech Belt Life Sciences Greenhouse project of the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 325 noes, Roll No. 568); and

Pages H8253–54, H8264–65

Flake amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 111–208) that sought to prohibit \$900,000 from being used for an infrastructure expansion project to promote small business of the City of Loma Linda and the City of Grand Terrace, California, and reduce the amount of section 511 of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 569).

Pages H8254–55, H8265

H. Res. 644, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 553, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 552.

Pages H8191, H8198–99, H8203–04

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 644 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–58). **Pages H8274–75**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8187.

Senate Referrals: S. 509 was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs. **Pages H8187, H8300**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and 16 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8199–H8200, H8201, H8202, H8202–03, H8203, H8204, H8205, H8255–56, H8256–57, H8257, H8258, H8258–59, H8259, H8260, H8260–61, H8261, H8262, H8262–63, H8263, H8264, H8264–65, H8265, H8267–68, H8268 and H8269. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review current issues in food safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jerold Mande, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Cindy Smith, Acting Administrator, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Mike Taylor, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FY 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

PROSECUTING LAW OF WAR VIOLATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Prosecuting Law of War Violations: Reforming the Military Commissions Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Bruce E. MacDonald, USN, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy; LTG Jack L. Rives, USAF, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force; LTG Scott C. Black, USA, The Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army; and BG James C. Walker,

USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

MANAGING SERVICES CONTRACTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Managing Services Contracts: What Works and What Doesn't? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Wendy Masiello, USAF, Air Force Program Executive Officer, Combat and Mission Support, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command, U.S. Army Materiel Command, U.S. Army; and Jerome F. Punderson, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Navy.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held an oversight hearing for the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch Systems (EMALS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Navy: VADM David Architzel, USN, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition; CAPT. Brian Antonio, FORD Class Program Manager; and CAPT Randy Mahr, EMALS Program Manager (PMA 251).

NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting for Nuclear Waste Management. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Kouts, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and Kim P. Cawley, Unit Chief, Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit, CBO.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Continued markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009.

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