

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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FINANCIAL REGULATIONS CONSUMER ADVOCATES' PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Community and Consumer Advocates' Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE'S CONSUMER PROTECTION ROLE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Safeguarding Consumer Protection and the Role of the Federal Reserve." Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Duke, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

CHINESE INTERROGATION VS. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT—UIGHURS AT GUANTANAMO

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Chinese Interrogation vs. Congressional Oversight: The Uighurs at Guantanamo. Testimony was heard from Allan Liotta, Principal Director, Detainee Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMBATING BORDER VIOLENCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "Combating Border Violence: The Role of Interagency Coordination in Investigations." Testimony was heard from Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration; and Bill McMahon, Deputy Assistant Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

BANK OF AMERICA AND MERRILL LYNCH—PRIVATE DEAL TO FEDERAL BAILOUT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, continued joint hearings entitled "Bank of America and Merrill Lynch: How Did a Private Deal Turn Into a Federal Bailout? Part III." Testimony was heard from Henry Paulson, former Secretary of the Treasury.

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1018, the Restore Our American Mustangs Act. The

rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Rep. Rahall or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule also makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the report, if offered by Representative Hastings of Washington or his designee, which shall be separately debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representative Hastings of Washington.

FAA AVIATION WEATHER SERVICES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Providing Aviation Weather Services to the FAA. Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Jack Hayes, Assistant Administrator, National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Richard Day, Senior Vice President, Operations, FAA, Department of Transportation.

SPACE RELEVANCE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Enhancing the Relevance of Space to Address National Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHWAY BILL—SMALL BUSINESS NEEDS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Upcoming Highway Bill and Ensuring It Meets the Needs of Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GREEN BUILDINGS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Green Buildings Offer Multiple Benefits: Cost Savings, Clean Environment and Jobs. Testimony was heard from Kevin Kampschroer, Acting Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, GSA; Drury Crawley, Lead Mechanical Engineer, Office of Building Technologies, Department of Energy; Ray Uhalde, Senior Advisor, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

LONG-TERM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on The Importance of a Long-Term Surface Transportation Authorization in Sustaining Economic Recovery. Testimony was heard from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

WOMEN VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and the Subcommittee on Memorial Affairs and Health held a joint hearing on Eliminating the Gaps: Examining Women Veterans' Issues. Testimony was heard from Randall V. Williamson, Director, Health Care, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service; and Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief, Public Health and Environmental Hazards Office, both with the Veterans Health Administration; and Irene Trowell-Harris, RN, Director, Center of Women Veterans; and public witnesses.

VA STATE APPROVING AGENCIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on State Approving Agencies. Testimony was heard from Representative Timothy H. Bishop of New York; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

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

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Joint Meetings**REGIONAL IMPACT OF IRAN CRISIS**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the Iran crisis on its OSCE neighbors, after receiving testimony from David Kramer, former Assistant Secretary of State; Stephen Blank, United States Army War College, Department of Defense; and Jennifer Windsor, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 17, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the elements of a national manufacturing strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2010, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up H. Res. 591, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to certain specific communications with and financial assistance provided to General Motors Corporation and Chrysler LLC, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled "Industry Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.