

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10943–44.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### HOUSING FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine modernizing affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Murphy; Ann O'Hara, Technical Assistance Collaborative, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; Michelle Norris, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Columbus, Ohio; Toby Halliday, National Housing Trust, and Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Michael Jones, Brick, New Jersey.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled "Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2009".

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Financial Institutions:* Senators Johnson (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Tester, Kohl, Merkley, Bennet, Crapo, Bennett, Johanns, Hutchison, Bunning DeMint, and Gregg.

*Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development:* Senators Menendez (Chair), Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Akaka, Brown, Tester, Kohl, Warner, Merkley, Vitter, Hutchison, Crapo, Corker, DeMint, Johanns, and Gregg.

*Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment:* Senators Reed (Chair), Johnson, Schumer, Bayh, Menendez, Akaka, Brown, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Bunning, Gregg, Bennett, Crapo, Corker, Vitter, and Johanns.

*Subcommittee on Economic Policy:* Senators Brown (Chair), Tester, Merkley, Dodd, and DeMint.

*Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance:* Senators Bayh (Chair), Kohl, Warner, Bennet, Dodd, Corker, and Bennett.

### PERFORMANCE-INFORMED BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine performance-informed budgeting, fo-

cus on opportunities to reduce cost and improve service, after receiving testimony from Jeffery D. Zients, Chief Performance Officer and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Michael Barber, McKinsey and Company, London, United Kingdom; and Paul L. Posner, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, focusing on implementing leading management practices and addressing human capital and training center issues, after receiving testimony from Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 607, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 1328 and H.R. 689, bills to provide for the exchange of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, S. 1442, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, establish a grant program for Indian Youth Service Corps, help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, and H.R. 129, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Stanton, Deputy Assistant Secretary

of the Interior for Policy and Program Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Bill Crapser, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Cheyenne; Rusty Gregory, Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, Mammoth Lakes, California, on behalf of the National Ski Areas Association; Ryan Bidwell, Colorado Wild, Durango; and Cassandra Moseley, University of Oregon Institute for a Sustainable Environment, Eugene.

### CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND AMERICAN POWER ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, after receiving testimony from Linda Adams, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary, and Mike McKeever, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, both of Sacramento, California; Preston Chiaro, Rio Tinto, London, United Kingdom; John W. Rowe, Exelon Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Willett Kempton, University of Delaware Center for Carbon-free Power Integration, Newark; Robert Winger, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, East Helena, Montana; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Mike Carey, Ohio Coal Association, Columbus, Ohio; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Sherry Boehlert, Bipartisan Policy Center, William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Ned Helme, Center for Clean Air Policy, Jonathan Lash, World Resources Institute, Iain Murray, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Dave Johnson, Laborers' International Union of North America, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, all from Washington, D.C.; Barbara Windsor, Hahn Transportation, New Market, Maryland, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.; Stephan Dolezalek, VantagePoint Venture Partners, San Bruno, California; Eugene M. Trisko, United Mine Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; and Matt Smorch, CountryMark, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### FEDERAL CYBER DEFENSE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal cyber defense, focusing on the concerted effort needed to improve Federal performance

measures, after receiving testimony from former Representative Tom Davis; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and John Streufert, Chief Information Security Officer, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Security, Bureau of Information Resource Management, Department of State.

### RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping workers preserve retirement security through a recession, focusing on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's process for determining the amount of benefits to be paid, and PBGC's recoupment process when the estimated benefit provided is too high and a retiree receives an overpayment that must be repaid, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Bruce Gump, Delphi Salaried Retiree Association, Warren, Ohio; David R. Jury, United Steelworkers International Union, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Richard Jones, Hewitt Associates, LLC, Lincolnshire, Illinois; Ronald Peterson, Johns Hopkins Health System and Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Ron Gebhardt, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; and Randy G. DeFrehn, National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans, and Karen D. Friedman, Pension Rights Center, both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Carmen Milagros Ortiz, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and Edward J. Tarver, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, both of the Department of Justice.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3961–3977; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 877–882, were introduced. **Pages H12140–41**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H12141–42**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:  
In the Matter of Representative Sam Graves (H. Rept. 111–320). **Page H12140**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H12047**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, October 27th:

*Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families:* S. Con. Res. 45, to encourage the Government of Iran to allow Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer, and Sarah Shourd to reunite with their families in the United States as soon as possible, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 825. **Page H12057**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 247 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 826. **Pages H12057–68**

H. Res. 876, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 824, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 236 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 823.

**Pages H12050–57**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of David Treen, former Member of Congress. **Pages H12068–69**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, October 28th:

*Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States:* H. Res. 783, amended, to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate the vast contribu-

tions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 827 and **Page H12069**

*Expressing support for designation of a “National Firefighters Memorial Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States:* H. Res. 729, amended, to express support for designation of a “National Firefighters Memorial Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 831. **Pages H12117–18**

**Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 3854, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve programs providing access to capital under such Acts, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 830.

**Pages H12074–H12117**

Agreed to the Cantor 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 272 yeas to 149 noes, Roll No. 829. Subsequently, Representative Velázquez reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H12114–16**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–317 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H12079**

Agreed to:

Velázquez manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill, including clarifications of legislative intent; **Pages H12099–H12100**

Schock amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires the SBA Administrator to pay the claim of a lender who demonstrates it followed the applicable requirements of the National Lender Training Program (Sec. 106), unless the SBA has clear and convincing evidence demonstrating that the lender failed to comply with regulatory requirements; **Pages H12100–01**

Schock amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires quarterly reports on the SBA Administrator’s progress towards the expansion of the Renewable Energy Capital Investment