

# 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

Program. It requires the SBA Administrator to establish regulations necessary to carry out the program within 180 days after enactment;

**Pages H12101–02**

Bright amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires each of the SBA district offices to establish a marketing plan for rural businesses regarding financing and investment alternatives, designate an employer as a Rural Business Outreach Specialist, and host at least one annual outreach seminar;

**Pages H12102–03**

Kosmas amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that adds “photonics technology” to the list of targeted business sectors qualified to receive grants under the Small Business Early-Stage Investment Program;

**Pages H12104–05**

Gingrey amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that increases from 5 years to 7 years the period to participate in the Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Program;

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Kratovil amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that gives the SBA Administrator authority under the 7(a) program to guarantee 100 percent of loans made to veteran owned small businesses;

**Pages H12105–06**

Paulsen amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires a study and a report to Congress by the SBA, within one year of enactment, to determine the feasibility of a program to increase investment in the research, development and commercialization of medical technology by small businesses in a similar manner to the renewable energy program currently administered by the SBA;

**Pages H12106–07**

Massa amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that creates youth entrepreneurship programs in the Small Business Administration to assist the development of new businesses by young people who remain in their local area;

**Pages H12107–08**

Kissell amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that amends Section 7(a)(7) of the Small Business Act to allow for repayment of SBA 7(A) loans (granted to small businesses after enactment of this bill) to be deferred for a maximum of 12 months from receipt of final loan disbursement if that small business concern is classified in sector 23 of the North American Industry Classification System;

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Peters amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that increases the maximum amount of stabilization loans in high unemployment areas to \$75,000 and delays repayment of stabilization loans in high unemployment areas to 18 months for new loans made after enactment of this

act. It gives the SBA Administrator ability to designate high unemployment areas as eligible for operating assistance grants under the new market venture capital program;

**Pages H12109–10**

Miller (MI) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that requires individuals directly engaged in loan application analysis and/or underwriting under the new Capital Backstop Program (Sec. 111) to have at least two years’ worth of experience in those activities;

**Pages H12110–11**

Miller (MI) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that clarifies that the Capital Backstop Program (Sec. 111) is authorized to start immediately and to operate through 2011, regardless of whether the recession is declared officially over during that time or SBA loan volume drops another 30% next year. It restores such requirements after September 30, 2011;

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Nye amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that allows the SBA Administrator to make loans to homeowners to be used for the repair or replacement of toxic drywall manufactured in China; and

**Pages H12111–13**

Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that prohibits the earmarking of grants made available through the Small Business Early-Stage Investment program (by a recorded vote of 370 ayes to 55 noes, Roll No. 828).

**Pages H12103–04, H12113–14**

Withdrawn:

Foxx amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–317) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have explicitly sunset all programs contained in the bill at the end of their authorizations or five years, whichever is earlier. The Administrator would have maintained the authority to carry out responsibilities regarding all outstanding loans, grants, and other outstanding commitments made before the authorization expiration.

**Pages H12108–09**

H. Res. 875, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H12069–74**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd for morning hour debate, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd for morning hour debate and 9 a.m for legislative business.

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**Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it may

be in order at any time on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting Her Excellency Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H12123–24.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12055–56, H12056, H12057, H12068, H12069, H12113–14, H12115–16, H12116–17, and H12117–18. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NEXT GENERATION BIOFUELS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the future of next generation biofuels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary, Rural Development; and Rajiv Shah, Under Secretary, Research, Education, Economics; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE SMALL BUSINESS ACQUISITION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Defense Acquisition Reform Panel held a hearing on Can DOD Improve Innovation and Competition in Acquisition by Better Utilizing Small Business? Testimony was heard from Linda Oliver, Acting Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; and Calvin Jenkins, Deputy Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA.

### DEFEATING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Reviewing the Performance and Oversight of the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization; and James A. Schear, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations; and William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

### NEVADA'S WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Nevada's Workplace Health and Safety Enforcement Program: OSHA's Finding and Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Senator Harry Reid of Nevada; Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor; Donald E. Jayne, Administrator, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

### CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009.

### SYSTEMIC REGULATION, PRUDENTIAL MATTERS, RESOLUTION AUTHORITY AND SECURITIZATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Systemic Regulation, Prudential Matters, Resolution Authority and Securitization." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and John E. Bowman, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Daniel K. Tarullo, Governor, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas R. Sullivan, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

### GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on A Call to Action on Food Security: the Administration's Global Strategy. Testimony was heard from Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

### STANDARDIZING HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Creating 'One DHS' Part I: Standardizing Department of Homeland Security Financial Management." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Peggy Sherry, Acting Chief Financial Office; and Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Issues, GAO.