

in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 111–339) and

H. Res. 909, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3791) to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 111–340). **Page H13068**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Driehaus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13005**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H13009**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 177 noes with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 894. **Pages H13009, 13034–35**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Clean Hull Act of 2009: H.R. 3618, amended, to provide for implementation of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001; **Pages H13013–18**

Expressing support for designation of November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday": H. Res. 841, to express support for designation of November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday," by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 893; **Pages H13018–20, H13033–34**

Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2009: H.R. 3360, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 892; **Pages H13020–26, H13033**

Expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps aircraft pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009: H. Res. 891, amended, to express the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the service to our Nation of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps aircraft pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 895; **Pages H13026–29, H13035**

H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3305, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and **Pages H13029–30**

Recognizing and honoring the 40th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice

Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California: H. Res. 851, to recognize and honor the 40th anniversary of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, headquartered in Sacramento, California. **Pages H13031–33**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Reserve Officers Association Modernization Act of 2009: S. 1599, to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws. **Pages H13030–31**

Communication from the Clerk of the House: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she transmitted notification that Paul J. Solis, Nathaniel Wright, Kedric L. Payne, and Jon Steinman have signed an agreement to not be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics. Further, the Clerk notified the House that copies of the signed agreements shall be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House. **Page H13056**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13033, H13033–34, H13034–35, H13035. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Financial Stability Improvement Act discussion draft. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC; Elisse B. Walter, Commissioner, SEC; and Leland A. Strom, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration.

U.S. IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Afghanistan and Iraq: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, Part III. Testimony was heard from GEN. Wesley Clark, USA (ret.), Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and public witnesses.

PERFORMANCE BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Building an Executive-Legislative Partnership for Performance Budgeting. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Zients, Deputy Director, Management and Chief Performance Officer, OMB.

H1N1 SICK LEAVE POLICIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Protecting Employees, Employers and the Public: H1N1 and Sick Leave Policies. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL SAFETY DETERMINATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Prioritizing Chemicals for Safety Determination. Testimony was heard from Stephen Owens, Assistant Administrator, Officer of Pollution, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Eric Sampson, Director, Division of Laboratory Sciences, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing on a discussion draft of the Universal Service Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Ray Baum, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE PRINT—FINANCIAL STABILITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Continued consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1517, as amended, To allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service; H.R. 2611, as amended, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; H.R. 3239, as amended, To require the Sec-

retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report on the effects of the Merida Initiative on the border security of the United States, and for other purposes; H.R. 3837, as amended, Strengthening and Updating Resources and Equipment Act; H.R. 3963, Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act; H.R. 3978, First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act; H.R. 3980, Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act; and H. Res. 28, as amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment met to consider possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Testimony was heard from Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and Attorney Robert Creely.

Will continue tomorrow.

FINANCIAL REFORM—BANKRUPTCY ANTITRUST LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy continued hearings on Too Big to Fail: The Role for Bankruptcy and Antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2889, Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 3339, FLTFA Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 3444, Pinnacles National Park Act; H.R. 3538, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 3726, Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Simpson; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Steven E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service; Lenise Lago, Deputy Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, USDA; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

**BANK OF AMERICA-MERRILL LYNCH
MERGER**

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 IV. “ Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FIRE GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2009**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3791, the “Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments made in order except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Science and Technology or a designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gordon, Holden, and Smith of Nebraska.

MOLALLA RIVER PROTECTIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2781, “To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as

components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes”. The rule provides one hour of general debate 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 those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that 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 bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Grijalva and Hastings of Washington.

**SECURITY SCIENCE—ADVANCED
RADIATION MONITORS**

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight continued hearings on The Science of Security Part II; Technical Problems Continue to Hinder Advanced Radiation Monitors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment; and Timothy M. Persons, Chief Scientist; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Todd Owen, Executive Director, Cargo and Conveyance Security, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and William Hagan, Acting Deputy Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office.

U.S. TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Operation, Impact and Future of the U.S. Preference Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Linda T. Sánchez of California, and Engel; Tim Reif, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Sandra Polaski, Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor; Mary Ott, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Burnham Philbrook, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Significant Activities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R. Coscia, of New Jersey, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, and the nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, any pending nominations, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel I.

Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine accountability for foreign contractors, focusing on the Lieutenant Colonel Dominic "Rocky" Baragona Justice for American Heroes Harmed by Contractors Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, both of the Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine easing the burdens through employment, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Resourcing the National Defense Strategy: Implications of Long Term Budget Trends, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on H1N1 Preparedness: An Overview of Vaccine Production and Distribution, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Flag on the Bag?: Foreign Assistance and the Struggle Against Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Federal Protective Service: Will Continuing Challenges Weaken Transition and Impede Progress?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Is the Flying Public Protected? An Assessment of Security at Foreign Repair Stations," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Judicial Impeachment, to continue consideration of possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1672, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2062, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 3644, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act; H.R. 3940,