

General, Department of Justice; Richard Ginman, Deputy Director for Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Uldric I. Fiore, Jr., Director, Soldier and Family Legal Services, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army, both of the Department of Defense; Scott Horton, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Ralph G. Steinhardt, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; and Dominic Baragona, The Villages, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Dodd (Chair), Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Sanders, Brown, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Alexander, Gregg, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, Coburn, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety: Senators Murray (Chair), Dodd, Mikulski, Brown, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Bennet, Isakson, Gregg, Burr, McCain, Hatch, and Murkowski.

Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging: Senators Mikulski (Chair), Bingaman, Reed, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Burr, Gregg, Alexander, Isakson, and Coburn.

Senators Harkin and Enzi are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine easing the burdens for veterans and transitioning Service Members through employment, after receiving testimony from Raymond Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Lutz Ziob, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Captain Peter Wikul, USN, (Ret.), America Works of New York, Inc., and Helen Tymes, National Organization on Disability, both of New York, New York; Joshua Lawton-Belous, Oracle Corporation, Vienna Virginia; and Dexter Daniel, Baltimore, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4099–4112; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 214; and H. Res. 911–919 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 871, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents, records, memos, correspondence, and other communications regarding medical malpractice reform (H. Rept. 111–341).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., St. John Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia.

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

Amending the Small Business Act to improve SCORE: H.R. 1839, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE; **Pages H13075–77**

Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009: H.R. 1842, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs; **Pages H13079–81**

Small Business Early-Stage Investment Act of 2009: H.R. 3738, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish a program for the Small Business Administration to provide financing to support early-stage small businesses in targeted industries; **Pages H13081–84**

Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act: H.R. 3014, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide loan guarantees for the acquisition of health information technology by eligible professionals in solo and small group practices; and **Pages H13084–86**

Welcoming the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, to the United States: H. Res. 890, to welcome the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, to the United States.

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

Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1834, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and

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Expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe: H. Con. Res. 212, amended, to express the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and to reaffirm the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak and Czech Republics.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Hoekstra moved to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 2294, to require the ap-

proval of the relevant State governor and legislature and the President's notification and certification before the transfer or release of an individual currently detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to a location in the United States, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 7).

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 214, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 243 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 896.

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Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 3791, to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, by a yeand-nay vote of 395 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 901.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–340, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Titus amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that expands the scope of the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program to allow the purchase of equipment that reduces the use of water in fighting fires and training firefighters;

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Holden amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that makes river rescue organizations eligible for funding under the definition of a rescue organization;

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Cardoza amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that requires the Director to consider unemployment rates when awarding grants;

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Perlmutter amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that authorizes a nationwide survey to assess compliance of fire departments with certain best practices on firefighter safety. The amendment establishes a task force of fire service industry to make recommendations to Congress on ways to increase compliance with those firefighter safety standards (by a recorded vote of 358 yeas to 75 noes, Roll No. 899); and

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Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that prohibits earmarking of funds appropriated under the Act (by a recorded vote of 371 yeas to 63 noes, Roll No. 900).

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H. Res. 909, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 898, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 897. **Pages H13091–92**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13084.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13091, H13091–92, H13092, H13113, H13114, H13114–15. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

LONG-TERM DEFENSE BUDGET TRENDS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Resourcing the National Defense Strategy: Implications of Long Term Budget Trends. Testimony was heard from Matthew Goldberg, Acting Assistant Director, National Security Studies, CBO; Stephen Daggett, Specialist in Defense Policy and Budgets, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

H1N1 VACCINE PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on H1N1 Preparedness: An Overview of Vaccine Production and Distribution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anne Schuchat, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention; Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response; and Jesse Goodman, M.D. Acting Chief Scientist, Deputy Commissioner for Scientific and Medical Programs, FDA; David Lakey, M.D., Commissioner, Department of State Health Services, State of Texas; 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.

FOREIGN AID'S ROLE IN FIGHTING TERRORISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Flag on the Bag?: Foreign Assistance and the

Struggle Against Terrorism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL PROTECTION SERVICE TRANSITION

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Federal Protective Service: Will Continuing Challenges Weaken Transition and Impede Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection Programs Directorate; and Gary W. Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

AIRLINE SECURITY—FOREIGN REPAIR STATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Is the Flying Public Protected? An Assessment of Security at Foreign Repair Stations.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and Doug Dalby, Deputy Director, Flight Standards for Field Operations, FAA; Cindy Farkus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued consideration of possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Testimony was heard from Attorney Joseph Mole.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1672, as amended, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2062, as amended, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 3644, as amended, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act; H.R. 3940, as amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam; H.R. 3603, as amended, To rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; H.R. 3759, as amended, BLM Contract Extension Act; H.R. 3804, National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009; and H.R.