

making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–380, by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 991.

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H. Res. 976, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, H.J. Res. 64, H.R. 4314, and the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 983, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 982.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 976 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Pursuant to section 5 of the rule, in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of the text proposed to be inserted by the House amendment; (b) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House; and (c) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment of the text proposed to be inserted by the House.

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, effective January 1, 2010: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, VA.

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**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Wexler, where he resigned as Representative for the 19th Congressional District of Florida, effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2010.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14991–92, H14992, H14993, H14993–94, H15005, H15005–06, H15006–07, H15419–20, H15420, H15430–31, H15431, H15472–73. Two quorum calls (Roll No. 987 and Roll No. 990) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H15427–28, H15472.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and at p.m., the House stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the

House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

## Committee Meetings

### CYBERSPACE RADICALIZATION COUNTER-RADICALIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on understanding cyberspace as a medium for radicalization and counter-radicalization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHILDHOOD OBESITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Innovations in Addressing Childhood Obesity." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William H. Dietz, M.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Terry Huang, Director, Obesity Research Strategic Core Eunice Kennedy Shriver, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and public witnesses.

### TSA AIRPORT SECURITY OPERATING MANUAL BREACH

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Has the TSA Breach Jeopardized National Security? An Examination of What Happened and Why." Testimony was heard from Gale Rossasides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

### LIVE SPORT BROADCAST INTERNET PIRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Piracy of Live Sports Broadcasting over the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY EMPLOYEES PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Protecting Employees in Airline Bankruptcies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL COURT PLEADING RESTORATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on H.R. 4115, Open Access to the Courts Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Nadler; Gregory G. Katsas, former Assistant Attorney General,

Civil Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009; H.R. 2288, amended, Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2476, amended, Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 3726, amended, Castle Nugent Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009; H.R. 3538, amended, Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act; and H.R. 2314, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009.

#### GOVERNMENT AS A SHAREHOLDER

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing entitled “The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers’ Ownership Rights be Exercised?” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams Brown, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES MISSION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “History Museum or Records Access Agency? Defining and Fulfilling the Mission of the National Archives and Records Administration.” Testimony was heard from David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides for consideration of H. J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fis-

cal year 2010, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4314, to permit continued financing of Government operations, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with the House amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides that in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of the text proposed to be inserted by the House.

The rule provides that measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time during the remainder of the first session of the 111th Congress and provides that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader on the designation of any matter for consideration under suspension of the rules pursuant to the rule.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any rules reported from the Rules Committee for the remainder of the first session of the 111th Congress.

The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendments and the motions regarding H.R. 3326 and H.R. 2847.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Speaker at any time may dispense with organizational or legislative business.

The rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress before January 12, 2010, the Chair at any time may declare the House adjourned or declare the House adjourned pursuant to an applicable concurrent rule of adjournment.

The rule provides for pro forma sessions until the House adjourns sine die. Finally, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, the Speaker may at any time declare the House adjourned. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks.

#### VA ACQUISITION DEFICIENCIES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Acquisition Deficiencies at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Kay L. Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen T. Regan, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and Glenn Haggstrom, Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction; and public witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1470)

H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individ-

uals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators. Signed on December 15, 2009. (Public Law 111–115)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Mary Sally Matiella, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1562, to provide for a study and report on research on the United States Arctic Ocean and for other purposes, S. 1609, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, S. 2852, to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy, S. 2856, to allow the United States-Canada Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding to be considered an international agreement for the purposes of section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, S. 2859, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 583, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime, an original bill entitled "Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009", and the nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, and Edith