

chemical security, focusing on assessing progress and charting a path forward, including S. 2996, to extend the chemical facility security program of the Department of Homeland Security, and H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Sue Armstrong, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Darius D. Sivin, International Union, UAW, Washington, D.C.; Timothy J. Scott, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, Texas, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; and Stephen Poorman, FUJIFILM Imaging Colorants Ltd., New Castle, Delaware, on behalf of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine oversight challenges in the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) oversight of Part D sponsors' fraud and abuse programs, including its past efforts and planned oversight activities, after receiving testimony from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Robert Vito, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of the Inspector General, and Jonathan Blum, Director, Center for Medicare Management, Acting Director, Center for Drug and

Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Howard B. Apple, SafeGuard Services, LLC, Muncie, Indiana; and Christian Jensen, Quality Health Strategies, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

CRIME REDUCING STRATEGIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine encouraging innovative and cost-effective crime reduction strategies, after receiving testimony from Chief Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont; Chief Rodney Monroe, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte, North Carolina; Chief Dean M. Esserman, Providence Police Department, Providence, Rhode Island; Chief Patrick J. Berarducci, Medina Police Department, Medina, Ohio; and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, Washington, D.C.

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care and suicide prevention for veterans, after receiving testimony from Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principle Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Janet Kemp, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Caitlin Thompson, Clinical Care Coordinator, Antonette Zeiss, Deputy Chief, Office of Research and Development, and Theresa Gleason, Associate Deputy Chief Consultant and Chief Psychologist, both of Mental Health Services, and Al Batres, Director for Readjustment Counseling for Veterans Centers, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; M. David Rudd, University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Science, Salt Lake City; Clarence Jordan, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Arlington, Virginia; and Daniel J. Hanson, South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4735–4752; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; H. Con. Res. 246; and H. Res. 1135–1136 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Schakowsky to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1031**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Abdullah Antepli, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. **Page H1031**

Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Rangel wherein he requested a leave of absence from his duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Encouraging individuals across the United States to participate in the 2010 Census: H. Res. 1096, amended, to encourage individuals across the United States to participate in the 2010 Census to ensure an accurate and complete count beginning April 1, 2010, and to express support for designation of March 2010 as Census Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 409 yeas to 1 no with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 80; Pages H1035–37, H1046–47

Expressing concern regarding the suicide plane attack on Internal Revenue Service employees in Austin, Texas: H. Res. 1127, to express concern regarding the suicide plane attack on Internal Revenue Service employees in Austin, Texas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 83;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week: H. Res. 1082, to support the goals and ideals of the fourth annual America Saves Week;

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National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act: H.R. 2554, amended, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers;

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots: H. Con. Res. 239, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots;

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Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 236, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust;

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Trademark Technical and Conforming Amendment Act of 2010: S. 2968, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act; and

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Commending and congratulating the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary: H. Res. 1117, to commend and con-

gratulate the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Pages H1081–84

Keeping All Students Safe Act: The House passed H.R. 4247, to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 82.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

George Miller (CA) amendment (printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–425) that changes the short title of the bill and makes minor technical edits and

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Flake amendment (printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–425) that presumes that grants awarded under this Act will be awarded using competitive, merit-based procedures, and requires that if a non-competitive basis is used, the Secretary of Education must report to Congress the reason why competition was not used. It also requires that no funds appropriated under this Act may be used for a congressional earmark, as defined in clause 9e of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (by a yeas-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 81).

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H. Res. 1126, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 78, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, March 2nd:

Congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009: H. Res. 747, to congratulate the United States Military Academy at West Point on being named by Forbes magazine as America's Best College for 2009, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 79.

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

Congratulating the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints: H. Res. 1079, amended, to congratulate the National Football League Champion New Orleans Saints for winning

Super Bowl XLIV and for bringing New Orleans its first Lombardi Trophy in franchise history.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1045–46, H1046, H1047, H1063, H1063–64, H1064–65. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3509, Agricultural Credit Act of 2009; and H.R. 3954, Florida National Forest Land Adjustment Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm, Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review implementation of changes to the Commodity Exchange Act contained in the 2008 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chairman, CFTC.

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL REPEAL PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to review the Department of Defense process for assessing the requirements to implement repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; GEN Carter F. Ham, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe; and Jeh C. Johnson, General Counsel, both with the Co-Chairs Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Working Group.

NAVY SHIPBUILDING PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development, and Acquisition; VADM John Terence Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources; and LTG, George J. Flynn,

USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Member’s Day. Testimony was heard from Representatives Teague, Bordallo, Christensen, Olson, Altmire, Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Clarke, Loeb sack, Klein of Florida, Inglis, Pomeroy, Sherman, Johnson of Georgia, Engel, Davis of Illinois, Lee of California, Kosmas, Posey, Halvorson, Filner, Sutton, Walz, McMahan, Tonko, Quigley, McGovern, Titus, Owens, Markey of Colorado, Giffords, Holt, Perriello, McCarthy of New York, Gene Green of Texas. Woolsey, Mica, Richardson and Peters.

EDUCATION REFORM AND INNOVATION

Committee on Education and Labor, Held a hearing with U.S. Secretary of Education on Building a Stronger Economy: Spurring Reform and Innovation in American Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Financial Services: Approved Committee Print entitled “Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.”

U.S. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY USAID BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Policies and Programs for Global Development: USAID and the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency For International Development, Department of State.

EAST ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Regional Overview of East Asia and the Pacific. Testimony was heard from Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled: “The Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate.” Testimony was heard from Tara O’Toole, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.