

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 24th:

Major Charles R. Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center Designation Act: H.R. 4360, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the “Major Charles R. Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 192. **Pages H2417–18**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1223, electing a Minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Latta. **Page H2418**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m. **Page H2418**

Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010: The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4872, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (S. Con. Res. 13), by a yeand-nay vote of 220 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 194. **Pages H2418–40**

H. Res. 1225, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 225 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 193, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H2418–29**

Correction to Engrossment—H.R. 4360: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 4360, Major Charles R. Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center Designation Act, the Clerk be directed to make corrections, which were located at the desk, in both the text and the title of the bill. **Page H2441**

Correction to Engrossment—H.R. 1612: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 1612, Public Lands Service Corps Act, the Clerk be directed to execute the sixth instruction in the amendment conveyed by the motion to recommit in the form placed at the desk. **Page H2441**

Reauthorizing the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004: The House passed S. 3186, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 through April 30, 2010. **Page H2449**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund: The House agreed to discharge and pass H.R. 4957, to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. **Pages H2450–51**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2331, H2444–45.

Senate Referral: S. 3187 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2330–31, H2331–32, H2332, H2416–17, H2417, H2417–18, H2428–29, H2439–40, H2440–41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:21 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 257, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James Miller, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Jonathan Coppess, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; John Brewer, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and William Murphy, Administrator, Risk Management Agency.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Patent and Trademark Office FY 2011 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from David Kappos, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army and Marine Corps Ground Equipment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG William Phillips, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), U.S. Army; and LTG George J. Flynn, USMC, Deputy

Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, U.S. Marine Corps.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget for the SBA. Testimony was heard from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, SBA.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Homeland Security Headquarters Facilities: St. Elizabeths and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Elaine Duke, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security; and Robert C. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Issues from the Field. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Overview: Jobs, Training and Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Raymond Jefferson, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services; and the following officials of the Department of Education: Martha Kanter, Under Secretary; and Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitation Services.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Department of the Treasury International Programs. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY Budget Request for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from David L.

Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND AND U.S. KOREA FORCES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Walter L. Sharp, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administration, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Ines R. Triay, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FCC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission: The National Broadband Plan." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Julius Genachowski, Chairman; and Michael J. Copps, Robert M. McDowell, Mignon L. Clyburn, and Meredith Atwell Baker, all Commissioners.

UNWINDING EMERGENCY FEDERAL RESERVE LIQUIDITY PROGRAMS IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Unwinding Emergency Federal Reserve Liquidity Programs and Implications for Economic Recovery." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

VISA OVERSTAYS

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Visa Overstays: Can They Be Eliminated?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; John T. Morton, Assistant Secretary,

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and a public witness.

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Resources held an oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the U.S. Geological Survey (excluding the water resources program) and the USDA Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service; Robert Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Marcia McNutt, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Joseph G. Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; and Hank Kashdan, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Foreclosure Prevention: Is the Home Affordable Modification Program Preserving Homeownership?" Testimony was heard from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury; Neil M. Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program; Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "The 2010 Census: An Assessment of the Census Bureau's Preparedness." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Arnold Jackson, Associate Director, Bureau of the Census; and Judy Gordon, Associate Deputy Inspector General; and Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 4872, the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010." The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4872, the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010." The previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion or demand for

division of the question. The rule provides 10 minutes of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller and Representatives Pallone, Andrews, Ryan (WI), Barton (TX), Camp (MI), Kline (MN), and Tiahrt.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action a Committee Print that includes the following: Department of Energy Office of Science Authorization Act of 2010; ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2010; and the Energy Innovation Hubs Authorization Act of 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 949, To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1075, RECOVER Act (Restoring Essential Care for Our Veterans for Effective Recovery); H.R. 2698, Veterans and Survivors Behavioral Health Awareness Act; H.R. 2699, Armed Forces Behavioral Health Awareness Act; H.R. 2879, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3926, Armed Forces Breast Cancer Research Act; H.R. 4006, Rural American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 84, Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act, and 3 Discussion Drafts. Testimony was heard from Chairman Filner, Representatives Scalise, Giffords, Kirkpatrick of Arizona, Boswell and Brown-Waite of Florida; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Deputy Chief, Patient Care Services and Chief Consultant for Primary Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

IRS AND THE 2010 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Internal Revenue Service operations and the 2010 tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

**NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY FY 2011
BUDGET**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold hearing on National Security Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from LTG Keith Alexander, USA, Director, NSA.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 26, 2010**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Recovery Act: Progress Report for Highway, Transit, and Wastewater Infrastructure Formula Investments, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counter-intelligence, executive, briefings on Indications and Warning Methodology, 9 a.m., 304-HVC.