

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5107–5135; and 12 resolutions, H. Res. 1287–1298, were introduced. **Pages H2841–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2844–45**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2803**

Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Berman motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran. **Pages H2806–15**

Agreed to the Ros-Lehtinen motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 11 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 219. **Page H2817**

Later, the Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Berman, Ackerman, Sherman, Crowley, Scott (GA), Costa, Klein (FL), Ros-Lehtinen, Burton (IN), Royce, and Pence. **Page H2818**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 3 and 4 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103, 106, 203, and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Frank (MA), Meeks (NY), and Garrett (NJ). **Page H2818**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 3 and 4 of the House bill, and secs. 101–103 and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Levin, Tanner, and Camp. **Page H2818**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: The House agreed to refer H. Res. 1287, raising a question of the privileges of the House, to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay” and 17 voting “present”, Roll No. 218. Earlier, the previous question was not ordered on H. Res. 1287 by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 218 nays with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 217. **Pages H2815–17**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the fol-

lowing measure which was debated on Wednesday, April 21st:

Expressing support for Mathematics Awareness Month: H. Res. 1270, to express support for Mathematics Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 220. **Pages H2817–18**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 26th for morning hour debate. **Page H2822**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2803 and H2827.

Senate Referrals: S. 3244 was referred to the Committees on House Administration and Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H2840**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2815–16, H2816, H2817, and H2817–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MOVIE FUTURES TRADING EXCHANGES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review proposals to establish exchanges trading “movie futures.” Testimony was heard from Dan Berkovitz, General Counsel, CFTC; and public witnesses.

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 USDA, Office of Inspector General Oversight. Testimony was heard from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office Justice Programs (OJP) FY 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Health Program/Wounded Warrior. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles L. Rice, M.D., President, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Eric Schoomaker, USA, Surgeon General and Commander, U.S. Medical Command; VADM Adam M. Robinson, Jr., USN, Surgeon General of the Navy; and LTG Charles B. Green, M.D., USAF, Surgeon General of the Air Force.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Financial Crisis and TARP. Testimony was heard from Herbert Allison, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Financial Stability; and Neil Barofsky, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program.

ARMY/AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD-RESERVE EQUIPMENT POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army and Air Force National Guard and Reserve component equipment posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Harry M. Wyatt III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; MG Raymond W. Carpenter, USA, Acting Director, Army National Guard; LTG Jack C. Stultz, USA, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve; and LTG Charles E. Stenner, Jr., USAF, Chief, U.S. Air Force Reserve.

WORK-LIFE BALANCE AWARD ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Environment and Human Health: the Role of HHS." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Linda Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the National Toxicology Program; and Henry Falk, M.D., Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Health, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2336, GREEN Act of 2009; and H.R. 5017, Rural Housing Preservation and Stabilization Act of 2010.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010. Will continue April 27.

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES IN LAOS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on the Legacies of War: Unexploded Ordnances in Laos. Testimony was heard from Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE STUDENT LOAN BANKRUPTCY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 5043, Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on Achieving the Promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Digital Age—Current Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities. Testimony was heard from Samuel Bagenstos, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERFISHING/CATCH SHARES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on A Community Perspective on Catch Shares. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CABIN FEE ACT OF 2010

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4888, Cabin Fee Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

CRISIS IN KYRGYZSTAN/AFGHAN SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Crisis in Kyrgyzstan: Fuel, Contractors, and Revolution along the Afghan Supply Chain." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HELIUM-3 SUPPLY CRISIS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Caught by Surprise: Causes and Consequences of the Helium-3 Supply Crisis. Testimony was heard from William Hagan, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; William Brinkman, Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Department of Transportation's Oversight and Management of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and a public witness.

VA'S FIDUCIARY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examining VA's Fiduciary Program: How Can VA Better Protect Vulnerable Veterans and Their Families? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT EDUCATION/TRAINING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing to examine the role of education and training in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Testimony was heard from Representative Moore of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GUANTANAMO DETAINEE TASK FORCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Guantanamo Detainee Task Force. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on the role of credit rating agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through May 1, 2010

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of 3217, Restoring American Financial Stability Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine a national assessment of energy policies, focusing on significant achievements since the 1970s and an examination of U.S. energy policies and goals in the coming decades, 10 a.m., SD-124.

April 28, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 29, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks