

States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Kerry and Brown (MA), and Carlton W. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Wicker, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Senate Impeachment Trial Committee: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

To authorize Senate Legal Counsel to seek two immunity resolutions for testimony;

To adopt a rule delegating authority to the Chair and Vice Chair to issue subpoenas; and

To adopt a rule for a quorum of one for pretrial testimony.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5741–5768; and 15 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 297–298; and H. Res. 1520–1532 were introduced. **Pages H5674–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5676–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1455, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of certain communications relating to certain recommendations regarding administration appointments; adversely (H. Rept. 111–538);

H.R. 5301, to extend the period during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and States are prohibited from requiring a permit under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for certain discharges that are incidental to normal operation of vessels (H. Rept. 111–539);

H.R. 5545, to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation, Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers (H. Rept. 111–540);

H. Con. Res. 258, congratulating the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and its staff for 100 years of operation of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut (H. Rept. 111–541);

H. Res. 1366, recognizing and honoring the freight rail industry, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–542);

H. Res. 1401, expressing gratitude for the contributions that the air traffic controllers of the United States make to keep the traveling public safe and the airspace of the United States running efficiently, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–543);

H. Res. 1463, supporting the goals and ideals of Railroad Retirement Day (H. Rept. 111–544);

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2010 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 111–545);

H.R. 5604, to rescind amounts authorized for certain surface transportation programs (H. Rept. 111–546); and

H.R. 569, to amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–547). **Page H5674**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Dr. John Cross, South Biscayne Church, North Port, Florida. **Page H5619**

Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act of 2010: The House passed H.R. 5114, to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program and to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, by a recorded vote of 329 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 447.

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Rejected the Hensarling motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 446. **Pages H5653–55**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5636**

Agreed to:

Waters managers amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that (1) phases out subsidized

premiums for severe repetitive loss properties, substantially damaged or improved properties and policy holders who voluntarily allow flood coverage to lapse; (2) clarifies application of actuarial rate phase-in for pre-FIRM properties sold after enactment; (3) provides preferred rate premium for properties participating in NFIP during newly established, 5-year delay in mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement; (4) expands availability of installment premium payment program to all policyholders; (5) clarifies that the FEMA Director may work directly with property owners to make mitigation grants for certain repetitive loss properties where States or communities are either unable or unwilling to address repetitive loss issues with a property owner; (6) allows commercial properties with swimming pools located below the base flood level to enclose those pools with breakaway walls outside of hurricane season; (7) requires FEMA to review mapping of surrounding properties following successful appeal of hazard designation in newly mapped areas; (8) clarifies ability of FEMA Administrator to use demolition and rebuilding as mitigation techniques; (9) requires study of the impact of working waterfronts on storm and flood risk; (10) establishes relevant flood insurance related studies; (11) conforms rule writing and implementation of various provisions of bill; and (12) includes other technical improvements;

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Putnam amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that requires the FEMA to annually submit a report (no later than December 31 of each calendar year) to Congress on the effectiveness of grants awarded to local government agencies, the activities conducted, and the effect of such activities on the retention or acquisition of flood insurance coverage;

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Driehaus amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that provides that if the owner of any property located in an area described in section 102(i)(1) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 obtains a letter of map amendment during the 5-year period for such area referred to in such section, FEMA shall reimburse such owner, or such entity or jurisdiction acting on such owners behalf, for any costs incurred in obtaining such letter;

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Taylor amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that prohibits the Write Your Own insurance companies that contract with NFIP from excluding coverage of wind damage under their own policies solely because flooding also caused damage to the property. It establishes requirements for adjustment by WYO insurers when there are claims on the same property, from the same event, for flood

damage covered by NFIP and for wind damage covered by the WYO insurer;

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Miller (MI) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that requires that the Government Accountability Office conduct a study on ways the private insurance market can contribute to insuring against flood damage, the impact on the National Flood Insurance Program if communities were to opt out, and the feasibility of regionalizing the National Flood Insurance Program so there is no cross-subsidization between regions;

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Boswell amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that ensures occupants have relevant information on appropriate evacuation routes, and ensures the outreach program under the bill includes relevant information on where to obtain coverage;

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Hill amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that includes “identifying ways to assist communities in efforts to fund the accreditation of flood protection systems” as a function of the Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate;

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Loeb sack amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that requires FEMA to notify a local television and radio station of proposed flood elevation determinations in addition to the current requirement of publication in a prominent local newspaper. Also requires FEMA to make such notifications for communities that have not yet been issued a Letter of Final Determination through the flood insurance map modernization process at the time of enactment;

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McMahon amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that (1) permits federal grants to educate local real estate agents in communities participating in the NFIP regarding the program and the availability of coverage under the program for owners and renters of properties and (2) establishes coordination and liaisons with such agents to facilitate purchase of coverage and increase awareness of flood risk reduction;

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Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that prohibits funds made available for grants from being used for earmarks (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 444); and

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Murphy (NY) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–537) that requires all funds authorized under the Act to be expended in a manner consistent with the manual on Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 445).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1517, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 443, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Daniel P. Beard, in which he submitted his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective July 18, 2010.

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Administration of the Oath of Office to an Officer of the House: The Speaker administered the Oath of Office to Daniel J. Strodel of the District of Columbia to act as and to exercise temporarily the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective July 18, 2010.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 19th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20th, for morning hour debate.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5619, H5661.

Senate Referrals: S. 1288 and S. 3372 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5625–26, H5652–53, H5653, H5655, H5655–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the FY 2011 Labor, HHS, Education, Appropriations bill.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from MG Arnold Fields, USMC (ret.), Inspector General, Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; Donald A. Gambatesa, Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; and Charles Johnson, Director, International Revelations and Trade, GAO.

IMPROVING NUTRITION FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5626, Blow-out Prevention Act of 2010; H.R. 2480, Truth in Fur Labeling Act of 2010; H.R. 4501, Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal Act of 2010; and H.R. 1796, Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act.

The Committee also ordered reported without recommendation H. Res. 1466, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Energy to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the Department of Energy's application to foreclose use of Yucca Mountain as a high level nuclear waste repository.

AGENT ORANGE IN VIETNAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Agent Orange in Vietnam: Recent Developments in Remediation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Matthew Palmer, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and John Wilson, Director, Office of Technical Support, Bureau for Asia and Middle East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS IN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Role of Unmanned Aerial Systems in Border Security." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: MG Michael C. Kostelnik, USAF (ret.), Assistant Commissioner, Office of Air and Marine, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and