

CONTRACTING FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine improving the ability of inspectors general to detect, prevent, and prosecute contracting fraud, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Charles W. Beardall, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Defense; and J. Anthony Ogden, Inspector General, Government Printing Office, on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

GREEN SKILLS TRAINING FOR WORKERS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering workers to rebuild America's economy and long-term competitiveness, focusing on green skills training for workers, after receiving testimony from Hilda D. Solis, Secretary of Labor; Joan K. Evans, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, Chey-

enne; Lee Lambert, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, WA; Dean Allen, McKinstry Company, Seattle, WA; Mark H. Ayers, AFL-CIO, Washington, DC; and Phil Lou, Vashon, WA.

TERRORISM INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting national security and civil liberties, focusing on strategies for terrorism information sharing, after receiving testimony from former Senator Gorton; J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Chief of Police, Rockville, MD; Zoe Baird, Markle Foundation Task Force on National Security in the Information Age, New York, NY; and Caroline Frederickson, American Civil Liberties Union Washington Legislative Office, Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 1980–2018; 1 private bill, H.R. 2019; and 21 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100–103; and H. Res. 334–350 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1580, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for electronic waste reduction research, development, and demonstration projects, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–75);

H.R. 1145, to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–76);

H.R. 749, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate (H. Rept. 111–77);

H.R. 1139, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS

ON THE BEAT grant program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–78);

H. Res. 269, supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (H. Rept. 111–79);

H. Res. 313, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week (H. Rept. 111–80); and

H.R. 1747, to authorize appropriations for the design, acquisition, and construction of a combined buoy tender-icebreaker to replace icebreaking capacity on the Great Lakes (H. Rept. 111–81).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: As voting members:

Mr. Luis Cancel of San Francisco, CA; Ms. Eva Longoria Parker of San Antonio, TX; and Mr. Henry Munoz of San Antonio, TX; and as a nonvoting

member: Ms. Lorraine Garcia-Nakata of San Francisco, CA. **Page H4527**

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

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: H.R. 1694, amended, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; **Pages H4528–30**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.”.

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Crane Conservation Act of 2009: H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 288 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 193; **Pages H4530–33, H4548–49**

Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2009: H.R. 411, amended, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 290 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 194;

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Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement and Reclamation Act of 2009: H.R. 1219, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 362 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 195;

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Repealing section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”: S. 39, to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”;

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Honoring the Life and Achievements of Dr. John Hope Franklin: H. Res. 320, to honor the Life and Achievements of Dr. John Hope Franklin;

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Recognizing the designation of March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month: H. Res. 254,

amended, to recognize the designation of March 2009 as Irish American Heritage Month and to honor the significance of Irish Americans in the history and progress of the United States;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the contributions of Irish-Americans in the history and progress of the United States.”.

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Recognizing the efforts of the countless volunteers who helped the Commonwealth of Kentucky recover from the ice storm of January 2009: H. Res. 214, to recognize the efforts of the countless volunteers who helped the Commonwealth of Kentucky recover from the ice storm of January 2009; and

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Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, FL, as the “Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Illinois: Representative-elect Mike Quigley presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Daniel White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held April 7, 2009, the Honorable Mike Quigley was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, State of Illinois.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Quigley, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Bill Orton, former Member of Congress.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President certifying that export of certain items to the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Rept. 111–32).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H4527, H4549.

Senate Referrals: S. 735 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. Con. Res. 13 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4548–49, H4550, H4551. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office, NRO, and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, NGA. Testimony was heard from MG Ellen Pawlikowski, USAF, Acting Director, NRO; and ADM Robert B. Murrett, USN, Director, NGA, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment began joint hearings on the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BAYER'S FATAL CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Secrecy in the Response to Bayer's Fatal Chemical Plant Explosion." Testimony was heard from John Bresland, Chairman, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy and Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of West Virginia: Michael Dorsey, Chief, Homeland Security and Emergency Response; and Pamela Nixon, Environmental Advocate, both with the Department of Environment Protection; and Joseph Crawford, Chief of Police, St. Albans; and public witnesses.

NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on A New Age for Newspapers: Diversity of Voices, Competition and the Internet. Testimony was heard from Carl Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Attorney General,

Economics, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SYSTEMIC THREATS OF LARGE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the systemic threats of large financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, New York, NY; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and Thomas M. Hoenig, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine environmental management stimulus funding, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the current readiness of U.S. ground forces, with the possibility of a closed session following in SVC–217, 10 a.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine global climate change, focusing on U.S. leadership for a new global agreement, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of John Morton, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International