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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, DC, December 23, 2010.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: Pursuant to Rule XI, clause 1, paragraph (d) of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am hereby transmitting the Activities Report of the Committee on Education and Labor for the 111th Congress. I circulated this report to all members of the Committee on December 15, 2010, and received the attached views before transmitting this report to the House today.

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee and its subcommittees with respect to its legislative and oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MILLER,
Chairman.

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Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Education and Labor,
submitted the following

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FULL COMMITTEE

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

A. FULL COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In January 2009, Representative George Miller (D-CA), the Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, announced that, in the 111th Congress, the Committee would continue its legislative and oversight focus on rebuilding and strengthening America's middle class. A strong middle class is key to a strong economy and a strong nation. During the 111th Congress, the Committee took historic action on multiple fronts on behalf of the middle class and those who aspire to join the middle class, helping America's students, workers, and families. The Committee's efforts focused on both long-term solutions and more immediate needs as the economy continued to recover from the recent recession.

Reducing Health Care Costs, Guaranteeing Choices, and Ensuring Access to Quality, Affordable Care

Addressing the nation's unsustainable health care system is essential to rebuilding and strengthening the middle class. Lack of access to affordable care underlies a great deal of the economic insecurity among working families. And out-of-control health care costs for employers, employees and the Nation hinder economic growth and America's competitiveness.

Health Care Reform (Signed into Law)

The Committee marked up historic health care reform legislation and ultimately joined other committees in enacting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA). Under these laws, for the first time in America's history, all Americans will have access to quality, affordable health care. The law will protect Americans from the worst insurance industry practices, offer the uninsured and small businesses the opportunity to obtain affordable health care plans, and cover 32 million otherwise uninsured Americans, all while reducing the deficit by \$143 billion over the next decade and more than a trillion dollars over 20 years.

Making College More Affordable

Like rising health care costs, the rising costs of higher education have stifled the growth of America's middle class. And, like with health care reform, the Committee took historic action to address this issue.

Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (Signed into Law)

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA), signed into law as part of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, saves taxpayers \$61 billion over the 10 years by switching to the more efficient Direct Loan program. In addition, SAFRA will help America reach President Obama's goal of producing the most college graduates in the world by 2020 by making college accessible and transforming the way our student loan programs operate. It will strengthen community colleges and training programs to help build a highly-skilled, innovative, 21st century workforce ready for the rigors of a global economy. It will boost the fiscal health of the country our children will inherit by paying down the deficit by at least \$10 billion over 10 years. And it invests \$36 billion in the Pell Grant program to increase the maximum Pell Grant award for students to \$5,975 by 2017.

Saving and Creating Jobs

In addition to enacting solutions to long-term problems, the Committee was involved directly or indirectly in a variety of measures to help ease immediate economic difficulties and put the economy on the path to a fair and sustainable recovery, in the wake of the severe recession precipitated by the financial crisis of 2008.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Signed into Law)

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), portions of which were matters within the Committee's jurisdictional interest, to save and create millions of jobs, invest in education and get the economy moving forward again. The Recovery Act increased the number of people employed by as many as 2.8 million, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). It also lowered the unemployment rate by as much as 1.5 percentage points, CBO said. The Recovery and Act also provided extended access and subsidies to fund continued health care benefits for unemployed workers and funds to repair and modernize existing public schools and higher education facilities; update schools with 21st century technology;

and create environmentally protective, state-of-the-art classrooms and schools. Davis-Bacon provisions ensured that the jobs created would provide fair pay and not drive down existing worker wages.

Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act (Signed into Law)

The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act, signed into law on August 10, 2010, will save or create 319,000 American jobs in local communities, including 161,000 teacher jobs, and also discourage American corporations from shipping jobs overseas. The measure includes \$10 billion to save teacher jobs and \$16.1 billion in health assistance to the states. The funding will also keep police officers and firefighters on the job.

The Committee also played a role on other jobs bills. These included the Jobs for Main Street Act, which passed the House on December 16, 2009, and would create new jobs for construction workers, teachers, police officers, firefighters and others, and extend critical assistance for the unemployed and those who have lost health insurance, using existing available funds from the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). They also included the HIRE Act, which was enacted on March 18, 2010, to, among other things, provide tax incentives for business that hire unemployed Americans, subsidies for state and local construction bonds, and funding (\$19.5 billion) for transportation and infrastructure programs.

Protecting Worker Rights and Safety

Strengthening workers' rights, health, and safety on the job ensures that middle class families' breadwinners come home safe and sound after every shift. Reducing workplace injuries, illnesses, and outright disasters saves businesses' money in the long run when some are tempted to cut corners in the short run. High-profile disasters like the BP oil spill and the Upper Big Branch mine explosion underscored both lessons in 2010.

Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act (Passed by Committee)

On July 21, 2010, in the wake of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster, the Committee passed the Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act to reform the nation's mine and worker safety laws. The bill would provide stronger tools to ensure that underground coal mine operations with repeated safety violations improve safety performance, empower workers to speak up about safety concerns, and give the Department of Labor the tools it needs to ensure that all workers go home safely at the end of the day. In addition, the bill would update the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to increase penalties to account for the effects of inflation, hold employers accountable if they knowingly put their workers in danger, and provide victims and their families with rights during investigations.

Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act (Passed by House)

On July 30, 2010, in the wake of the BP oil spill, the House passed the Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act to protect oil and gas workers from retaliation by their employers for raising health and safety concerns regarding operations on the Outer Continental Shelf.

*Protecting Miners: Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010
(Signed into Law)*

H.R. 4899, the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010, was signed into law on July 29, 2010. Among other things, the measure provides a \$22 million down payment to reduce the backlog of mine safety enforcement cases and to ensure that there are sufficient resources for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration to meet all of its legally mandated mine inspection requirements. The House-passed version of this bill also included a provision guaranteeing collective bargaining rights for first responders, identical to the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act. However, this provision was not included in the final enacted bill.

Preserving Retirement Security

With defined benefit pension coverage declining over recent decades and middle class families more and more reliant on defined contribution plans to provide a decent retirement, the Committee focused on addressing practices that undermine workers' 401(k) accounts.

Legislation to Expose Hidden 401(k) Fees: American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act (Passed by House)

The 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act, reported by the Committee and ultimately passed by the House as part of the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, would help workers shop around for the best retirement options by requiring simple fee disclosure on the investment options contained in their employer's 401(k) plan. Further, it would provide adjustments to pension funding rules to ensure plans can weather the economic crisis without being forced to choose between cutting jobs or freezing plans.

Ensuring Fair Wages

In the 21st Century, pay discrimination remains a problem. The Committee undertook multiple actions to address unfair disparities in pay, particularly for female workers.

Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (Signed into Law)

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act overturned a Supreme Court ruling that made it harder for workers to pursue pay discrimination claims. The legislation is named after Lilly Ledbetter, whose pay discrimination claim was denied by a 5-4 Supreme Court decision in 2007. Ms. Ledbetter had worked as a supervisor at a Good-year plant. Unbeknownst to her, she had been consistently paid less than her male counterparts. A jury found that the pay disparity was due to gender discrimination. But the Supreme Court said she had waited too long to sue for pay discrimination, despite the fact that she filed a charge with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as soon as she received an anonymous note alerting her to the pay discrimination. The court ruled that since she did not raise a claim within 180 days of the employer's decision to discriminate, she could not receive back pay. The decision undermined workers' ability to rectify pay discrimination, since most workers are not privy to an employer's decision to discriminate when it is made and therefore would rarely know to file

a claim in time under the Court's ruling. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act restores prior law and clarifies that every discriminatory paycheck resulting, in whole or in part, from an earlier discriminatory pay decision constitutes a violation of the Civil Rights Act.

Paycheck Fairness Act (Passed by House)

On January 9, 2009, the House passed the Paycheck Fairness Act to help end the discriminatory practice of paying men and women unequally for performing the same job. Loopholes created by courts and weak sanctions in the law have allowed many employers to avoid liability for engaging in gender-based pay discrimination under the Equal Pay Act. The bill would strengthen workers' rights to equal pay for equal work by closing those loopholes.

Renewing and Improving National Service and Volunteer Programs

Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (Signed into Law)—The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act creates 175,000 new service opportunities and rewards Americans for their service commitment. Among other things, it creates a new service corps to meet key needs in low-income communities, provide incentives for middle and high school students to engage in service, and boosts opportunities for disadvantaged and foster youth, Native Americans and older Americans.

Training Workers and Making Higher Education More Accessible

The DREAM Act (Passed by House)—The Committee-referred bill, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, was passed by the House as part of another measure on December 9, 2010. The bill would provide a limited group of young people, brought to the United States when they were children, with access to higher education, an opportunity to contribute their skills and talents to the nation's economic well-being, and a path to citizenship.

Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success Act (SECTORS) (Passed by House)

The House passed the Strengthening Employment Clusters to Organize Regional Success Act (SECTORS) on July 19, 2010, to help address local skills shortages by bringing employers in key industries together with education, labor, workforce, and other groups to identify and provide training tailored to meet the sector needs of that region's economy.

Helping Children Stay Safe and Healthy

The Committee addressed a number of fundamental problems affecting children's basic health and safety at school.

Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (Passed by Committee and Signed into Law, respectively)—The Committee passed the Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act on July 15, 2010, and its Senate companion, the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, was ultimately enacted, to support children's health and reduce childhood hunger by dramatically improving federal child nutrition programs. The legislation dramatically improves the quality of meals children eat in school and in child care, increases the number of healthy

meals available to needy children and provides the first real increase in the Federal reimbursement rate for school lunches in more than 30 years. The legislation also eliminates junk food from schools by requiring schools, for the first time, to apply nutritional standards to food served outside the cafeteria.

Keeping All Students Safe Act (Passed by House)

The House passed the Keeping All Students Safe Act on March 3, 2010, to protect children from misuses of restraint and seclusion in classrooms. A U.S. Government Accountability Office report released in the spring of 2009 exposed hundreds of alleged cases of schoolchildren being abused through inappropriate uses of restraint and seclusion, often involving untrained staff. In a number of cases, children died. Among other things, the Keeping All Students Safe Act would establish, for the first time, minimum federal standards to provide equal protections to all students, in every state across the country.

Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009 (Passed by House)

The House passed the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009 on February 23, 2009. The Government Accountability Office found thousands of allegations of child abuse and neglect at residential programs for teens—including therapeutic boarding schools, wilderness camps, boot camps, and behavior modification facilities—between 1994 and 2007. Tragically, in a number of cases, this abuse and neglect led to the death of a child. To address this urgent problem, this measure would establish minimum health and safety standards for preventing child abuse and neglect at teen residential programs. The bill allows for civil penalties against programs that violate the new standards. It also requires states, within three years, to take on the role of setting and enforcing standards for both private and public youth residential programs. The legislation would also help ensure that parents have the information about teen residential programs that they need to make safe choices for their children.

Improving Early Learning

The Early Learning Challenge Fund (*Passed the House*).—The House passed the Early Learning Challenge Fund as part of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act on September 17, 2009. To ensure more kids reach kindergarten ready succeed, the Early Learning Challenge Fund would increase the number of low income children in high quality early learning settings by: 1) investing \$1 billion each year in competitive grants to challenge states to build a comprehensive high quality early learning system for children from birth to age 5; and 2) transforming early learning programs by insisting upon real change in state standards and practices.

Modernizing Schools

21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act (*Passed by House*).—On May 14, 2009, the House passed the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act to invest in modernizing public school buildings across the

country. The measure would invest \$6.4 billion in school repair and renovation projects for fiscal year 2010 that would create safer, healthier, and more energy-efficient learning environments for students.

Recognizing the Educational and Community Roles of Libraries and Museums

The Museum and Library Services Act of 2010 (*Signed into Law*)—The Museum and Library Services Act of 2010 updates current law to better reflect the role that libraries and museums play in our nation. The legislation encourages greater collaboration between libraries and museums and other organizations and agencies to leverage resources and revitalize communities. The legislation also enhances current training opportunities for library professionals and supports the development of a diverse library workforce. Finally, the legislation seeks to preserve library and museum collections and improve the ability of libraries to meet the information needs of their communities during disasters.

Accountability and Responsibility

The Committee conducted oversight over government agencies and industries within its jurisdiction, including continuing its oversight work over retirement security issues, workers' rights to organize, and employment trends. Some other significant examples from this Congress include the following:

Wage Theft—Continuing work from the 110th Congress, the Committee held a hearing, anchored by the undercover work of the Governmental Accountability Office, exposed troubling instances of worker wage theft. The GAO's work highlighted the inattention the Bush Administration paid to this critical issue. The investigation helped lead to the hiring of a substantial number of new Wage and Hour Division investigators by the Obama Administration to remedy the problem.

School Food Safety—In the wake of several recalls of food that was to be served in schools to students, the Committee explored how products make it into the school lunch rooms through the various public and private distribution channels. This work, along with the continuing policy initiatives in this area, was aimed at empowering local school districts to make the best decisions for the safety of their students.

Inappropriate Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools—The Committee held a hearing exposing many cases of the inappropriate use of seclusion and restraint techniques in schools across the country. Some of the instances resulted in the death of a child. This work led directly to the House's passage of H.R. 4247, the Keeping All Students Safe Act. The work also exposed the ability of teachers who have committed abuse to move from one school district or state to another taking advantage of the inconsistent patchwork of state reporting laws. Additional work on this aspect of the problem is ongoing.

State Occupational Safety Plans—After OSHA uncovered significant problems in Nevada's Occupational Safety and Health state plan following a cluster of construction fatalities, the Committee undertook its own investigative work and held a hearing highlighting the issue. The work highlighted the need for OSHA to

have authority to assert “concurrent jurisdiction” in those states where state plans are not “at least as effective as” federal OSHA in their standards, staffing and enforcement.

Mine Safety—The Committee highlighted a growing backlog at the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, the agency that oversees administrative law judges hearing Mine Act enforcement cases and hears appeals of these cases. The backlog, the direct result of inattention from the prior administration, had the potential to hamstring MSHA’s enforcement activity. In February 2010, the Committee held a hearing highlighting the issue and exploring possible solutions. Unfortunately, just two months later an explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine, an underground coal mine in West Virginia, killed 29 workers where enforcement had been hamstrung, in part, by the backlog. The Committee worked with colleagues in the Senate and the Administration to craft a bill to improve our mine safety laws, and requested an Inspector General review of MSHA’s program to deal with serial violators of mine safety laws. This effort led to the Committee mark-up and report of H.R. 5663, the Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010. This Act would fix many of the problems in the Mine Act that have come to light as a result of recent tragedies and reviews and empower MSHA to better protect our nation’s miners. A similar version of the bill, H.R. 6495, was brought before the House on suspension.

Additionally, the Committee obtained deposition authority for an investigation into the mining industry’s corporate mine safety and health practices in the wake of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster. With such deposition in hand, the Committee was able to obtain information through requests and ultimately did not need to exercise the deposition authority. Oversight work in this area continues.

By the Numbers

During the 111th Congress, the Committee held 81 hearings and enacted or helped enact more than two dozen laws in its efforts to grow and strengthen the nation’s middle class. How laws enacted by the Committee have affected American families:

- More than 31 million of the Nation’s children will have access to healthier, more nutritious school meals.
- Millions of volunteers are performing service in their communities meeting local education, health and environmental needs, contributing close to 8.1 billion hours of service in 2009.
- Community colleges, serving over 11 million students nationwide, will have access to \$2 billion dollars over the next four years, to expand the educational and training programs in the fastest growing fields that are critical to driving our economy forward.
- Over 8 million students receiving the federal Pell grant award will see an increase to their federal Pell grant award, with the Pell grant maximum award reaching \$5,975 by 2017.
- \$2.55 billion will be invested in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions.
- Child protection and domestic violence services for millions of children who are exposed to domestic violence every year will see improved services.

- Millions of workers have stronger rights against pay discrimination.
- 32 million more people will gain health care coverage.
- Millions of Americans have gained new rights against abusive health insurance industry practices, including a right to be insured regardless of a pre-existing condition, a right to stay on parents' health insurance plans until the age 26, and a right to not be dropped from coverage when illness strikes.
- The Committee moved or assisted with a number of new laws that have saved or created millions of jobs to help the economy on the road to recovery.

B. OVERSIGHT PLAN AND ACTIVITIES

1. *Oversight Plan*

The oversight plan adopted by the Committee for the 111th Congress was, in substantial part, as follows:

Oversight is a constitutional prerogative and responsibility of the Congress. Oversight is a core objective of the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee will thoroughly oversee and investigate the various agencies, departments, and programs within its jurisdiction. In doing so, the Education and Labor Committee will actively consult with other House committees having concurrent or germane jurisdiction. In its oversight proceedings, the Committee will make full use of formal hearings, both in Washington, D.C. and in regional field hearings, to ensure that all relevant voices are heard and made part of the official record. Among other investigative techniques, the Committee will visit relevant sites, correspond with impacted parties, and review audits and investigations by, among others, the Congressional Research Service, Government Accountability Office ("GAO"), the United States Attorney General, and the Offices of the Inspectors General ("IGs") of the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services ("HHS"). The Committee has identified several particular areas for oversight and investigation in the 111th Congress. These areas are discussed below.

Protecting the Financial Interests Students and Taxpayers—The Committee seeks to ensure that the financial interests of students, their families, and taxpayers are protected. To do this, the Committee will monitor the implementation of provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act signed into law last year, specifically provisions included to prohibit conflicts of interest among colleges and student loan lenders and to enhance consumer disclosures and protections for both Federal and private loans. The Committee will also monitor the implementation of the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act, especially as experience with this Act might inform broader reform of the student lending industry, and look more broadly at the adequacy of mechanisms in place to ensure lender and guaranty agency compliance with laws and regulations. The Committee will seek to protect taxpayers and keep funds available for deserving students by exploring allegations of educational programs that receive federal student aid for "ghost students" purportedly participating in programs, but whom do not exist. Finally, looking to protect students beyond traditional higher education financing, the Committee will assess and inves-

tigate as warranted, non-student loan business relationships between colleges, lenders, and students.

Safeguarding the Federal Child Nutrition Programs—The Committee will seek to keep children safer by ensuring that the foods they receive through federal child nutrition programs are safe. In light of last year's unprecedented food safety-related recalls affecting large numbers of schools and districts nation-wide and concerns about infant formula, the Committee will continue to review the safety of the food that is served as part of the federal child nutrition programs and investigate as appropriate.

Protecting Workers' Right to Organize Effectively—The Committee will investigate as appropriate to ensure the protection of the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain. The Committee will also investigate as appropriate to ensure that unions provide workers with the effective and ethical representation workers deserve.

Safeguarding Workers' Retirement Security—The Committee held a number of hearings on the issue of retirement security during the 110th Congress. As the economy has changed, employers have shifted much of the burden of retirement planning and saving onto workers. Numerous studies have concluded that most workers are not accumulating adequate retirement savings. The financial crisis caused by Wall Street abuses has further weakened and jeopardized workers' retirement security. In an effort to protect the integrity of retirement savings, , the Committee will investigate any impropriety in the selling and operation of the various retirement products and investments offered to workers, including the disclosure and appropriateness of fees and the disclosure of the risks and costs associated with such products. The Committee has requested that the GAO examine problems related to the selling of conflicted investment advice, target date retirement funds, and rollovers of retirement savings to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

Protecting Workers from Exploitation and Wage Theft—In the 110th Congress, the Committee held a hearing on the Department of Labor's enforcement of federal wage and hour laws. The Committee charged GAO with investigating this issue and will continue this work. The Committee will investigate and highlight the last administration's enforcement of wage and hour laws to further Congress' efforts to encourage and assist the new administration in protecting vulnerable workers from exploitation.

Strengthening the Middle Class—The Committee will investigate trends in economic conditions and employment practices generally that affect the ability of the nation's workers to acquire and maintain decent standards of living for themselves and their families, including respect for fundamental workers' rights, trade issues and compensation, benefits, and other workplace policies and practices.

Promoting Legislative Oversight of the Executive Branch—The Committee plans to lay the foundation and establish a baseline for program oversight in the new administration. The Committee will explore with GAO ways in which GAO can identify and prioritize programs that may most benefit from an in-depth review. The Committee will also work with the new administration

to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs under the Committee's jurisdiction.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse—Where appropriate, the Committee will investigate specific concerns raised by Members, staff, informants, and others regarding allegations of fraud, waste and abuse. The Committee will remain vigilant over the taxpayer's investment in government, and the health and safety of the Nation's workers, students, and children. The Committee's vigilance will include monitoring the expenditure and use of funds appropriated under any economic recovery legislation. The Committee reserves the right to review and investigate as appropriate any issues within the general legislative, administrative, and regulatory jurisdiction of the Committee.

2. Oversight Activities

The Committee's oversight activities pursuant to the oversight plan include those investigations and actions summarized in the preceding section under "Accountability and Responsibility," as well as numerous hearings held at the Full Committee and Subcommittee levels as detailed in the following sections. Some oversight activity continues, including pending GAO reports requested by the Committee Chairman on management efficiencies at the Departments of Labor and Education.

The Committee's oversight activities included hearings held pursuant to Rule XI, clause 2(n), on waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement in Government programs authorized by the Committee. Examples of such hearings included: the March 25, 2009, Hearing on GAO's Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America's Vulnerable Workers, which examined the mishandling of wage theft cases by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor in the previous years; the May 19, 2009, Hearing on Examining the Abusive and Deadly Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools, which explored the use of abusive disciplinary and control practices in the nation's schools; the October 29, 2009 Hearing on Nevada's Occupational Health and Safety Enforcement Program: OSHA's Findings and Recommendations, which examined the failures of a state OSH plan to effectively enforce workplace health and safety law; the February 23, 2010, Hearing on Reducing the Growing Backlog of Mine Safety Cases, which examined the management and processing of a massive caseload of mine safety cases at the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; the May 18, 2010, Hearing on Examining GAO's Review of Selected Head Start Grantees, which explored problems, including alleged fraud, among certain Head Start Grantees; and the June 23, 2010, Hearing on Worker Health and Safety from the Oil Rig to the Shoreline, which examined the effectiveness of government regulation and emergency response to prevent and clean up the BP oil spill in and along the Gulf of Mexico.

The Committee's oversight activities also included a hearing held pursuant to Rule XI, clause 2(o), on a disclaimer of an agency's financial statement. On December 7, 2010, the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on the disclaimer received by the Department of Labor on its FY 2010 financial statement, hearing from both the Department's Inspector

General and its Chief Financial Officer. The disclaimer resulted from problems arising from the agency's implementation of a new data system. The agency explained the steps it was taking to fix those problems and gain an audit opinion.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE FULL COMMITTEE

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- February 12, 2009—Hearing on “Examining Workers’ Rights and Violence against Labor Union Leaders in Colombia” (111-1).
- February 24, 2009—Hearing on “Strengthening Worker Retirement Security” (111-3).
- February 25, 2009—Hearing on “Renewing America through National Service and Volunteerism” (111-4).
- March 17, 2009—Hearing on “The Importance of Early Childhood Development” (111-8).
- March 25, 2009—Hearing on “GAO’s Undercover Investigation: Wage Theft of America’s Vulnerable Workers” (111-11).
- March 26, 2009—Hearing on “The Economic and Employment Impact of the Arts and Music Industry” (111-12).
- April 28, 2009—Hearing on “Are OSHA’s Penalties Adequate to Deter Health and Safety Violations?” (111-16).
- April 29, 2009—Hearing on “Strengthening America’s Competitiveness through Common Academic Standards” (111-17).
- May 7, 2009—Hearing on “Ensuring Preparedness Against the Flu Virus at School and Work” (111-19).
- May 12, 2009—Hearing on “America’s Competitiveness through High School Reform” (111-20).
- May 19, 2009—Hearing on “Examining the Abusive and Deadly Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools” (111-22).
- May 20, 2009—Hearing on “The Obama Administration’s Education Agenda” (111-23).
- May 21, 2009—Hearing on “Increasing Student Aid through Loan Reform” (111-24).
- June 4, 2009—Hearing on “Building on What Works at Charter Schools” (111-25).
- June 16, 2009—Hearing on “The Future of Learning: How Technology is Transforming Public Schools” (111-28).
- June 23, 2009—Hearing on “The Tri-Committee Draft Proposal for Health Care Reform” (111-29).
- September 23, 2009—Hearing on “H.R. 3017, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009” (111-32).
- September 30, 2009—Hearing on “Teacher Equity: Effective Teachers for All Children” (111-33).
- October 1, 2009—Hearing on “Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans” (111-34).
- October 29, 2009—Hearing on “Nevada’s Workplace Health and Safety Enforcement Program: OSHA’s Findings and Recommendations” (111-37).
- November 17, 2009—Hearing on “Protecting Employees, Employers and the Public: H1N1 and Sick Leave Policies” (111-40).
- December 8, 2009—Hearing on “Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards” (111-43).

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- February 3, 2010—Hearing on “Strengthening the Economy and Improving the Lives of American Workers” (111-44).
- February 23, 2010—Hearing on “Reducing the Growing Backlog of Contested Mine Safety Cases” (111-45).
- February 24, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 4330, the All Students Achieving through Reform Act of 2009” (111-46).
- March 2, 2010—Hearing on “Improving Children’s Health: Strengthening Federal Child Nutrition Programs” (111-47).
- March 3, 2010—Hearing on “Building a Stronger Economy: Spurring Reform and Innovation In American Education” (111-48).
- March 17, 2010—Hearing on “The Obama Administration’s Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization Blueprint” (111-52).
- April 14, 2010—Hearing on “How Data Can Be Used to Inform Educational Outcomes” (111-54).
- April 21, 2010—Hearing on “Reforming the Juvenile Justice System to Improve Children’s Lives and Public Safety” (111-56).
- April 30, 2010—Hearing on “Understanding Problems in First Contract Negotiations: Post-Doctoral Scholar Bargaining at the University of California” (111-59).
- May 4, 2010—Hearing on “Supporting America’s Educators: The Importance of Quality Teachers and Leaders” (111-60).
- May 18, 2010—Hearing on “Examining GAO’s Review of Selected Head Start Grantees” (111-62).
- May 19, 2010—Hearing on “Research and Best Practices on Successful School Turnaround” (111-63).
- May 20, 2010—Hearing on “The Impact of Concussions on High School Athletes” (111-64).
- May 24, 2010—Hearing on “The Upper Big Branch Mine Tragedy: Testimony of Family Members” (111-65).
- June 17, 2010—Hearing on “The Department of Education Inspector General’s Review of Standards for Program Length in Higher Education” (111-67).
- June 23, 2010—Hearing on “Worker Health and Safety from the Oil Rig to the Shoreline” (111-68).
- July 1, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act” (111-71).
- July 13, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 5663, Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010” (111-72).
- September 23, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 6172, Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act” (111-75).

III. MARKUPS HELD BY THE FULL COMMITTEE

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- January 21, 2009—Organizational Meeting. The Committee Rules for the 111th Congress were adopted by unanimous consent. Subcommittee assignments were announced.
- February 11, 2009—H.R. 911 was ordered favorably reported to the House by a vote of 32 to 10.
- February 11, 2009—The Oversight Plan was adopted by unanimous consent.

March 11, 2009—H.R. 1388 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 34 to 3 (House Report 111-37).

May 6, 2009—H.R. 2187 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 31 to 14 (House Report 111-100).

June 24, 2009—H.R. 2989 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 29 to 17 (House Report 111-244).

July 17, 2009—H.R. 3200 was ordered reported favorably to the House with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The Committee authorized the Chairman to transmit the bill, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, to the Committee on Budget in compliance with Section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as the first part of the Committee's recommendations, pursuant to the reconciliation instruction in S. Con. Res. 13, by a vote of 26 to 22 (House Report 111-299, Part III).

July 21, 2009—H.R. 3221 was ordered reported favorably to the House with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The Committee authorized the Chairman to transmit the bill, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with Section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as the first part of the Committee's recommendations, pursuant to the reconciliation instruction in S.Con.Res. 13, by a vote of 30 to 17 (House Report 111-232).

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February 4, 2010—H.R. 4247 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 34 to 10 (House Report 111-417).

July 14, 2010—H.R. 5504 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 32 to 13.

July 21, 2010—H.R. 5663 was ordered favorably reported, as amended, to the House by a vote of 30 to 17 (House Report 111-579).

IV. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. LEGISLATION ENACTED INTO LAW (BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE)

H.R. 2 (Public Law 111-3) To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr.

H.R. 1388 (Public Law 111-13) The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, an Act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn

H.R. 1777 (Public Law 111-103) To make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George

H.R. 3962 (Public Law 111-192) To provide a physician payment update, to provide pension funding relief, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Dingell, John D.

H.R. 4691 (Public Law 111-144) To provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.

- H.R. 4851 (Public Law 111-157) To provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Levin, Sander M.
- H.R. 5610 (Public Law 111-213) To provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- S. 2781 (Public Law 111-256) A bill to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability. Sponsor: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara
- S. 2865 (Public Law 111-200) A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I.
- S. 3307 (Public Law 111-296) Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L.
- S. 3817 (Public Law 111-378), CAPTA Reauthorization ACT of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Dodd, Christopher J.
- S. 3984 (Public Law 111-) Museum and Library Services Act of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Reed, Jack.

B. LEGISLATION ENACTED INTO LAW (BILLS NOT REFERRED TO
COMMITTEE)

- H.R. 1, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 1586, FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Skelton, Ike
- H.R. 2701, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Reyes, Silvestre
- H.R. 2847, Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act. Rep. Molohan, Alan B.
- H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L.
- H.R. 3288, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Olver, John W.
- H.R. 3548, Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim
- H.R. 3590, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 4213, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010
- H.R. 4899, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Sponsor: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A.
- S. 1422, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act. Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty

- S. 1818, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Sponsor: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff

C. LEGISLATION PASSED THE HOUSE (BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE)

- H.Con.Res. 59, Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability. Sponsor: Rep. Terry, Lee.
- H.Con.Res. 77, Recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University. Sponsor: Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C.
- H.Con.Res. 99, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Early Educator Worthy Wage Day. Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn
- H.Con.Res. 123, Recognizing the historical and national significance of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Con.Res. 126, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education. Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E.
- H.Con.Res. 222, Recognizing the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia to the Hispanic community and his remarkable efforts to combat racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States of America. Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P.
- H.Con.Res. 275, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning on the second Sunday of September as Arts in Education Week. Sponsor: Rep. Speier, Jackie
- H.Con.Res. 284, Recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers. Sponsor: Rep. Sessions, Pete
- H.Con.Res. 285, Recognizing the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children and families and supporting the goals and ideals of designating 2010 as the Year of the Father. Sponsor: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy
- H.Con.Res. 323, Supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. Sponsor: Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie
- H.Con.Res. 329, Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.Res. 6, Recognizing the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who participate in organized sports and supporting the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week. Sponsor: Rep. McIntyre, Mike
- H.Res. 39, Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools. Sponsor: Rep. Lipinski, Daniel
- H.Res. 41, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Susan A.
- H.Res. 43, Recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service. Sponsor: Rep. Platts, Todd Russell
- H.Res. 50, Honoring the life of Claiborne Pell, distinguished former Senator from the State of Rhode Island. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George

- H.Res. 56, Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week." Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T.
- H.Res. 58, Commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff
- H.Res. 60, Recognizing and commending the University of Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford for winning the 2008 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments. Sponsor: Rep. Fallin, Mary
- H.Res. 77, Congratulating the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, for more than 100 years of service and leadership to the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Wittman, Robert J.
- H.Res. 90, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Capus Safety Awareness Month. Sponsor: Rep. Sestak, Joe
- H.Res. 91, Honoring the life and service of Dr. William Spoelhof, president emeritus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J.
- H.Res. 114, Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Girls and Women in Sports Day." Sponsor: Rep. Sires, Albio
- H.Res. 128, Honoring Miami University for its 200 years of commitment to extraordinary higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Boehner, John A.
- H.Res. 146, Designating March 2, 2009, as "Read Across America Day." Sponsor: Rep. Markey, Betsy
- H.Res. 150, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that A. Philip Randolph should be recognized for his lifelong leadership and work to end discrimination and secure equal employment and labor opportunities for all Americans. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.Res. 153, Commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl. Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E.
- H.Res. 167, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr.
- H.Res. 182, Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as "School Social Work Week." Sponsor: Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J.
- H.Res. 196, Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team (the "Lady Vols") and Head Coach Pat Summitt on her 1000th victory. Sponsor: Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr.
- H.Res. 210, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on classroom performance. Sponsor: Rep. Moore, Gwen
- H.Res. 222, Congratulating the National Assessment Governing Board on its 20th Anniversary in measuring student academic achievement. Sponsor: Rep. Castle, Michael N.
- H.Res. 232, Recognizing and commending the Toys for Tots Literacy Program for its contributions in raising awareness of illiteracy, promoting children's literacy, and fighting poverty through the support of literacy.

- H.Res. 240, To support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day. Sponsor: Rep. Shear-Porter, Carol
- H.Res. 247, Expressing support for designation of March 22, 2009, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day." Sponsor: Rep. Skelton, Ike
- H.Res. 297, Recognizing May 25, 2009, as National Missing Children's Day. Sponsor: Biggert, Judy
- H.Res. 300, Congratulating Camp Dudley YMCA of Westport, New York, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary. Sponsor: Rep. McHugh, John M.
- H.Res. 335, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Volunteer Week. Sponsor: Rep. Platts, Todd Russell
- H.Res. 336, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week. Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J.
- H.Res. 337, Supporting the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Granger, Kay
- H.Res. 338, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month. Sponsor: Latham, Tom
- H.Res. 344, Commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament. Sponsor: Rep. Courtney, Joe
- H.Res. 347, Congratulating Averett University in Danville, Virginia, for 150 years of service and leadership to the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Perriello, Thomas S.P.
- H.Res. 348, Congratulating the University of North Carolina men's basketball team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Price, David E.
- H.Res. 353, Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L.
- H.Res. 362, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of the National School Lunch Program. Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E.
- H.Res. 368, Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship. Sponsor: Loebsack, David
- H.Res. 374, Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being. Sponsor: Rep. Graves, Sam
- H.Res. 375, Supporting the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day in order to honor and remember the workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace. Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice
- H.Res. 382, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 3 through May 9, 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Rob
- H.Res. 386, Commending the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team for winning the 2009 NCAA National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Broun, Paul C.
- H.Res. 390, Recognizing the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in Fulton, Missouri, as "America's National Churchill Museum," and commending its efforts to recognize the impor-

- tance of the historic legacy of Sir Winston Churchill and to educate the people of the United States about his legacy of character, leadership, and citizenship. Sponsor: Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine
- H.Res. 396, Honoring the graduating Class of 2009 at the University of California, Merced. Sponsor: Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A.
- H.Res. 411, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Intermediate Space Challenge in Mojave, California. Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin
- H.Res. 428, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day. Sponsor: Rep. McIntyre, Mike
- H.Res. 438, Expressing support for designation of September as "National Child Awareness Month." Sponsor: Sanchez, Loretta
- H.Res. 442, Recognizing the importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its positive effect on the lives of low income children and families. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.Res. 448, Congratulating the University of California, Davis, for a century as a premier public research university and one of our Nation's finest institutions of higher education. Sponsors: Rep. Thompson, Mike
- H.Res. 453, Recognizing the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps and encouraging all citizens to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni, and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service. Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O.
- H.Res. 454, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Sponsor: Rep. Poe, Ted
- H.Res. 455, Congratulating the Wichita State University men's and women's bowling teams for winning the 2009 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship. Sponsor: Tiahrt, Todd
- H.Res. 459, Expressing support for designation of "National Safety Month." Sponsor: Rep. Roskam, Peter J.
- H.Res. 487, Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the State News at Michigan State University. Sponsor: Rep. Rogers, Mike J.
- H.Res. 491, Encouraging each institution of higher education in the country to seek membership in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium. Sponsor: Rep. Adler, John H.
- H.Res. 493, Recognizing the significant contributions of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life to college campus communities in the United States and around the world. Sponsor: Rep. Klein, Ron
- H.Res. 503, Recognizing National Physical Education and Sport Week, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Altmire, Jason
- H.Res. 517, Congratulating the University of Washington women's softball team for winning the 2009 Women's College World Series. Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim
- H.Res. 558, Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Com-

- puter Science Education Week. Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J.
- H.Res. 561, Congratulating the Onondaga Community College Lady Lazars for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament. Sponsor: Rep. Maffei, Daniel B.
- H.Res. 562, Congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament. Sponsor: Rep. Maffei, Daniel B.
- H.Res. 563, Congratulating the Onondaga Community College Lazars for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament. Sponsor: Rep. Maffei, Daniel B.
- H.Res. 583, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Lester Flatt has made an invaluable contribution to American art as both a songwriter and a performer, leaving an indelible legacy in bluegrass music. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Lincoln
- H.Res. 616, Congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series. Sponsor: Rep. Cassidy, Bill
- H.Res. 650, Recognizing that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture and declaring country music to be a uniquely American art form. Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff
- H.Res. 659, Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 98 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the Nation. Sponsor: Rep. Hastings, Alcee L.
- H.Res. 660, Recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute. Sponsor: Rep. Kissell, Larry
- H.Res. 684, Recognizing and honoring Howard University School of Law's 140-year legacy of social justice and its continued commitment to the training of capable and compassionate legal practitioners and scholars. Sponsor: Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.
- H.Res. 686, Recommending that the United States Constitution be taught to high school students throughout the Nation in September of their senior year. Sponsor: Rep. Grayson, Alan
- H.Res. 696, Acknowledging and congratulating Western Wyoming Community College in Southwest Wyoming on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and citizens of the State of Wyoming. Sponsor: Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M.
- H.Res. 700, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week. Sponsor: Rep. Loebsack, David
- H.Res. 707, A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of October 18, 2009, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Sponsor: Rep. Polis, Jared
- H.Res. 730, Honoring the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse. Sponsor: Rep. Kind, Ron

- H.Res. 737, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week should be established. Sponsor: Grijalva, Raul M.
- H.Res. 741, Expressing support for designation of October 8, 2009 as national Jumpstart's "Read for the Record Day." Sponsor: Rep. Markey, Betsy
- H.Res. 752, Recognizing the tragic loss of life that occurred at the Cherry Mine in Cherry, Illinois, on its 100th anniversary and the contributions to worker and mine safety that resulted from this and other disasters. Sponsor: Rep. Halvorson, Deborah L.
- H.Res. 768, Expressing support for the designation of the month of October as "National Work and Family Month." Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn
- H.Res. 769, Recognizing the benefits of service-learning as a teaching strategy to effectively engage youth in the community and classroom, and expressing support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge. Sponsor: Rep. Platts, Todd Russell
- H.Res. 776, Congratulating the Dartmouth Outing Club of Hanover, New Hampshire, for the 100 years of service to the United States and its wilderness. Sponsor: Rep. Hodes, Paul W
- H.Res. 791, Congratulating the Aldine Independent School District in Harris County, Texas, on winning the 2009 "Broad Prize for Urban Education." Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene
- H.Res. 811, Expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month." Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Susan A.
- H.Res. 817, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence. Sponsor: Rep. Green, Al
- H.Res. 822, Expressing support for students to learn about Christopher Columbus. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Res. 824, Congratulating the Northwestern University Wildcats on winning the 2009 NCAA women's lacrosse championship, and to commend Northwestern University for its pursuit of athletic and academic excellence. Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D.
- H.Res. 836, Expressing support for Teen Read Week. Sponsor: Roe, David P.
- H.Res. 837, Recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for over 150 years of service as an institution of higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Guthrie, Brett
- H.Res. 854, Recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Rob
- H.Res. 860, Supporting the initiatives of Chicago Wilderness and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Sponsor: Rep. Quigley, Mike
- H.Res. 862, Congratulating the staff, students, and faculty at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction competition. Sponsor: Rep. Foster, Bill

- H.Res. 878, Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day. Sponsor: Rep. Platts, Todd Russell
- H.Res. 880, Recognizing the efforts of postsecondary institutions offering career and technical education to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries. Sponsor: Rep. Cassidy, Bill
- H.Res. 897, Recognizing the importance of teaching elementary and secondary school students about the sacrifices that veterans have made throughout the history of the Nation. Sponsor: Rep. Guthrie, Brett
- H.Res. 901, Recognizing November 14, 2009, as the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- H.Res. 970, Congratulating Flint native, University of Alabama sophomore, and running back Mark Ingram on winning the 2009 Heisman Trophy and honoring both his athletic and academic achievements. Sponsor: Rep. Kildee, Dale E.
- H.Res. 990, Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month." Sponsor: Rep. McCollum, Betty
- H.Res. 991, Commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Perriello, Thomas S.P.
- H.Res. 1001, Congratulating North Central College on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship.
- H.Res. 1002, Honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraging the continued commitment to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service. Sponsor: Platts, Todd Russell
- H.Res. 1004, Congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science and improving health. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Danny K.
- H.Res. 1007, Commending the University of Alabama for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. Sponsor: Rep. Bachus, Spencer
- H.Res. 1008, Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools. Sponsor: Rep. Lipinski, Daniel
- H.Res. 1015, Congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Res. 1029, Expressing support for designation of the week of February 1 through February 5, 2010, as "National School Counseling Week." Sponsor: Rep. Sanchez, Linda T.
- H.Res. 1030, Congratulating Messiah College men's and women's soccer teams on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III national championships.
- H.Res. 1033, Expressing support for designation of April 2010 as "National Autism Awareness Month: and supporting efforts to devote resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.
- H.Res. 1034, Expressing support for the importance of Braille in the lives of blind people. Sponsor: Rep. Sarbanes, John P.

- H.Res. 1041, Congratulating and commending the University of Idaho's football team for winning the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho.
- H.Res. 1042, Commending the Boise State University Broncos football team for winning the 2010 Fiesta Bowl. Sponsor: Rep. Minnick, Walter
- H.Res. 1043, Recognizing Brescia University for 60 years of leadership in higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Guthrie, Brett
- H.Res. 1047, Commending The Ohio State University Buckeyes football team for its victory in the 2010 Rose Bowl. Sponsor: Rep. Kilroy, Mary Jo
- H.Res. 1055, Supporting the designation of National Robotics Week as an annual event. Sponsor: Rep. Doyle, Michael F.
- H.Res. 1058, Honoring and praising the Sojourn to the Past organization on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Sponsor: Rep. Lewis, John
- H.Res. 1072, Recognizing Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and excellence in higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Cassidy, Bill
- H.Res. 1089, Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Sponsor: Rep. Hare, Phil
- H.Res. 1091, Expressing support for designation of the week of February 28 through March 7, 2010, as "School Social Work Week." Sponsor: Rep. Kennedy, Patrick
- H.Res. 1111, Designating March 2, 2010, as "Read Across America Day." Sponsor: Rep. Markey, Betsy
- H.Res. 1112, Congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Res. 1117, Commending and congratulating the California State University system on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Sponsor: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe
- H.Res. 1131, Expressing support for designation of the week of April 18, 2010, through April 23, 2010, as National Assistant Principals Week. Sponsor: Rep. Fudge, Marcia L.
- H.Res. 1142, Congratulating Silver Lake College for 75 years of service as an undergraduate institution of higher education.
- H.Res. 1145, Recognizing the University of Arizona's 125 years of dedication to excellence in higher education.
- H.Res. 1149, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter School Week, to be held May 2 through May 8, 2010. Sponsor: Bishop, Rob
- H.Res. 1157, Congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th year of service to the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Hastings, Alcee
- H.Res. 1161, Honoring the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University, the first Catholic university in the world to offer co-education as part of its regular undergraduate program. Sponsor: Rep. Moore, Gwen
- H.Res. 1163, Recognizing Washington State University Honors College for 50 years of excellence. Sponsor: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy
- H.Res. 1167, Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work

- Month and World Social Work Day. Sponsor: Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol
- H.Res. 1169, Honoring the 125th anniversary of Rollins College. Sponsor: Rep. Grayson, Alan
- H.Res. 1170, Congratulating the winners of the Voice of Democracy national scholarship program. Sponsor: Rep. Hunter, Duncan D.
- H.Res. 1182, Congratulating Radford University on the 100th anniversary of the university. Sponsor: Rep. Boucher, Rick
- H.Res. 1184, Congratulating the 2009-2010 University of Maryland Men's Basketball Team, Greivis Vasquez, and Coach Gary Williams on an outstanding season. Sponsor: Rep. Hoyer, Steny H.
- H.Res. 1198, Congratulating Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania for 140 years of excellence in higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Res. 1219, Expressing support for designation of September as National Child Awareness Month. Sponsor: Rep. Calvert, Ken
- H.Res. 1222, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Library Week. Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J.
- H.Res. 1236, Honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending condolences to their families and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency workers at the mine disaster.
- H.Res. 1239, Commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament. Sponsor: Rep. Courtney, Joe
- H.Res. 1240, Supporting the goals and ideas of Global Youth Service Day. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L.
- H.Res. 1242, Congratulating the Duke University men's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Price, David E.
- H.Res. 1244, Recognizing the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition for its now five-year effort to promote cyber security curriculum in institutions of higher learning. Sponsor: Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D.
- H.Res. 1261, Recognizing National Nurses Week. Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice
- H.Res. 1270, Expressing support for Mathematics Awareness Month. Sponsor: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy
- H.Res. 1272, Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.
- H.Res. 1276, Recognizing the continued importance of volunteerism and national service and the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.Res. 1280, Expressing support for designation of April 26, 2010, as National Healthy Schools Day. Sponsor: Rep. Tonko, Paul
- H.Res. 1292, Congratulating the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Moran, Jerry
- H.Res. 1293, Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Sponsor: Rep. Biggert, Judy

- H.Res. 1312, Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being. Sponsor: Rep. Graves, Sam
- H.Res. 1313, Expressing support for designation of May as "Child Advocacy Center Month" and commending the National Child Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on their 25th anniversary in 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, Parker
- H.Res. 1322, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows. Sponsor: Rep. Honda, Michael M.
- H.Res. 1333, Expressing support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week. Sponsor: Rep. Roe, David P.
- H.Res. 1336, Congratulating the University of Texas men's swimming and diving team for winning the NCAA Division I national championship. Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Lamar
- H.Res. 1338, Recognizing the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps and encouraging all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of national and community service. Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O.
- H.Res. 1353, Supporting the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month to raise awareness of student financial aid. Sponsor: Bishop, Timothy H.
- H.Res. 1361, Recognizing North Carolina Central University on its 100th anniversary. Sponsor: Price, David E.
- H.Res. 1372, Honoring the University of Georgia Graduate School on the occasion of its centennial. Sponsor: Rep. Broun, Paul C.
- H.Res. 1373, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning May 2, 2010, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week." Sponsor: Rep. Altmire, Jason
- H.Res. 1389, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day. Sponsor: Rep. McIntyre, Mike
- H.Res. 1414, Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men-Englewood Campus, the Nation's first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Rush, Bobby L.
- H.Res. 1427, Honoring the life of John Robert Wooden. Sponsor: Rep. Waxman, Henry A.
- H.Res. 1430, Honoring and saluting golf legend Juan Antonio "Chi Chi" Rodriguez for his commitment to Latino youth programs of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Sponsor: Rep. Baca, Joe
- H.Res. 1456, Congratulating the University of Dayton men's basketball team for winning the 2010 National Invitation Tournament basketball championship. Sponsor: Rep. Turner, Michael R.
- H.Res. 1472, Expressing support for designation of the week of September 13, 2010, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Sponsor: Rep. Polis, Jared
- H.Res. 1480, Commending the University of Southern California Trojan men's tennis team for its victory in the 2010 National

- Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Tennis Championship. Sponsor: Rep. Watson, Diane E.
- H.Res. 1491, Congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series. Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe
- H.Res. 1504, Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Sponsor: Rep. Hoyer, Steny H.
- H.Res. 1543, Honoring the educational significance of Dr. Jane Goodall's work on this the 50th anniversary of the beginning of her work in Tanzania, Africa. Sponsor: Rep. Polis, Jared
- H.Res. 1545, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning on the third Monday in September as "National Postdoc Appreciation Week." Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff
- H.Res. 1560, Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week. Sponsor: Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J.
- H.Res. 1564, Commending and congratulating Michigan Technology University on the occasion of its 125th anniversary. Sponsor: Rep. Stupak, Bart
- H.Res. 1571, Acknowledging and congratulating Miami Dade College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and residents of the State of Florida. Sponsor: Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana
- H.Res. 1576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Day of Recognition for Parents of Special Needs Children should be established. Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan
- H.Res. 1582, Honoring and saluting Americans for the Arts on its 50th anniversary. Sponsor: Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh
- H.Res. 1598, Expressing support for the designation of the month of October as National Work and Family Month. Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy Carolyn
- H.Res. 1611, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning September 19, 2010, as "National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week." Sponsor: Rep. Grijalva, Raul M.
- H.Res. 1637, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2010 and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs and practices designed to prevent and end domestic violence. Sponsor: Rep. Poe, Ted
- H.Res. 1638, Supporting the goals and ideals of National GEAR UP Day. Sponsor: Rep. Fattah, Chaka
- H.Res. 1641, Celebrating September 30, 2010, as the 60th Anniversary of Impact Aid. Sponsor: Rep. Hirono, Mazie K.
- H.Res. 1645, Expressing support for designation of the week beginning on November 8, 2010, as National School Psychology Week. Sponsor: Rep. Loeb sack, David

- H.Res. 1652, Expressing support for designation of the month of October 2010 as National Principals Month. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Susan
- H.Res. 1654, Expressing support for designation of the week of April 11, 2011, as "Undergraduate Research Week". Sponsor: Rep. Holt, Rush D.
- H.Res. 1655, Expressing support for designation of October as "National Farm to School Month". Sponsor: Rep. Holt, Rush D.
- H.Res. 1663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month. Sponsor: Rep. Fudge, Marcia L.
- H.Res. 1715, Congratulating Joe Paterno on his 400th win as Penn State Nittany Lions football head coach. Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn
- H.Res. 1759, Expressing support for designation of January 23rd as "Ed Roberts Day". Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.Res. 1761, Congratulating Auburn University quarterback and College Park, Georgia, native Cameron Newton on winning the 2010 Heisman Trophy for being the most outstanding college football player in the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Rogers, Mike D. (AL)
- H.Res. 1767, Commending the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid. Sponsor: Rep. Baldwin, Tammy
- H.R. 2, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr.
- H.R. 11, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George. Passed as S. 181.
- H.R. 12, Paycheck Fairness Act. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L.
- H.R. 729, Phylicia's Law. Sponsor: Rep. Rothman, Steven R.
- H.R. 780, Student Internet Safety Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Putnam, Adam H.
- H.R. 911, Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 912, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act. Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Timothy H.
- H.R. 959, Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, Patrick J.
- H.R. 1035, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Grijalva, Raul M. Passed as S. 1818. H.R. 1253, Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C.
- H.R. 1253, Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009. Sponsor: Burgess, Michael C.
- H.R. 1380, Josh Miller HEARTS Act. Sponsor: Rep. Sutton, Betty
- H.R. 1388, Serve America Act. Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn
- H.R. 1585, FIT Kids Act. Sponsor: Rep. Kind, Ron
- H.R. 1612, Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Grijalva, Raul M.
- H.R. 1662, Anthony DeJuan Boatwright Act. Sponsor: Rep. Barrow, John
- H.R. 1709, STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Gordon, Bart

- H.R. 1777, To make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 1824, Best Buddies Empowerment for People with Intellectual Disabilities Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Hoyer, Steny H.
- H.R. 1855, SECTORS Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Loeb sack, David
- H.R. 2136, Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones College Fire Prevention Act. Sponsor: Rep. Fudge, Marcia L.
- H.R. 2187, 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. Sponsor: Rep. Chandler, Ben
- H.R. 2377, To direct the Secretary of Education to establish and administer an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education. Sponsor: Rep. Titus, Dina
- H.R. 2454, American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Waxman, Henry A.
- H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 3962, Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Dingell, John D.
- H.R. 4072, AMERICA Works Act. Sponsor: Rep. Minnick, Walter
- H.R. 4247, Keeping All Students Safe Act. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 4691, Temporary Extension Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 4851, Continuing Extension Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Levin, Sander M.
- H.R. 5012, Weekends Without Hunger Act. Sponsor: Rep. Titus, Dina
- H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Gordon, Bart
- H.R. 5220, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act. Sponsor: Rep. Hoyer, Steny H.
- H.R. 5458, Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act. Sponsor: Rep. Adler, John H.
- H.R. 5610, Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 5851, Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 6469, To amend section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include a condition of receipt of funds under the child and adult care food program. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.R. 6517, Omnibus Trade Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Levin, Sander M.
- H.R. 6547, Protecting Students from Sexual and Violent Predators Act
- S. 2781, Rosa's Law. Sponsor: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A.
- S. 2865, Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. Sponsor: Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I.
- S. 3307, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L.

- S. 3817, CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Dodd, Christopher J.
- S. 3984, Museum and Library Services Act of 2010. Sponsor: Sen. Reed, Jack
- S.Con.Res. 30, A concurrent resolution commending the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary. Sponsor: Sen. Schumer, Charles E.

D. LEGISLATION PASSED THE HOUSE IN ANOTHER MEASURE

- H.R. 12, Paycheck Fairness Act. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. The text of H.R. 12, as passed the House, was added to H.R. 11.
- H.R. 413, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act. Sponsor: Kildee, Dale. Substantially the same text was added to H.R. 4899.
- H.R. 598, To provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B. The text of H.R. 598 was added to H.R. 1.
- H.R. 629, Energy and Commerce Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Sponsor: Rep. Waxman, Henry A. The text of H.R. 598 was added to H.R. 1.
- H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. Provisions of H.R. 2874 were added to H.R. 3949.
- H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009. Sponsor: Miller, George. The text of H.R. 2989 was added to H.R. 4213.
- H.R. 5851, Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George. The text of H.R. 5851, as passed the House, was added to H.R. 3534.
- H.R. 6497, Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Berman, Howard L. The text of H.R. 6497 was added to H.R. 5281.

E. LEGISLATION PASSED THE HOUSE (BILLS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE)

- H.Con.Res. 85, Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014. Sponsor: Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. H.Con.Res. 85, as passed, also passed as a substitute to S.Con.Res. 13.
- H.Res. 1363, Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety. Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George
- H.Res. 1481, Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Save for Retirement Week", including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy. Sponsor: Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y.
- H.R. 1, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 748, Center to Advance, Monitor, and Preserve University Security Safety Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C.

- H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 1327, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009. Sponsor: Frank, Barney
- H.R. 1586, FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Skelton, Ike.
- H.R. 2701, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Reyes, Silvestre
- H.R. 2847, Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act. Rep. Molohan, Alan B.
- H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L.
- H.R. 3288, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Olver, John W.
- H.R. 3293, Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II
- H.R. 3548, Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim
- H.R. 3590, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 3949, Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009. Sponsor: Rep. Filner, Bob
- H.R. 4213, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B.
- H.R. 4872, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010
- H.R. 4899, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Obey, David R.
- H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. Sponsor: Rep. Skelton, Ike
- H.R. 5281, Removal Clarification Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr.
- H.R. 5618, Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 2010. Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim
- S. 181, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009. Sponsor: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. See H.R. 11.
- S. 1422, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act. Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty
- S. 1818, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Sponsor: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff. See H.R. 1035.
- S.Con.Res. 13, An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. Sponsor: Sen. Conrad, Kent. See H.Con.Res. 85

F. LEGISLATION WITH FILED COMMITTEE REPORTS

- H.R. 1388, Serve America Act (House Report 111-37)

- H.R. 2187, 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities (House Report 111-100)
- H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009 (House Report 111-244, Part I)
- H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (House Report 111-299, Part III) (This bill was reported to both the House and the House Committee on Budget pursuant to the budget resolution, S. Con. Res. 13. The Budget Committee subsequently reported H.R. 4872.)
- H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 (House Report 111-232) (This bill was reported to both the House and the House Committee on Budget pursuant to the budget resolution, S. Con. Res. 13. The Budget Committee subsequently reported H.R. 4872.)
- H.R. 4247, Keeping All Students Safe Act (House Report 111-417)
- H.R. 5663, Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010 (House Report 111-579)

G. LEGISLATION ORDERED REPORTED FROM FULL COMMITTEE
AND NOT PASSED BY HOUSE

- H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009 (House Report 111-244, Part I). The text of H.R. 2989 was added to H.R. 4213.
- H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 (House Report 111-299, Part III). (This bill was reported to both the House and the House Committee on Budget pursuant to the budget resolution, S. Con. Res. 13, which subsequently reported H.R. 4872.)
- H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act. See S. 3307
- H.R. 5663, Robert C. Byrd Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010 (House Report 111-579, Part I)

H. CONFERENCE REPORTS FILED WITH EDUCATION AND LABOR
MEMBERS APPOINTED AS CONFEREES

- H.R. 2647, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (House Report 111-288).

V. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR STATISTICS

A. GENERAL STATISTICS ON REFERRED MATTERS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred	964
Total Number of Hearings	81
Total Number of Hearings Held by Full Committee	41
Total Number of Field Hearings	8
Total Number of Field Hearings Held by Full Committee	2
Total Number of Markup Sessions	14
Total Number of Measures Ordered Reported by the Full Committee	9
Total Number of Filed Reports	7
Total Number of Committee Reports	7
Total Number of Filed Conference Reports	0
Total Number of Conferences with Committee Members Appointed as Conferees	1
Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Passed the House	238
Total Number of Bills Enacted Into Law	12

B. NOT REFERRED MATTERS CONTAINING COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

Total Number of Not Referred Bills That Passed the House	28
Total Number of Not Referred Bills Enacted Into Law	16

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, chaired by Representative Dale E. Kildee (D-MI), has jurisdiction over education from early learning through the high school level including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary education, education of the disabled, the homeless and migrant and agricultural labor, school construction, overseas dependent schools, career and technical training, school safety and alcohol and drug abuse prevention, educational research and improvement, including the Institute of Education Sciences, and early care and education programs and early learning programs, including the Head Start Act and the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

In the 111th Congress, the Subcommittee held hearings and helped to write legislation to improve early childhood education and development, provide millions of children, teachers and other educators with the opportunity to learn and teach in a safe, healthy, energy efficient, state-of-the-art school facility, and to inform the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Early Childhood

The Subcommittee's first hearing in March 2009, "Improving Early Childhood Development Policies and Practices," examined the early learning and child care needs of children and families as well as collaborative state efforts and other initiatives to deliver high quality care and education to children from birth through age five. This hearing helped lay the groundwork for the inclusion of an \$8 billion Early Learning Challenge Fund in H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which was approved by the full Committee in June 2009 and approved by the House of Representatives in September 2009 by 253-171. The Early Learning Challenge Fund would award competitive grants to states that implement a standards-based birth-to-five early learning system. This system would improve early education standards, classroom environments, and invest in the early childhood workforce.

Elementary and Secondary Education

In April 2009, Representative Ben Chandler (D-KY), joined by Chairmen Miller and Kildee and Representative Dave Loebsack (D-IA), introduced H.R. 2187, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, to support state and local efforts to ensure that children and teachers have modern school buildings. In May 2009, the Committee on Education and Labor favorably reported H.R. 2187 to the full House of Representatives after adopting three amendments offered by the following members: Representative Jared Polis (D-CO) (to ensure that charter

schools receive a share of a local education agency's funds based on the percentage of low-income students within the agency served by charter schools and to ensure consultation between the agency and charter schools concerning the needs of individual schools); Representative Joe Sestak (D-PA) (to clarify that improvements to ceilings and floors are authorized uses of funds); and Senior Republican Member Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon (R-CA) (to require local educational agencies to conduct a state-certified, independent third-party facilities audit to receive funds). The House of Representatives passed H.R. 2187 in May 2009 by 275-155.

In June 2009, the Committee approved H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act which included \$4.04 billion for school modernization and renovation modeled after H.R. 2187, the 21st Century Green High Performing Public School Facilities Act, and \$60 million for modernization and renovation of school facilities in regions affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 3221 in September 2009 by 253-171.

School buildings should be safe and healthy learning environments for children and teachers. But according to recent estimates, America's schools are hundreds of billions of dollars short of the funding needed to bring them up to good condition. Meanwhile, research shows a correlation between school facility quality and student achievement. Despite the need to modernize school buildings, since 2001 the federal government has provided almost no direct aid to help states and schools pay for school construction and repair. Modernizing school buildings would also create jobs in the construction industry, one of the industries hit hardest by the recent economic downturn. And modernizing school buildings to make them more energy efficient and more reliant on renewable sources of energy would save money and reduce emissions that contribute to global warming.

In particular, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act would:

- Provide schools with access to funding for modernization, renovation and repair projects;
- Encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources in schools and save money through the use of green building techniques;
- Provide additional aid to Gulf Coast schools still recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;
- Ensure fair wages and benefits for workers by applying Davis-Bacon protections to all grants;
- Improve student achievement and increase teacher retention by providing more children and teachers with a modern, safe, healthy place for learning;
- Boost the economy by improving communities and generating jobs;

The Subcommittee also held four hearings to lay the groundwork for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. These hearings addressed a wide variety of topics including issues related to school safety, accelerated learning through early college high schools and dual enrollment, a comprehensive literacy initiative, and diverse learners including English-language learn-

ers, students with disabilities, Native American students, and homeless students.

This first hearing in July 2009, “Strengthening School Safety through the Prevention of Bullying,” included testimony from school safety experts, students committed to building safe school climates, and a parent who lost her child as a result of bullying at school. Witnesses provided recommendations to the Subcommittee for strengthening many provision in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act critical to establishing safe learning environments for students and teachers.

In September 2009, the Subcommittee traveled to Flint, Michigan to hold a field hearing at the site of two early college high schools—the Mott Middle College and the Genesee Early College. Members of the Subcommittee heard testimony from the Superintendent, officials from partner postsecondary institutions, a student, and a representative from one of the partnering business institutions about the success of these programs. This hearing helped the Subcommittee gain first-hand knowledge of the role early college high schools and other dual enrollment programs play in reducing the number of high school dropouts and expanding access to postsecondary education—particularly for low-income disadvantaged students.

The third hearing in November 2009, “Improving the Literacy Skills of Children and Young Adults,” gave the Subcommittee the opportunity to reevaluate the federal investment in literacy and explore ways to improve the reading comprehension skills of children and young adults. Witnesses with experience ranging from early childhood through adolescent literacy offered testimony on the most effective strategies for reading instruction and comprehension, recommending a more comprehensive federal investment in literacy programs that spans from birth through the adolescent years.

The final hearing in March 2010 entitled, “Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization: Addressing the Needs of Diverse Students,” explored causes for the continued achievement gap and identified strategies for helping all children succeed in the classroom and beyond. Witnesses with expertise in educating English Language Learners, students with disabilities, Native American students, and homeless students talked about the challenges these populations face due to resource inequities and limited access to high quality teachers and challenging coursework. These witnesses also offered recommendations for eradicating these challenges by strengthening related provisions in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

111th Congress, First Session

March 19, 2009—Hearing on “Improving Early Childhood Development Policies and Practices” (111-9).

July 8, 2009—Joint Hearing with the Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee on “Strengthening School Safety through Prevention of Bullying” (111-30).

September 18, 2009—Hearing on “High School/College Dual Enrollment Programs” (111-31).

November 19, 2009—Hearing on “Improving the Literacy Skills of Children and Young Adults” (111-41).

111th Congress, Second Session

March 18, 2010—Hearing on “Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization: Addressing the Needs of Diverse Students” (111-53).

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STATISTICS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred to Subcommittee	217
Total Number of Hearings	5
Field	1

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMPETITIVENESS

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The subcommittee, chaired in the 111th Congress by Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX), has jurisdiction for education and training beyond the high school level including, but not limited to, higher education generally, postsecondary student assistance and employment services, the Higher Education Act, postsecondary career and technical education, training and apprenticeship including the Workforce Investment Act, displaced homemakers, adult basic education (family literacy), rehabilitation, professional development and training programs from immigration funding, and pre-service and in-service teacher training. The subcommittee also oversees another eight smaller programs.

Chairman Hinojosa and his subcommittee colleagues provided a hearing schedule that highlighted the major issues pending in the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act as well as some key oversight issues involving academic integrity and financial management procedures involving higher education institutions supported under Titles III and V of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 as well as for-profit postsecondary institutions receiving funds from Title IV of HEOA.

Workforce Training

The subcommittee held a series of hearings designed to solicit practitioner and professional management input on workforce training issues. Three hearings were held in Washington, DC, and field hearings were held in New York and Nevada. All witnesses were invited to address the most important issues regarding, “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act.” While the hearing theme was held constant, the witnesses were local, regional and national experts who represented: the General Accountability Office, Workforce Investment Boards, Union members, State Workforce Investment Boards, Vocational Rehabilitation providers, Departments of Labor and Education, National Governors Association, private industry and business representatives, Directors of Adult Education, Community College and undergraduate college representatives, Directors of Community Services for Youth and Youth Job Training providers, among others.

Recurrent themes identified by witnesses for Member consideration were: need to increase financial resources for training individuals, alignment of workforce and economic development activities, integrating workforce opportunities for disabled individuals, collection and reporting of data showing the effectiveness of training on client, greater uses of technology and development of new green job opportunities, integrating adult education and workforce training especially for Limited-English-Proficient adults, among other issues.

Higher Education

Chairman Hinojosa and the subcommittee were active in the passage of health care reform and the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act as these efforts were joined in the passage of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The passage of this law consumed almost a year and one-half of the 111th Congress. Of special note regarding the education efforts, the subcommittee Members were instrumental in developing and supporting provisions in the bill that directs \$2.5B over 10 years to institutions eligible for funding under Titles III and Title V of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

Oversight

The subcommittee exercised its oversight responsibility in two hearings, during which the findings of two important reports were examined. Chairman Hinojosa and his colleagues requested the investigations from the General Accountability Office. The first report involved student eligibility requirements for federal financial aid. Representatives from the GAO, Department of Education, the Department of Education's Office of Inspector General as well as a representative from the Career College Association testified. The second hearing examined various aspects of the Department of Education's oversight of Low-Income and Minority Serving Institutions. Both of these reports highlighted the lack of oversight provided by the Education Department over the last ten years. The investigative findings have led to a new monitoring plan by the Department of Education as well as some new provisions covered in pending final regulations promulgated by the Department.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMPETITIVENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

111th Congress, First Session

February 12, 2009—Hearing on “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act” (111-2).

February 26, 2009—Hearing on “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act” (111-2).

March 23, 2009—Hearing on “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act” (111-2).

May 5, 2009—Hearing on “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act” (111-2).

May 29, 2009—Hearing on “New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act” (111-2).

October 14, 2009—Hearing on “Ensuring Student Eligibility Requirements for Federal Aid” (111-36).

111th Congress, Second Session

May 27, 2010—Hearing on “Examining GAO’s Findings on Efforts to Improve Oversight of Low-Income and Minority Serving Institutions” (111-66).

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING
AND COMPETITIVENESS STATISTICS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred to Subcommittee	194
Total Number of Hearings	7
Field	1

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTHY FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES**

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, chaired by Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues which affect all of our nation’s citizens, from infants to retirees. The subcommittee’s jurisdiction includes national and community volunteer service programs, child nutrition, juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, child abuse prevention and treatment, poverty programs, environmental education, library and museum services, programs for the elderly and adolescent development and training programs including providing for the care and treatment of certain at risk youth. In the 111th Congress, the subcommittee undertook a bold agenda, with an emphasis on increasing opportunities for disadvantaged youth through national service, improving conditions for children in the juvenile justice system, improving the health of our nation’s students and preventing abuse and improving responses to families in crisis.

National Service

The subcommittee recognized that national volunteer service programs play a significant role in educating a new generation of youth, who can contribute to America’s ability to compete in the global knowledge economy. Volunteerism and community service have been a part of American culture since the inception of our nation. There is no better way to bring community members together to address local or national challenges. The National and Community Service Act and Domestic Volunteer Service Act expired in 1996. Congress has done little in the effort to reauthorize these laws since they expired.

Continuing the work she began in 2007, Chairwoman McCarthy, along with Chairman Miller, held a series of hearings which provided an overview of national service programs and recommendations to make long overdue improvements and updates to current law. From the information learned in those several hearings, Chairwoman McCarthy, and Chairman George Miller introduced H.R. 1388, the “Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education” (GIVE) Act which reauthorizes and reforms national domestic service programs.

The GIVE Act sets a goal for the Corporation for National and Community Service to recruit 250,000 volunteers by 2014. The bill also increases service opportunities for middle school and high

school students through the Summer of Service program. Alumni of the national service programs are encouraged to re-engage in service activities through an alumni network and a Reserve Corps. The GIVE Act calls upon our nation's scientists, technicians, engineers, and mathematicians (the STEM Professionals) to participate in service to increase America's competitiveness in the global knowledge economy and to reduce the digital divide in low-income and rural communities. Finally, the bill improves program integrity and emphasizes the critical role of service in meeting the national priorities of emergency and disaster preparedness. Due to Chairwoman McCarthy's leadership, the GIVE Act also focuses on expanding access to participation in volunteer programs to disadvantaged youth. The House passed the GIVE act, with bipartisan support, and sent the bill to the Senate for action, led by Senator Ted Kennedy. Senate consideration resulted in a name change to the bill, now known as the "Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act." In short order the House passed the "Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act," and on April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed it into law.

Child Nutrition

With health care experts calling for action to combat the national childhood obesity crisis, and significant leadership from the White House and First Lady Michelle Obama, the Subcommittee continued ground work begun in the 110th Congress, for reauthorization of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. The Subcommittee held hearings exploring the critical role federal programs can play to address the issues surrounding childhood obesity, and in particular, the importance of good nutrition and increased physical activity. The hearings also examined innovative strategies to streamline current programs to increase access children have to healthy, nutritious and safe school meals.

Using the information learned through the hearing process, Chairwoman McCarthy introduced five bills, all of which aim to combat childhood obesity and establish healthy habits for children: H.R. 3626, the "Exemplary Breastfeeding Support Act" seeks to strengthen existing breastfeeding promotion efforts within the WIC program; H.R. 5431, the "Start Healthy Habits Early Act" calls for common sense action by establishing nutrition requirements for child care providers and providing guidance and technical assistance to help providers improve the health of young children; H.R. 5430, the "Partnerships for Wellness Act," seeks to assist school districts with improving students' access to physical activity including in the classroom, and quality recess time; H.R. 3625, the "Food Marketing in Schools Assessment Act," requires a study be done on the extent and types of junk food marketed in our nation's schools and H.R. 5432, the "Service for Healthier Kids Act" which would improve outcomes for children participating in the all child nutrition programs by utilizing existing volunteers from the national service programs, such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America.

In June 2010, Chairman Miller and Chairwoman McCarthy introduced H.R. 5504, the bipartisan "Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act." The objectives of the "Improving Nutrition for

America's Children Act" are to expand access to the child nutrition programs to reduce childhood hunger, improve the nutritional quality of meals to promote health and address childhood obesity, and to simplify program management while strengthening program integrity. The "Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act" reauthorizes and improves Federal programs contained in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 through fiscal year 2015. Highlights of the legislation include direct certification for children receiving Medicaid benefits, eliminating individual applications through community eligibility, expansion of afterschool meals for at-risk children, performance-based reimbursement rate increase for new meal patterns, local school wellness policy implementation, nutrition standards for all foods sold in schools, nutrition and wellness goals for meals served through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and support for breastfeeding in the WIC Program. The Senate introduced a similar child nutrition bill, S. 3307, the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010," which contains many of the same provisions found in the "Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act." In an effort to send the child nutrition legislation to the President's desk without delay, the House passed the Senate version of the child nutrition bill, S. 3307, on December 2, 2010. S. 3307 was signed into law on December 13, 2010.

Child Health and Safety

Child abuse, neglect and fatalities are of significant social concerns in our nation. The Subcommittee held a hearing examining best practices to prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as how to strengthen and improve services for families in crisis. One of the concerns raised at the hearing was that child abuse is no respecter of state lines, and that the responsibility for investigating reports with interstate complications is unclear. Chairwoman McCarthy introduced H.R. 6498, the "Protecting Children Across State Lines Act," to assist states with conducting research, and requiring them to consider adopting recommendations to address concerns involving reports with a potential combination of jurisdictions. No report of child abuse and neglect should "fall through the cracks." On December 8, 2010, the House passed a bicameral, bipartisan bill, S. 3817, "the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010". As passed by the House, S. 3817 improves approaches used by states to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect by encouraging states to adopt a differential response model, strengthens data collection and analysis, and incorporates key provisions from Chairwoman McCarthy's bill to ensure bureaucracy does not prevent cases of child abuse from being pursued. S. 3817 also includes reauthorization of the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) and improves inter-agency collaboration by adding research coordination for reporting data from all Federal entities that support domestic violence and establishes a grant program to better meet the needs of children exposed to domestic violence. S. 3817 is expected to be signed by President Obama before the end of 2010.

Chairwoman McCarthy focused Subcommittee attention during the 111th Congress on the issues of school violence, student health and safety, as well as anti-bullying and cyber-bullying. The Subcommittee held the first Congressional hearing in almost 20 years

on the issue of corporal punishment in schools, exploring its disproportionate use on minority students and students with disabilities, its ineffectiveness and detrimental effect on academic success, and positive behavior intervention alternatives. As a result of the findings, Chairwoman McCarthy introduced H.R. 5628, the “Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act,” which seeks to eliminate the use of corporal punishment in the 20 states which still permit it.

Bullying and school violence is a concern of many teachers, students, and parents across the nation. Improving school safety, including ways to prevent violence, bullying and harassment, was a priority for Chairwoman McCarthy and Chairman Kildee. In July 2009, the Subcommittees on Healthy Families and Communities and Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a joint hearing to examine strategies for keeping students safe from violence and bullying. In June 2010, the Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee held a follow up hearing focusing on the issue of cyberbullying, which examined the rising safety concerns about students using the Internet, social networking and other technology, especially the increased occurrence of cyber bullying. The hearing explored the role schools, students, parents and communities can play to keep students safe. Chairwoman McCarthy introduced H.R. 6362, the “Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (“SAVE”) Act” to address issues raised in the hearing. The bill calls for more accuracy, accountability and transparency in the reporting requirements for school safety, for guidance on reporting, and funding assistance to combat bullying and cyberbullying, and strengthening laws related to guns in schools.

Following up on work Chairman Miller had done in the full committee, Chairwoman McCarthy held a hearing on a growing health concern in our nation, the impact of concussions on students. Experts have made clear the devastating effects a concussion can have on a student. The Subcommittee hearing explored how schools and communities can help raise awareness of the risks of concussions and improve concussion management for students.

Juvenile Justice

The Subcommittee continued its focus on disadvantaged and disconnected youth by looking toward reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Prevention and Treatment Act. In March 2009, the Subcommittee held a joint hearing with the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security to examine if at-risk youth are missing out on educational opportunities while in foster care, juvenile justice facilities, alternative education settings and other environments. A year later, in March 2010, Chairwoman McCarthy held a hearing in preparation for the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act, exploring the unique challenges girls face in today’s juvenile justice system, and examining confinement conditions, mental health, victimization, and public safety. The hearing also highlighted the need for stronger family engagement and independent oversight bodies to monitor facilities, to improve conditions of confinement and to protect youth from violence. As a result, Chairwoman McCarthy introduced H.R. 6361, the “Family Justice Act,” which will strengthen family sup-

port systems and establish independent oversight bodies that actively engage youth and their families.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

111th Congress, First Session

March 12, 2009—Hearing on “Lost Educational Opportunities in Alternative Settings” (111-7).

May 14, 2009—Hearing on “Improving Child Nutrition Programs to Reduce Childhood Obesity” (111-21).

July 8, 2009—Joint Hearing with the Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee on “Strengthening School Safety through Prevention of Bullying” (111-30).

October 8, 2009—Hearing on “Examining Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition” (111-35).

November 5, 2009—Hearing on “Preventing Child Abuse and Improving Responses to Families in Crisis” (111-38).

111th Congress, Second Session

March 11, 2010—Hearing on “Meeting the Challenges Faced by Girls in the Juvenile Justice System” (111-50).

April 15, 2010—Hearing on “Corporal Punishment in Schools and its Effect on Academic Success” (111-55).

June 24, 2010—Hearing on “Ensuring Student Cyber Safety” (111-69).

September 13, 2010—Hearing on “The Impact of Concussions on High School Athletes: The Local Perspective” (111-74).

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES STATISTICS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred to Subcommittee	162
Total Number of Hearings	9
Field	1

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR AND PENSIONS

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Chaired by Representative Robert Andrews (D-NJ), the Health, Employment, Labor and Pension (HELP) Subcommittee has jurisdiction over all matters dealing with legal relationships between employers and workers. This includes employer-sponsored health care and retirement plans, the National Labor Relations Act, Labor Management Relations Act, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and all matters related to equal employment opportunity and civil rights in employment, including affirmative action.

During the 111th Congress, the subcommittee focused on providing health coverage for uninsured workers, expanding retirement security for American workers, strengthening workplace anti-discrimination measures, and protecting an individual’s right to collectively bargain.

Health Care Reform

Chairman Andrews and the subcommittee played a significant role in the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law on March 23, 2010. The HELP Subcommittee held multiple hearings on health care, including: “Strengthening Employer-Sponsored Health Care” on March 10, 2009, “Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and their Families” on April 23, 2009, and “Examining the Single Payer Health Care Option” on June 10, 2009.

Retirement Security

The HELP Subcommittee also played an important role in improving the safety and security of retirement income for workers. The subcommittee held a hearing on March 24, 2009 titled “Retirement Security: The Importance of an Independent Investment Adviser,” to show that when workers receive investment advice, it should be independent and free of financial conflicts of interest. On June 17, 2009, the HELP subcommittee held a markup of two bills: “H.R. 1984, the 401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009,” and “H.R. 1988, the Conflicted Investment Advice Prohibition Act of 2009.” Both bills were passed out of the subcommittee and later combined into a single bill (H.R. 2989) that was passed by the full committee.

On December 2, 2009, the HELP Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Examining the Delphi Bankruptcy’s Impact on Workers and Retirees” to examine the effect of the General Motors bankruptcy on Delphi salaried employees.

On July 20, 2010, the HELP Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Creating Greater Accounting Transparency for Pensioners.” This hearing examined whether public policy requires greater accounting transparency when private pension funds are invested in hedge funds and other private investment products, and considered if improved or increased standards for accountant reporting are required when pensions are invested in unregulated private investment funds.

Workers Rights

The HELP Subcommittee held a legislative hearing titled “H.R. 413, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009” on March 10, 2010. Sponsored by Representatives Dale Kildee (D-MI) and John Duncan (R-TN), H.R. 413 would extend to public safety officers (i.e., firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical services personnel) the right to bargain collectively with their employers.

Age Discrimination

On May 5, 2010, the HELP Subcommittee held a legislative hearing titled “H.R. 3721, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act.” The U.S. Supreme Court’s 2009 decision in *Gross v. FBL Financial Services* overturns long-accepted precedent and makes proving age discrimination in the workplace much more difficult. H.R. 3721 would overturn *Gross* and restore the law to what it was prior to the decision.

Oversight

As a result of the Department of Labor receiving a disclaimer of an opinion on its financial statements, the HELP Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Review of the Independent Audit of the Labor Department’s Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements” on December 7, 2010. The House rules require that a hearing be held when an agency receives such a disclaimer. The Department’s Inspector General for Audit and the Chief Financial Officer testified as to the causes of the disclaimer and what steps the Department is taking to improve financial reporting.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR AND PENSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

111th Congress, First Session

March 10, 2009—Hearing on “Strengthening Employer-Provided Health Care” (111-6).

March 24, 2009—Hearing on “Retirement Security: The Importance of an Independent Investment Adviser” (111-10).

April 22, 2009—Hearing on “401(k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2009” (111-14).

April 23, 2009—Hearing on “Ways to Reduce the Cost of Health Insurance for Employers, Employees and their Families (111-15).

June 10, 2009—Hearing on “Examining the Single Payer Health Care Option” (111-26).

December 2, 2009—Hearing on “Examining the Delphi Bankruptcy’s Impact on Workers and Retirees” (111-42).

111th Congress, Second Session

March 10, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 413, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009” (111-49).

May 5, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 3721, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act” (111-61).

July 20, 2010—Hearing on “Creating Greater Accounting Transparency for Pensioners” (111-73).

December 7, 2010—Hearing on “Review of the Independent Audit of the Labor Department’s FY2010 Consolidated Financial Statements” (111-77).

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR AND PENSIONS STATISTICS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred to Subcommittee	114
Total Number of Hearings	10
Field	0

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS

I. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The Workforce Protections Subcommittee, chaired by Representative Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), has jurisdiction over wages and hours of labor including, but not limited to, Davis-Bacon Act, Walsh-Healey Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, workers’ compensation including, Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act, Federal Employees’ Compensation Act, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, Service Contract Act, Family and

Medical Leave Act, Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, including training for dislocated workers, Employee Polygraph Protection Act of 1988, trade and immigration issues as they impact employers and workers, and workers' health and safety including, but not limited to, occupational safety and health, mine health and safety, youth camp safety, and migrant and agricultural labor health and safety.

Work-Life Balance

In the 111th Congress, the Subcommittee held four hearings on work-family balance, including one field hearing on "The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything," as well as two legislative hearings; one on the Work-Life Balance Award Act (H.R. 4855), and another on the Family Income to Respond to Significant Transitions Act and the Healthy Families Act.

Military Families

Chairwoman Woolsey also introduced the Supporting Military Families Act, which amended the Family and Medical Leave Act to provide that the up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave for 'next of kin' to care for a seriously injured or ill servicemember shall also apply to care for a seriously injured or ill veteran, so long as that illness or injury is incurred while on active duty and manifests itself within 5 years of the veteran's discharge from the service. The bill also clarified that that the 12 weeks of "exigency" leave for matters related to deployment not only applies to family members of reservists and national guard but to regular active duty servicemembers as well. Finally, the bill expanded the "exigency" leave provisions to cover family members of any servicemember who is deployed overseas, whether or not that servicemember is being sent overseas to participate in a contingency operation. This legislation was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on October 28, 2010.

Worker Health and Safety

The subcommittee also held five hearings on worker health and safety, including one field hearing on the tragic explosion at the Kleen Energy Power Plant in Middletown, Connecticut. Two were legislative hearings on the whistleblower, penalty and victims' rights provisions of the Protecting America's Workers Act (H.R. 2067), a bill introduced by the Chairwoman. A fourth hearing was an oversight hearing on improving OSHA's Enhanced Enforcement Program, and a fifth was on developments in state workers' compensation systems.

Green Jobs

The subcommittee held a hearing on environmentally protective "green" jobs. The Chairwoman of the Subcommittee, with Representative Andrews and Chairman Miller, reintroduced the Employee Misclassification Prevention Act to crack down on employers who misclassify their workers as independent contractors.

II. HEARINGS HELD BY THE WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

111th Congress, First Session

- March 3, 2009—Hearing on “Encouraging Family-Friendly Workplace Policies” (111-5).
 March 31, 2009—Hearing on “Green Jobs and their Role in our Economic Recovery” (111-13).
 April 30, 2009—Hearing on “Improving OSHA’s Enhanced Enforcement Program” (111-18).
 June 11, 2009—Hearing on “H.R. 2339, the Family Income to Respond to Significant Transitions Act, and H.R. 2460, the Healthy Families Act” (111-27).
 November 13, 2009—Hearing on “The Impact of Women’s Growing Participation in the Workforce: ‘the Shriver Report: A Woman’s Nation Changes Everything’” (111-39).

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- March 16, 2010—Hearing on “Protecting America’s Workers Act: Modernizing OSHA Penalties” (111-51).
 April 22, 2010—Hearing on “H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act” (111-57).
 April 28, 2010—Hearing on “Whistleblower and Victim’s Rights Provisions of H.R. 2067, the Protecting America’s Workers Act” (111-58).
 June 28, 2010—Hearing on “Examining the Tragic Explosion at the Kleen Energy Power Plant in Middletown, Connecticut” (111-70).
 November 17, 2010—Hearing on “Developments in State Workers’ Compensation Systems” (111-76).

III. SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE PROTECTIONS STATISTICS

Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Referred to Subcommittee	100
Total Number of Hearings	10
Field	2

MINORITY VIEWS

Minority Views
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As the 111th Congress draws to a close, Committee Republicans lament two years of missed opportunities, unsustainable and unwelcome government growth, and an overall lack of focus on the nation's most pressing priorities, including chronically high unemployment, exploding deficits, and anemic economic growth. Although Congress had ample opportunity to consider these critical issues, this congressional majority instead focused its efforts on forcing through Congress government takeovers of health care and student loans despite the objections of the American people. Although largely shut out of the process, Republicans nevertheless offered commonsense alternatives to these and other major initiatives considered by the Committee on Education and Labor.

Government Takeover of Health Care

The rising cost of health care remains a top concern for workers families, seniors, and employers both large and small. The rising cost of health care places increasing pressure on family and employer budgets and even greater strain on taxpayers, as government programs require more resources to meet the needs of seniors and low-income families. Unfortunately, the majority's health care law has exacerbated the problem. An Obama administration report estimates the new law will increase national health care spending by roughly \$311 billion over the next 10 years.

The majority's health care law contains numerous new mandates, taxes, fees, and bureaucratic requirements that will have a severe and negative effect on workers and employers. For example, a central component of the health care law is a mandate for employers to provide government-approved health insurance or pay a penalty. A study by the National Federation of Independent Business estimated an employer mandate would destroy roughly 1.6 million jobs. More than 7 million jobs have been lost since the start of the 2007 recession.

The majority's government takeover of health care must be repealed and replaced with reforms that reduce costs and expand access to affordable care. Republicans have championed solutions such as meaningful tort reform and allowing small businesses to pool their resources and purchase health care across state lines. An independent analysis of one Republican legislative proposal estimates these types of reforms would lower insurance premiums by up to 10 percent for small business employees and reduce the federal deficit by \$68 billion.

Republicans will continue to carefully examine the consequences of the Democrats' health care law and consider commonsense solutions to lower costs and expand access without growing the size of government.

Government Takeover of Private Sector Student Loans

Committee Republicans opposed the majority's government takeover of the private sector student loan program, a proposal that was so unpopular Democrats needed the protected budget

reconciliation process to pass the bill. The expedited budget reconciliation process was designed to and has historically been used to reduce entitlement spending; the majority used this procedural maneuver to vastly expand the reach of the federal government and pay for their unpopular health care plan.

We are already beginning to see the consequences of this flawed policy. First, as borrowers pay off their outstanding loans, up to 30,000 people could lose their jobs as lenders, servicers, and guaranty agencies begin to close. Second, even though the Department of Education assured the public it had the capacity to handle the transition, we have seen the administration push for additional funds to administer the government-run student loan program. Third, Democrats used the elimination of the private sector program to provide one-time mandatory funds to minority serving institutions and to states to award Challenge Grants. This one-time funding will soon disappear and these entities will be left paying the full future costs of these expanded programs. This will create additional budget pressure going forward. Finally, the temporary funding increases the law provided to Pell Grants during an economic recession have caused the costs of the program to skyrocket to unprecedented levels, forcing future Congresses to confront the budget realities of a program that has been overpromised and overextended.

These troubling consequences could have been avoided had the Democrats supported a bipartisan alternative that would have maintained both student loan programs and allowed students and institutions to choose which student loan program best suits their needs.

Expansion of Federal Nutrition Programs

Every day, federal nutrition programs reach more than 40 million children and 2 million lower-income expectant and new mothers. Committee Republicans proposed a plan to extend, modernize, and improve these programs without additional cost to taxpayers. Instead of taking this fiscally responsible approach to reauthorization, the majority enacted a law that spends billions more at a time our country can least afford it, while significantly expanding the role of the federal government in our schools.

The majority's approach to reauthorizing child nutrition programs represents a dramatic shift in the role of the federal government and gives Washington far more control over activities traditionally overseen by parents and schools. Committee Republicans stood with the American Association of School Administrators, the Council of the Great City Schools, and the National School Boards Association in opposing the majority's approach. Committee Republicans believe personal, local, and state responsibility is necessary when it comes to meal programs and eating decisions.

Mine Safety

On April 5, 2010, an underground explosion at Massey Energy's Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia tragically killed 29 miners. Despite recent progress to improve miner safety, the April tragedy is a reminder that more work remains to be done. Investigations underway by state and federal officials will help uncover the events that led to the Upper Big

Branch disaster, and help determine whether federal laws are adequate and being properly obeyed and enforced.

Members on both sides of the aisle recognize the need for reform and stronger enforcement in the wake of the explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine and other recent mining tragedies. However, Congress cannot legislate responsibly without all the facts. Unfortunately, in a rush to legislate before these investigations are complete, the majority attempted to enact mine safety reform without knowing the cause of the worst mining tragedy in four decades. In addition, the majority's proposal, opposed by 27 of its own members on the House floor, could have undone progress the Mine Safety and Health Administration has recently made to strengthen mine safety through existing law and undermined future progress by an agency with a history of falling short.

Republicans are committed to improving the safety of all miners, rather than creating a patchwork of reforms that applies to some mines but not others, as the majority proposed. To that end, Republicans will continue efforts to hold federal authorities accountable for enforcing mine safety laws and examine opportunities to toughen and modernize those laws as investigations and evidence warrant.

Retirement Income Security

Retirement security is a top priority for the American people, and it continues to be a top priority for Republicans in Congress. Unfortunately, Democrats in Washington have done more harm than good by creating a cloud of uncertainty that is having a chilling effect on job-creators and our economy. The majority's agenda of more government, more debt, and more taxes has undermined economic stability and made it more difficult to restore the retirement investments of America's workers. Worse still, some have proposed dictating the types of investments to be provided in 401(k) retirement plans or eliminating personal investment in favor of yet another new federal program, basically launching a government takeover of personal retirement accounts.

Republicans will continue to focus on solutions that benefit workers and job creators, including those that would help grow the economy and enhance retirement income security.

Conclusion

When the 111th Congress began, the unemployment rate was 7.7 percent. Two years later, unemployment stands at 9.8 percent and economic growth remains tepid despite passage of an \$814 billion stimulus bill that the White House promised would keep unemployment below 8 percent. Meanwhile, the public debt increased by a staggering \$3.25 trillion in these two years alone. By in large, this congressional majority exacerbated the challenges facing the nation by focusing on its own priorities of greater spending and government control rather than the priorities of the American people.

As the 111th Congress concludes and the 112th Congress prepares to get to work, Committee Republicans remain committed to listening to the American people and offering commonsense

solutions to promote economic growth, job creation, retirement security, workplace safety, fiscal responsibility , and local and parental control to the classroom.


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