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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 9, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PARKER GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: The approaching celebration of Columbus Day brings to mind an acclamation of the prophet Ezekiel: "God sees us in our nothingness. Yet God waits for us to grow into the maturity of our calling."

Lord, this land has been productive and this country has flourished since its discovery by Europeans. Yet we anguish over our lack of full maturity when we humbly admit our neglect or indifference, or when we are made aware of the violence among our children, the poverty of the homeless, and the hopelessness of the jobless.

As You have waited and rejoiced in our growth in the past, so now, deepen the call You have placed in the hearts of all Americans; that Your goodness may be manifested in us. And then Your calling will bring this Nation to true greatness by our love for one another—both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-authorized official travel during the first quarter and second quarter of 2009 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
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Hon. Gary L. Ackerman	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(3)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India		1,546.86		(3)				1,546.86
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(3)				344.35
	5/23	5/27	Israel		1,928.00		(3)		4,193.19		21,247.84
	5/27	5/27	Lebanon		0.00		(3)		4,172.64		1,721.64
Jasmeet Ahuja	5/27	5/28	Jordan		359.97		(3)		4,398.05		4,268.02
	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(3)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(3)				1,419.31
Douglas Anderson	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(3)				344.35
	7/1	7/5	Thailand		811.10		(3)				811.10
Roundtrip airfare							8,422.21				8,422.21
David Beraka	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00		(3)				634.00
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		2,233.00		(3)				2,233.00
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00		(3)				818.00
	4/11	4/17	Ukraine		1,722.00						1,722.00
Paul Berkowitz	4/17	4/20	Czech Republic		1,356.00						1,356.00

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Roundtrip airfare	4/20	4/21	Austria		574.33						574.33
Hon. Howard L. Berman	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		9,460.28				9,460.28
	4/15	4/19	India		1,546.86						424.85
	4/19	4/19	Pakistan							422,225.85	23,772.71
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35					1,927.19	1,927.19
	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00					8,690.43	9,034.78
Roundtrip airfare							8,522.67				1,489.00
Hon. John Boozman	4/3	4/4	Germany		343.33						8,522.67
	4/4	4/6	Qatar		772.51						343.33
	4/6	4/8	Ethiopia		1,073.53						772.51
	4/8	4/9	Rwanda		316.00						1,073.53
	4/9	4/10	Ghana		307.00						316.00
Hon. Russ Carnahan	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00						307.00
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		4,134.00					4,327.80	3,912.00
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00					6,564.57	20,698.57
	4/9	4/9	Lebanon								818.00
Douglas Campbell	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		344.35					4,231.50	2,318.50
	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31						344.35
	4/19	4/20	Italy		424.85						1,419.31
	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						424.85
Roundtrip airfare							7,469.80				1,489.00
Joan Condon	4/6	4/11	Zimbabwe		1,456.00						7,469.80
Roundtrip airfare							10,559.18				1,456.00
Hon. Jim Costa	4/16	4/19	India		1,134.42						10,559.18
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35						6,750.05
One-way Airfare							5,615.63				344.35
Theodros Dagne	4/10	4/10	France		291.41						5,615.63
	4/11	4/13	Djibouti		622.00						291.41
	4/13	4/14	Kenya		373.00						622.00
Roundtrip airfare							9,358.46				373.00
	5/26	5/29	South Africa		1,108.84						9,358.46
	5/29	5/31	Zimbabwe		926.00						1,108.84
Roundtrip airfare							8,822.72				926.00
Hon. Bill Delahunt	4/19	4/21	Colombia		600.00					4,271.00	8,822.72
Roundtrip airfare							2,181.00				4,271.00
	6/1	6/2	Honduras		539.50						2,181.00
Return Flight							1,933.20				539.50
Roundtrip airfare	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						1,933.20
	6/20	6/21	Bermuda		703.20						1,489.00
Roundtrip airfare							1,682.45				703.20
Howard Diamond	5/23	5/27	Israel		1,928.00						1,682.45
	5/27	5/28	Jordan		359.97						1,928.00
	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,201.00						359.97
Hon. Eliot L. Engel	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		402.00		294.81			4,744.93	1,201.00
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59					4,289.04	8,145.74
	6/1	6/2	Honduras		539.50						401.59
Return Flight							2,070.00				539.50
	5/23	5/27	Israel		1,928.00						2,070.00
	5/27	5/28	Jordan		359.97						1,928.00
Hon. Keith Ellison	5/23	5/27	Israel		1,928.00						359.97
	5/27	5/29	Jordan		359.97						1,928.00
Hon. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega	4/18	4/19	Samoa		366.00						359.97
	4/19	4/20	Fiji		232.00					498.00	366.00
Roundtrip airfare							3,695.73				330.00
	5/29	5/30	Samoa		316.00						3,695.73
	5/30	6/2	Fiji		766.00						316.00
Roundtrip airfare							3,320.39				766.00
	6/27	6/29	Uzbekistan		568.00						3,320.39
	6/29	7/2	Kyrgyzstan		1,074.00						568.00
	7/2	7/5	Kazakhstan		1,140.47					4,697.93	1,771.93
Roundtrip airfare							11,396.86			4,235.98	1,376.45
Hon. Gene Green	6/27	6/30	Jordan		1,021.00						1,021.00
	6/30	7/1	Algeria		536.00						536.00
	7/1	7/3	Tunisia		526.00						526.00
Yevgeny Gurevich	6/28	6/30	Czech Republic		837.84						837.84
Roundtrip airfare							6,705.05				6,705.05
Jeremy Haldeman	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00						634.00
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		2,233.00						2,233.00
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00						818.00
Amr Ashour Hamza	4/27	5/2	Liberia		1,290.00						1,290.00
Roundtrip airfare							3,590				1,290.00
Pamela Howard-Reguindin	4/27	5/2	Liberia		1,290.00						3,590.00
Roundtrip airfare							3,569				1,290.00
Hon. Bob Inglis	4/4	4/6	Syria		701.00						3,569.00
	4/6	4/7	Israel		461.00						701.00
	4/8	4/10	India		601.30						461.00
	4/10	4/11	Morocco		303.99						601.30
Roundtrip airfare							16,100.21				303.99
Hon. Sheila Jackson-Lee	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85						16,100.21
	4/15	4/19	India		1,523.36						424.85
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35						1,523.36
	5/23	5/27	Israel		1,928.00						344.35
	5/27	5/28	Jordan		359.97						1,928.00
Eric Jacobstein	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00						359.97
	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		398.00						1,050.00
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59						704.31
	6/1	6/2	Honduras		359.00						401.59
Roundtrip airfare							1,835.70				359.00
Tracy Jacobson	6/19	6/21	Bermuda		1,183.40						1,835.70
Roundtrip airfare							791.45				1,183.40
Jonathan Katz	5/26	5/29	Azerbaijan		1,119.00						791.45
Roundtrip airfare							11,372.71				1,119.00
	6/28	6/30	Czech Republic		937.84						11,372.71
	7/1	7/2	Israel		964.00						937.84
Roundtrip airfare							7,661.48				964.00
John Kivlan	4/19	4/21	Colombia		600.00						7,661.48
Roundtrip airfare							2,248.50				600.00
	6/20	6/21	Bermuda		703.20						2,248.50
Roundtrip airfare							1,298.45				703.20
Jessica Lee	6/29	7/2	Vietnam		834.00						1,298.45
	7/2	7/5	Thailand		654.00						834.00
	7/5	7/6	Laos		164.00					4,903.13	1,557.13
Roundtrip airfare							12,769.61				164.00
John Lis	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00						12,769.61
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		2,233.00						634.00

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Noelle LuSane	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00		(³)				818.00
	6/30	7/2	Indonesia								1,886.21
	7/2	7/4	Timor-Leste								7,650.00
	4/10	4/10	France		291.41						291.41
	4/11	4/13	Djibouti		622.00						622.00
	4/13	4/14	Kenya		373.00						373.00
	Roundtrip airfare							16,974.94			
Roundtrip airfare	5/26	5/26	Spain		195.00						195.00
	5/27	5/29	South Africa		736.98						736.98
	5/29	5/31	Zimbabwe		926.00						926.00
Hon. Connie Mack	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,201.00		(³)				1,201.00
Alan Makovksy	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		590.55		294.81				885.36
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59		(³)				401.59
Roundtrip airfare	5/26	5/30	Azerbaijan		1,119.00						1,119.00
Hon. Donald A. Manzullo	6/27	6/30	Yemen		726.00						726.00
	6/30	6/30	Jordan		100.00						161.76
	6/30	7/5	Israel		1,275.00						1,275.00
	Roundtrip airfare							8,841.22			8,841.22
Pearl Alice Marsh	6/27	6/30	Jordan		823.00		(³)				823.00
	6/30	7/1	Algeria		338.00		(³)				338.00
	7/1	7/3	Tunisia		327.00		(³)				327.00
	4/8	4/9	South Africa		282.00						282.00
	4/9	4/12	Angola		1,389.00						1,389.00
Roundtrip airfare	4/12	4/15	South Africa		1,000.00						1,654.20
	4/15	4/19	Zimbabwe		1,410.00						1,410.00
	Roundtrip airfare							12,273.78			12,273.78
James McCormick	5/26	5/29	South Africa		1,347.00						1,347.00
	5/29	6/1	Zimbabwe		926.00						926.00
Mary McVeigh	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(³)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(³)				1,419.31
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(³)				344.35
	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00						634.00
Hon. Gregory W. Meeks	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		2,233.00						2,233.00
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00						818.00
	4/15	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		2,402.20		524.10				2,926.30
	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		398.00		306.31				704.31
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59		(³)				401.59
Richard Mereu	6/28	6/30	Czech Republic		937.84						937.84
Hon. Brad Miller	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						6,830.42
Mark Milosch	6/2	6/3	United States		123.17						7,469.80
Hon. Donald M. Payne	4/10	4/10	France		291.41		244.60				291.41
	4/11	4/13	Djibouti		622.00						2,196.00
	4/13	4/14	Kenya		373.00						489.87
Return Airfare	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,201.00		(³)				1,201.00
Hon. Ted Poe	5/26	5/26	Spain		195.00						1,995.00
	5/27	5/29	South Africa		781.38						2,453.98
	5/29	5/31	Zimbabwe		926.00						926.00
Amy Porter	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(³)				424.85
Peter Quilter	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(³)				1,419.31
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(³)				344.35
	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00		(³)				1,050.00
Pearl Ricci	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		883.00				883.00
Joshua Rogin	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(³)				1,419.31
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(³)				344.35
Roundtrip airfare	5/8	5/11	Israel		1,383.00						1,383.00
Hon. Dana Rohrabacher	6/28	6/30	Czech Republic		937.84						937.84
	7/1	7/2	Israel		964.00						964.00
Roundtrip airfare	4/13	4/17	Ukraine		1,148.00						7,661.48
Hon. Edward R. Royce	4/17	4/20	Czech Republic		1,398.00						1,398.00
	4/20	4/21	Austria		574.33						862.97
	Roundtrip airfare	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00		9,232.82			9,232.82
Deanne Samuels	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(³)				424.85
	4/15	4/19	India		1,546.86		(³)				1,546.86
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(³)				344.35
	4/17	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		1,853.18		(³)				1,853.18
	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00		(³)				1,050.00
Julie Schoenthaler	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		398.00		276.31				674.31
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59		(³)				401.59
	4/15	4/16	Burkina Faso		197.14		(³)				197.14
	4/16	4/17	DRC		174.00		(³)				174.00
Sherry Shapiro	4/17	4/18	Kenya		332.97		(³)				332.97
	4/18	4/20	Egypt		534.00		(³)				534.00
	4/20	4/21	Morocco		320.18		(³)				320.18
	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						1,489.00
	Roundtrip airfare	6/26	6/28	Hungary		509.00		8,308.80			8,308.80
Thomas Sheehy	6/29	6/30	Mongolia		309.00		(³)				309.00
	6/30	7/2	Indonesia		566.00		(³)				566.00
	7/2	7/4	Timor-Leste		622.00		(³)				622.00
	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(³)				424.85
Daniel Silverberg	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(³)				1,419.31
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(³)				344.35
	6/29	7/2	Vietnam		764.00						764.00
Roundtrip airfare	7/2	7/2	Cambodia		61.00						61.00
Hon. Albio Sires	6/38	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						12,486.60
Amanda Sloat	6/28	7/1	Russia		1,489.00						7,304.90
Gene Smith	4/14	4/15	Cyprus		424.85		(³)				8,786.80

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Cliff Stammerman	4/15	4/19	India		1,419.31		(3)				1,419.31	
	4/19	4/20	Italy		344.35		(3)				344.35	
	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00		(3)				1,050.00	
	4/19	4/21	Colombia		600.00						600.00	
Roundtrip airfare							2,543.01				2,543.01	
Jason Steinbaum	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00		(3)				1,050.00	
	4/19	4/20	St. Vincent & The Grenadines		398.00			306.31			704.31	
	4/20	4/21	Trinidad & Tobago		401.59		(3)				401.59	
	5/31	6/1	El Salvador		237.92						237.92	
	6/1	6/2	Honduras		373.64						373.64	
Roundtrip airfare							2,073.70				2,073.70	
Maureen Taft-Morales	5/8	5/11	Haiti		855.00		(3)				855.00	
William Tuchrello	7/1	7/5	Timor-Leste		740.00						740.00	
Roundtrip airfare							361.00				361.00	
Bruce Vaughn	6/26	6/28	Hungary		509.00		(3)				509.00	
	6/28	6/30	Mongolia		309.00		(3)				309.00	
	6/30	7/2	Indonesia		566.00		(3)				566.00	
	7/2	7/4	Timor-Leste		622.00		(3)				622.00	
Robyn Wapner	4/17	4/19	Trinidad & Tobago		1,050.00		(3)				1,050.00	
Return airfare							653.00				653.00	
Hon. Diane E. Watson	4/3	4/5	Egypt		634.00		(3)				634.00	
	4/5	4/8	Ethiopia		4,134.00		(3)				4,134.00	
	4/8	4/11	Cyprus		818.00		(3)				818.00	
	5/26	5/31	South Africa		2,557.00				4,142,980.85		16,847.85	
Roundtrip airfare							8,705.19				8,705.19	
Lynne Weil	6/27	6/30	Yemen		372.00						372.00	
	6/30	6/30	Jordan		100.00						100.00	
	7/1	7/3	Israel		1,014.07						1,014.07	
Roundtrip airfare							7,937.22				7,937.22	
Clay Wellborn	5/8	5/11	Haiti		855.00		(3)				855.00	
	6/26	6/28	Hungary		509.00		(3)				509.00	
	6/29	6/30	Mongolia		309.00		(3)				309.00	
	6/30	7/2	Indonesia		566.00		(3)				566.00	
	7/2	7/4	Timor-Leste		622.00		(3)				622.00	
Hon. Robert Wexler	5/8	5/11	Israel		1,383.00				4,8736.32		10,119.32	
Roundtrip airfare							7,168.92				7,168.92	
Lisa Williams	6/29	6/30	Czech Republic		654.92						654.92	
	7/1	7/3	Israel		1,446.00						1,446.00	
	Roundtrip airfare							8,012.35				8,012.35
Shanna Winters	6/27	6/29	Uzbekistan		568.00						568.00	
	6/29	7/5	Kazakhstan		2,300.24						2,300.24	
Roundtrip airfare							10,803.73				10,803.73	
Matthew Zweig	5/25	5/25	Bahamas		105.00						105.00	
	5/26	5/27	Argentina		334.00						334.00	
Roundtrip airfare							5,080.20				5,080.20	
Nurjadi Jasin	6/29	7/2	Vietnam		834.00						834.00	
	Roundtrip airfare							12,559.20				12,559.20
Matthew Zweig	6/29	6/30	Indonesia		587.00						587.00	
	6/30	7/5	Timor-Leste		1,108.00						1,108.00	
Roundtrip airfare							599.00				599.00	
Roundtrip airfare	6/27	6/30	Yemen		626.00						626.00	
Roundtrip airfare								9,025.62				9,025.62
Committee total					180,717.67			450,681.25		150,798.34		782,197.26

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
³ Military air transportation.
⁴ Indicates delegation costs.

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN, Chairman, Sept. 30, 2009.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4064. A letter from the Administrator: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs-Specific Administrative Provisions for the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RIN: 0524-AA60) received September 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4065. A letter from the Administrator: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs — General Award Administrative Provisions and Program-Specific Administrative Provisions for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (RIN: 0524-AA28) received September 22, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4066. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Analysis & Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; New Mexico [Docket No.: APHIS-2008-0124] received September 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4067. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Analysis & Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — User Fees for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0048] (RIN: 0579-AC99) received September 29, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4068. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Analysis & Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Commuted Traveltime [Docket No.: APHIS-2009-0055] received September 29, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4069. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Industry Director's Directive #2 on Super Completed Contract Method received September 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4070. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Tier III — Field Directive on the Planning and Examination of IRC Section 263A issues in the Auto Dealership Industry received September 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4071. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2009-33) received September 21, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4072. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Coordinated Issue Paper All Industries Leveraged Oil and Gas Drilling Partnerships received August 3, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4073. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Taxation of fringe benefits (Rev. Rul. 2009-

28) received September 28, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 111-296). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3433. A bill to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of

Mr. RAHALL: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3537. A bill to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (Rept. 111-297). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 3720: Mr. LATHAM.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following Member added his name to the following discharge petition:

Petition 5 by Mrs. BLACKBURN on H.R. 391: Bob Goodlatte.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 11 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 9, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 46 seconds a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 2 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2647, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, providing for the common defense is one of the federal government's most important duties. I take my duty to rigorously review the Defense budget very seriously, supporting defense spending that is smart and sustainable and speaking out against funding that is wasteful or misdirected. As such, I support the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

My first priority remains the protection of our forces already on the ground, including the Oregon National Guard's 41st Combat Brigade, and equipping our military to face current threats. I have been pleased with the Obama administration's willingness to begin a tough review of the U.S. military, requesting additional equipment and healthcare support for our service-men and -women—especially our Guard and Reserve, while requesting cutbacks on outdated programs. Although difficult in the short-term, cutting unnecessary programs to orient our military to face today's threats is the right thing to do and keeps us safer in the long run.

Part of this also involves empowering the military to clean up its widespread environmental legacy. In every state, communities must deal with former training grounds contaminated with live bombs, leftover shells, and leaking chemicals. I'm frankly disappointed that in the past there has been a distinct lack of political will needed to clean up our backyards within our lifetime, and I will continue to support increased Environmental Restoration funding. However, I'm pleased that two bipartisan amendments I offered with my colleague

GINNY BROWN-WAITE remain in this bill. These provisions will increase the transparency of programs responsible for clean-up and require the Department to start thinking strategically about ways to lessen the longer-term health and environmental consequences of war and training. I thank the Chairman and the Committee staff for working with me on these points.

In addition, I am proud to support the inclusion of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention provision in this bill. This bipartisan, long-awaited legislation will help prevent violence and ensure that justice is served for perpetrators of these hateful acts, chipping away at violent intolerance and protecting all our citizens.

I am continually mindful of the fact that today's threats—extremism, economic upheaval, pandemics, and environmental devastation—cannot be addressed by military force alone. In addition to supporting this legislation, I will continue to advocate for national security strategies that also address issues of poverty, intolerance, and mismanagement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. This national day of observance is celebrated September 15 through October 15 and commemorates the anniversary of independence for 7 Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th; Mexico on the 16th; and Chile on September 18th. It is also a tribute to the many achievements of the diverse peoples of Spanish-speaking backgrounds who have come to the United States from

countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

In the United States, more than 35 million people identify themselves as Hispanic Americans. In Florida alone, 20 percent of the state population is of Latin American descent. In the next several years, the number of Hispanic-owned businesses in America is expected to reach 4.3 million—that's a 42 percent increase and three times faster than the national average! And according to the Latino Business Review, Central Florida is at the heart of this growth. The Florida Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2002 with just 8 members, and now has over 312 members! And the Hispanic Business Council of the Kissimmee/Osceola Chamber has over 150 Members. These very businesses, based here in the U.S. are playing and will play an ever increasing role in expanding U.S. exports to Latin American countries—creating jobs here in America to export our goods and services in this increasingly competitive global marketplace.

I have enjoyed a long relationship with this active community and recently had the privilege of visiting with this group of talented business owners. Their leadership and support for economic development is vital to our economy.

Our communities also benefit from the strong faith and family values engrained in the Hispanic culture. These values provide the foundation upon which Hispanic Americans build their families, producing citizens that often become pillars of their communities. Also, the strong ties that Hispanic Americans maintain with their ancestral homeland remind us that the United States must pursue robust relations with its neighbors in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Let us all take a moment this month to celebrate the independence of these Latin American countries and to show our gratitude for the important contributions Hispanic Americans make in our communities.

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate met at 10:00:11 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:46 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RESTORING CREDIT TO MANUFACTURERS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hear-

ing to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, after receiving testimony from David Andrea, Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, Troy, Michigan; Robert Kiener, Precision Machined Products Association, Brecksville, Ohio; and Stephen Wilson, American Bankers Association, Lebanon, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced in today's Record.

Additional Cosponsors: Page H11173

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act (H. Rept. 111-296) and

H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (H. Rept. 111-297). Page H11173

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Griffith to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H11169

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 12 through October 17, 2009

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute at 5:30 p.m.

Upon completion of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold

hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 2:30 p.m. SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 14, to hold hearings to examine combating distracted driving, focusing on managing behavioral and technological risks, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 14, to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: October 13, business meeting to resume consideration of an original bill entitled “America’s Healthy Future Act of 2009”, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 15, Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 14, business meetings to consider any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine equal health care for equal premiums, focusing on women, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 14, to hold hearings to examine the past, present, and future of policy czars, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings to examine the cost of federal long-term care insurance, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Judiciary: October 14, to hold hearings to examine prohibiting price fixing and other anticompetitive conduct in the health insurance industry, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Edward Milton Chen and Richard Seeborg, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: October 15, to hold hearings to examine health care solutions for America’s small businesses, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 13, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Day, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m. SD-106.

October 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: October 14, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings to examine the cost of federal long-term care insurance, 2:30 p.m.; SD-342.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, October 14, hearing on Afghanistan: Getting the Strategy Right, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

October 15, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Can the Department of Defense Protect Taxpayers: When It Pays Its Contractors? 8 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, October 14, hearing on the Cost of Current Defense Plans: An Analysis of Budget Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 14, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, hearing on Ensuring Student Eligibility Requirements for Federal Aid, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on The Minority Business Development Agency: Enhancing the Prospects for Success, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Insured But Not Covered: The Problem of Underinsurance,” 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Assistance, October 14, to consider the following measures: October 2, Discussion Draft of the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009; September 25, Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009); H.R. 3763, To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses; and H.R. 3639 Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 14, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and The Global Environment, to mark up H. Con. Res. 153, Honoring the 111th anniversary of the independence of the Philippines; followed by a hearing on the Future of APEC, (Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation), 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 15, full Committee, hearing on Afghanistan Policy at the Crossroads, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to mark up H.R. 2134, Western Hemisphere

Drug Policy Commission Act of 2009; followed by a hearing on Assessing U.S. Drug Policy in the Americas, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 14, hearing entitled “Diversity at the Department of Homeland Security: Continuing Challenges and New Opportunities,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 14, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 42, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act; H.R. 1425, Wartime Treatment Study Act; and H.R. 3237, To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs title 51, United States Code, “National and Commercial Space Programs,” 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 15, hearing on Ramifications of Auto Industry Bankruptcies, Part IV, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 15, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 3644, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environment Literacy Grant Program Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 14, hearing entitled “AIG Bonuses: Audit Report of the Special Inspector General,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 13, to consider H.R. 2442, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 14, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, to mark up the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 14, hearing entitled “Increasing Access to Capital for Small Businesses, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 14, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on High-Speed Rail in the United States: Opportunities and Challenges, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 14, hearing on the Update on the State of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA Status Report on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Identifying the Causes of Inappropriate Billing Practices by the VA, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 4 p.m., 304-HVC.

October 15, full Committee, executive, briefing on National Security Council Update, 12 p.m., 304-HVC.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, October 15, hearing entitled “Fraudulent Letters Opposing Clean Energy Legislation,” 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 14, to hold hearings to examine promoting tolerance and understanding in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the role of the personal representatives, 10 a.m., SVC-208/209.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Tuesday, October 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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