

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10339–S10529

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1903–1909, and S. Res. 285–287. **Pages S10423–24**

Measures Reported:

S. 675, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–138)

S. 1565, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. (S. Rept. No. 110–139)

S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10422**

Measures Passed:

Temporary Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3206, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10524–25**

Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 7, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S10525**

Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 8, providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S10525**

Peacekeeping In Darfur: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 276, calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping

mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process, and the resolution was then agreed to after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S10525**

Tester (for Biden) Amendment No. 2591, of a perfecting nature. **Page S10525**

Tester (for Biden) Amendment No. 2592 (to the preamble), to urge all participants in the conflict in Darfur to engage in a political process led by the United Nations and African Union, to express disapproval of failure to participate in such political process. **Page S10525**

National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Senate agreed S. Res. 285, designating September 9, 2007, as “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day”. **Pages S10525–26**

Recognizing Heroic Firefighters: Senate agreed S. Res. 286, recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires throughout the Western United States. **Pages S10526–27**

Honoring Iowa National Guard: Senate agreed S. Res. 287, honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry (“Ironman Battalion”) of the Iowa National Guard. **Page S10527**

National Anthem Project: Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America’s voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem. **Page S10527**

Recognizing Long Distance Runs: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 255, recognizing and supporting the long distance runs that will take place in the People’s Republic of China in 2007 and the United States in 2008 to promote friendship between the peoples of China and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10527–28**

Commemorating Archdiocese of New York 200th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 277, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the

Archdiocese of New York, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10528**

Regarding Announcement of the Russian Federation: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S10528–29**

Recognizing 75th Anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 26, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10529**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 286), Allard Amendment No. 2536 (to Amendment No. 2530), to standardize the determination of income for purposes of eligibility for SCHIP. **Pages S10363–74**

Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 2530, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10346–57**

Grassley (for Ensign) Amendment No. 2538 (to Amendment No. 2530), to amend the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to create a Disease Prevention and Treatment Research Trust Fund. **Pages S10357–58**

Bunning Amendment No. 2547 (to Amendment No. 2530), to eliminate the exception for certain States to cover children under SCHIP whose income exceeds 300 percent of the Federal poverty level. **Pages S10358–63**

Dorgan Amendment No. 2534 (to Amendment No. 2530), to revise and extend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. **Pages S10374–82**

Gregg Amendment No. 2587 (to Amendment No. 2530), to limit the matching rate for coverage other than for low-income children or pregnant women covered through a waiver and to prohibit any new waivers for coverage of adults other than pregnant women. **Pages S10382–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 1, 2007, and Senate resume consideration of Grassley (for Ensign) Amendment No. 2538 (to Amendment No. 2530) (listed above), with 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Ensign and Baucus, or their designees, and that no second-degree amendments be in order prior to the vote. **Page S10529**

House Messages:

Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to S. 1, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10389–S10401**

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S10400**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House with Amendment No. 2589, to change the enactment date. **Pages S10400–01**

Reid Amendment No. 2590 (to Amendment No. 2589), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10401**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, August 2, 2007. **Page S10400**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S10529**

Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—286) Pages S10373–74

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,875 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

SECURITIES MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the securities markets, including protecting investors, fostering efficient markets, and promoting capital formation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Murkowski, and Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, who was introduced by former Senator Cohen, both of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CREDIT REPAIR ORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine telemarketing practices, focusing on H.R. 2885, to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act to clarify the applicability of certain provisions to credit monitoring services, after receiving testimony from Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Iowa Assistant Attorney General Steve St. Clair, Des Moines; Richard Johnson, AARP, and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., both of Washington, DC; Joanne S. Faulkner, National Association of Consumer Advocates, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Robin Holland, Equifax Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

RENEWABLE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded an oversight hearing to examine how to improve the renewable fuels infrastructure to accommodate the increasing volumes of renewable fuels in the transportation sector, after receiving testimony from Senator Klobuchar; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; David Terry, Governors' Ethanol Coalition, Lincoln, Nebraska; Charles T. Drevna, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Washington, DC; Jonathon Lehman, VeraSun Energy, Brookings, South Dakota; Deborah L. Morrissett, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Phillip J. Lampert, National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, Jefferson City, Missouri.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 742, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 595, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to modifications in reporting frequency;

S. 1785, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 775, to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994;

S. 1429, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems, with amendments;

H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997;

S. 1498, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, with an amendment; and

The nominations of R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, and Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

CARRIED INTEREST (PART II)

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine carried interest, the right to receive a percentage of private equity, venture capital, hedge funds, or similar investment profits without an obligation to contribute capital to the fund, (Part II), after receiving testimony from Joseph Bankman, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Charles I. Kingson, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia; Darryll K. Jones, Stetson University School of Law, Gulfport, Florida; Adam Ifshin, DLC Management Corporation, Tarrytown, New York, on behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Real Estate Roundtable; John B. Frank, Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., Los Angeles, California; Bruce Rosenblum, Private Equity Council, Washington, D.C.; and William D. Stanfill, Trailhead Ventures, L.P., Denver, Colorado.

SAFEGUARDING NUCLEAR FUEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear energy and non-proliferation challenges, focusing on nuclear fuel safeguards and assurances, after receiving testimony from Senator Bayh; Andrew Semmel, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy and Negotiations; and Henry Sokolski, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, Fred McGoldrick, Bengelsdorf, McGoldrick and Associates, LLC., and Lawrence Scheinman, Monterey Institute of International Affairs James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

LEEGIN DECISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the

Leegin Decision relating to consumer discounts and antitrust policy, after receiving testimony from Pamela Jones Harbour, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Robery Pitofsky, Georgetown University Law School, and Janet L. McDavid, Hogan and Hartson, on behalf of the American Bar Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen Bolerjack, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; and Marcy Syms, Syms Corp, Secaucus, New Jersey.

OXYCONTIN SETTLEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the propriety and adequacy of the Oxycontin criminal settlement, after receiving testimony from John L. Brownlee, United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, and Jay P. McCloskey, former United States Attorney for Maine, both of the Department of Justice; Virginia Pagano, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Vikramaditya S. Khanna, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; Sidney M. Wolfe, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.; James N. Campbell, Johns Hopkins University Blaustein Pain Treatment Center, Baltimore, Maryland; and Marianne Skolek, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

RETURNING SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation on the educational needs of returning service members, including S. 22, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, after receiving testimony from Major General Ronald Young, Director, Manpower and Personnel, National Guard Bureau, United States Army, Tom Bush, Principal Director, Manpower and Personnel, and Curt Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, all of the Department of Defense; Keith Wilson, Director of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Dean Gallin, Deputy Counsel, Office of General Counsel, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; G. Kim Wincup, former Vice Chairman, Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; James Bombard, Veterans Advisory Committee on Education, Albany, New York; Allison G. Jones, California State University Academic Affairs Student Academic Support, Ronald F. Chamrin, American Legion, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Patrick Campbell, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:

(See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors:

(See next issue.)

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:
Conference report on H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–280);

H.R. 3056, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors and to revise the tax rules on expatriation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–281);

H.R. 3159, to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–282);

H.R. 3087, to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–283); [Filed on August 1 (legislative day, July 31), 2007]

H.R. 3162, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–284 Pt. I);

H. Res. 594, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3162) to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to

improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP program (H. Rept. 110–285);

H. Res. 595, A resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–286);

H. Res. 596, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–287); and

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 110–288).

Pages H9058–H9188, (continued next issue.)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNerney to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9055**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:06 a.m. **Page H9057**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard D. Turpin, Second Baptist Church, Catskill, New York. **Pages H9057–58**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 774. **Pages H9058, H9230–31**

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

Providing greater transparency in the legislative process: S. 1, amended, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 763—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H9192–H9210**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 30th:

Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007: H.R. 180, amended, to require the identification of companies that conduct business operations

in Sudan and to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 764 and

Pages H9210–11

Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007: H.R. 2347, amended, to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 765.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, companies that sell arms to the Government of Iran, and financial institutions that extend \$20,000,000 or more in credit to the Government of Iran for 45 days or more, and for other purposes."

Pages H9211–12

Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2831, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No 768. Consideration of the measure began on Monday, July 30th.

Pages H9219–22, H9226–27

H. Res. 579, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Monday, July 30th.

21st Century Competitiveness Act of 2007: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H9222–23, H9227–28

Agreed to the Hall (TX) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 770.

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Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Science and Technology for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon, Lipinski, Baird, Wu, Lampson, Udall (CO), Giffords, McNerney, Hall (TX), Sensenbrenner, Ehlers, Biggert, Feeney, and Gingrey from the Committee on Education and Labor for consideration of Division C of the Senate

amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Miller, George, Holt, and McKeon.

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From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of Division C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), Holt, and McKeon.

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Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act: The House passed H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 767. Consideration of the measure began on Monday, July 30th.

Pages H9223–26

Rejected the Pearce (NM) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 766.

Pages H9223–25

H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to Monday, July 30th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, July 30th:

Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007: H.R. 176, amended, to authorize assistance to the countries of the Caribbean to fund educational development and exchange programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 771;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read "To authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)."

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Amending the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed: H.R. 957, amended, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 772; and

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Integrated Deepwater Program Reform Act: H.R. 2722, amended, to restructure the Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 773.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 3161, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume Wednesday, August 1st.

Pages H9231–44, (continued next issue.)

Rejected the Price (GA) motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 776. Earlier, a vote was called pending the absence of a quorum, and, subsequently 389 members recorded their presence, Roll No. 775.

(See next issue.)

Agreed to sustain the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised against the content of debate by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 777.

(See next issue.)

Agreed to the Hoyer motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 778.

(See next issue.)

H. Res. 581, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 769.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:41a.m.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page S9219.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages (See next issue.)

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call, twelve yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9210, H9210–11, H92111, H9225, H9225–26, H9226–27, H9227, H9227–28, H9228–29, H9229, H9229–30, H9230–31, (continued next issue.)

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1st.

Committee Meetings

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; and Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AUGMENTEE FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Use of In Lieu Of, Ad Hoc and Augmentee Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Testimony was heard from following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Jack B. Eggington, USAF, Deputy Director, Operations, U.S. Central Command; MG Jason K. Kamiya, USA, Director, Joint Training, U.S. Joint Forces Command; BG David D. Halverson, USA, Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7. Headquarters U.S. Army; RADM Timothy M. Giardina, USN, Director, Information, Plans and Security, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and BG Marke F. Gibson, USAF, Director, Current Operations and Training, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future (Part 4). Testimony was heard from GEN Jack Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, Army; LTG Gregory S. Newbold, USMC (ret.), former Director, Operations (J–3), Joint Chiefs of Staff; former GEN Barry McCaffrey, USA, (ret.); and public witnesses.

IRAQ-AFGHANISTAN MILITARY COSTS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Costs of Military Operations and Reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the of the Department of Defense: Gordon England, Deputy Secretary; and LTG John F. Sattler, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff; Robert Sunshine, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis, CBO; and the following officials of the Department of State: Joseph Saloom, Ambassador of the United States and Senior Transition Advisor; and John A. Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, South and Central Asian Affairs; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 814, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act; and H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

Committee recessed until tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1567, Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007; and H.R. 3096, Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1302, amended, Global Poverty Act of 2007; H.R. 2185, amended, To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010; H.R. 3062, amended, South Pacific Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007; H. Res. 32, amended, Denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, “honor” killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and independence of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral, and honorable society; H. Res. 34, amended, Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient; H. Res. 238, Commending the first democratic elections in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia, and expressing support for the further democratic development and implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding; H. Res. 508, amended, Recognizing the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the Global war against terrorism; H. Res. 518, amended, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Malaysia’s independence; H. Res. 548, amended, Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon’s democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon; H. Res. 557, amended, Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only coun-

try permanently placed on the Council’s agenda; H. Res. 564, Recognizing that violence poses an increasingly serious to peace and stability in Central America and supporting expanded cooperation between the United States and the countries of Central America to combat crime and violence; H. Res. 575, Commending the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commitment to holding elections and broadening participation; and H. Res. 583, Recognizing the remarkable example of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish Czechoslovakian children from Nazi death camps prior to the outbreak of World War II.

BORDER PATROL SHOOTING CASE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the Case of Ramos and Compean: the Across-Border Context. Testimony was heard from Charles S. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REGISTERED TRAVELER PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Managing Risk and Increasing Efficiency: An Examination of the Implementation of the Registered Traveler Program.” Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

ENSURING ARTISTS FAIR COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on Ensuring Artists Fair Compensation: Updating the Performance Right and Platform Parity for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Representative Hodes; Marybeth Peters, U.S. Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—POLITICAL INTERVENTION AT THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Crisis of Confidence: The Political Influence of the Bush Administration on Agency Science and Decision-Making. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thompson of California, Walden of Oregon, Doolittle, and Herger; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General; and H. Dale Hall, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John M. Seeba, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and

William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, NOAA; and public witnesses.

FEMA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on FEMA Preparedness in 2007 and Beyond. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: R. David Paulison, Administrator, FEMA; and Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General; MG Terry Scherling, USA, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense; William Jenkins, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Darrell Darnell, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL COMPENSATION—PAY

Committee on Oversight an Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Federal Compensation, Part I, Pay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Faleomavaega and Kennedy; Linda Springer, Director, OPM; Curtis Copeland, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue August 2.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 3222, Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murtha and Young of Florida.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. The rule also considers the conference report as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar.

WAIVING CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII AGAINST CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolutions reported on the legislative day of August 1, 2007, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 3162, Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007, with one hour to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways & Means and one hour to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways & Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended and provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Representatives McDermott, Pallone, Hastings of Washington, and Blackburn.

COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATION LAW SYSTEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing to review the Coast Guard Administration Law System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance; and CAPT Thomas Sparks, USCG, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009; H.R. 1273, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restore plot allowance eligibility for veterans of any war and to restore the headstone or marker allowance for eligible persons; H.R. 1900, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who receive an expeditionary medal during a period of military service other than a period of war; H.R. 1901, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served during certain periods of time in specified locations; H.R. 2346, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area; H.R. 2696, Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007; and H.R. 2697, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall and Fossella; Bradley H.G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DNI 100 DAY PLAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on DNI 100 Day Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall, Gutierrez, and Fossella; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representative of veterans organizations.

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Joint Meetings

21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1088)

S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel. Signed on July 30, 2007. (Public Law 110-50)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1677, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988, and original bills entitled, "Housing Assistance Authorization Act", "Private Student Loan Transparency and Improvement Act", and "Commission on Natural Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance Act", 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent advances in clean coal technology, focusing on the prospects for deploying these technologies at a commercial scale in the near future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1054 and H.R. 122, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project, S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, S. 1475 and H.R. 1526, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the

Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project, H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States Africa Command, focusing on a new strategic relationship with Africa, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, and S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, an original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes, S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, S. 1446, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, S. 547, to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region, S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years, H.R. 2570 and S. 1732, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the "Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building", S. 1772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the "Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office", S. 1781, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the "Buck Owens Post Office", H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building", H.R. 2563 and S. 1539, bills to designate the

post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the "Major Scott Nisely Post Office", S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the "Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office", H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin "Rex" Young Post Office Building", H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the "Staff Sergeant Omer T. 'O.T.' Hawkins Post Office", H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the "George B. Lewis Post Office Building", H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building", H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building", and H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building", and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the under-representation of Americans at the United Nations and its organizations; focusing on ways to build a stronger American diplomatic presence, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Power Plant Utility Tunnels, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on active Army, Army Guard and Army Reserve recruiting and retention, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on Post-Katrina Health Care in the New Orleans Region: Progress and Continuing Concerns—Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on the Impact of Coup-Related Sanctions on Thailand and Fiji: Helpful or Harmful to U.S. Relations? 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Political Crises in South Asia: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1413, To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports; H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility; and H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism, Prevention Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Playing by Its Own Rules: TSA's Exemption from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and How it Impacts Partnerships with the Private Sector," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on The Smithsonian in Transition, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 400, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act; H.R. 3013, Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act of 2007; H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 1119, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 1071, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on the Tillman Fratricide: What the Leadership of the Defense Department Knew, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on

Energy and Environment, to continue joint hearings on the Department of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part II, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Ensuring Prompt Payment for Small Health Care Providers," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, to consider the following measures: the Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; To improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; H.R. 3068, Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Measuring Poverty in America, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Aviation Taxes, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, joint briefing on SIGINT, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 976, Small Business Tax Relief Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Grassley (for Ensign) Amendment No. 2538 (to Amendment No. 2530).

House Chamber

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