

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1124, District of Columbia College Access Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11615–S11685

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2059, S. Res. 319, and S. Con. Res. 47. **Pages S11654–55**

Measures Passed:

District Of Columbia College Access Act: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 338), Senate passed H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11620–25

Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 2887, to exempt millionaires from receiving educational scholarship funds intended for needy families. **Page S11623**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 337), Coburn Amendment No. 2888, to prohibit the Federal Government from favoring public colleges and universities over private colleges and universities under the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999.

Pages S11623–25

Mental Health Parity Act: Senate passed S. 558, to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Domenici/Kennedy) Amendment No. 2908, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11684**

Measures Considered:

District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act: By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 339), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to

consideration of S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

Pages S11626–32

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11632–45

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11632**

Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Page S11632**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S11632**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, with 60 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the amendment; provided further, that Members have until 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments to Leahy (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

Keith Hall, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Pages S11684–85**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S11685**

Messages from the House: **Page S11654**

Measures Referred: **Page S11654**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11655–56**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S11668–78**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S11678–79**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—339) **Pages S11625, S11631–32**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11684.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NFL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Football League (NFL) retirement system, after receiving testimony from Dave R. Duerson, Burt Bell/Pete Rozelle National Football League Retirement Plan, Highland Park, Illinois; Gene Upshaw, National Football League Players Association, and Bill Bain, both of Washington, D.C.; Roger Goodell, National Football League, New York, New York; Daryl Johnston, Dallas, Texas; Brent Boyd, Reno, Nevada; Garrett Webster, Moon Township, Pennsylvania; Mike Ditka, Lake Bluff, Illinois; and Gale Sayers, Chicago, Illinois.

BREAKING THE METHAMPHETAMINE SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the methamphetamine supply chain, focusing on meeting challenges at the border, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Christy A. McCampbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Matthew C. Allen, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Gary W. Kendell, Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, Des Moines; Thomas M. Siebel, Meth Project, Palo Alto, California; and Peter D. Wolfgram, Bungalow Drug Inc., Belgrade, Montana.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sununu, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE UNDER THE MCNULTY MEMORANDUM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine corporate fraud prosecutions and the attorney-client privilege under the McNulty Memorandum, including S. 186, to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product, after receiving testimony from United States Attorney Karin J. Immergut, District of Oregon, Department of Justice; Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Daniel Charles Richman, Columbia University School of Law, and Andrew Weissmann, Jenner and Block, both of New York, New York; and Michael L. Seigel, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee, in a closed session, ordered favorably reported the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3558–3578; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 50; H. Con. Res. 213–214; and H. Res. 658, 661–662 were introduced. **Pages H10509–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10510–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 659, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–332) and

H. Res. 660, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 110–333). **Page H10509**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10437**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10437**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Frederick L. Klein, Director of Community Chaplaincy, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Miami, Florida. **Page H10437**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 183 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 870. **Pages H10437, H10445**

Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, by a recorded vote of 348 yeas to 72 noes, Roll No. 876. **Pages H10440–45, H10445–47, H110447–81**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions that the Committee report the same back promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 875. **Pages H10478–80**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–330, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10456–63**

Agreed by unanimous consent that amendment No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–330 may be offered out of sequence. **Page H10447**

Accepted:

Cardoza amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that raises the FHA single family loan limit, by establishing such limit in each area as the lower of (a) 125% of the local median area home price or (b) 175% of the national GSE conforming loan limit; retains the FHA loan floor provision in the reported bill of 65% of the GSE conforming loan limit; and also gives HUD authority to raise these resulting loan limit amounts by up to \$100,000 by area and/or by unit size "if market conditions warrant"; **Pages H10463–65**

Tierney amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that directs the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide mortgage insurance premium refunds to eligible borrowers of FHA insured loans, which were closed prior to December 8, 2004, but which were not endorsed until December 8, 2004 or after that date, and authorizes such sums as may be necessary for such refunds; **Page H10465**

Gary G. Miller (CA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that allows qualified down payment assistance providers to participate in the FHA Program if certain conditions are satisfied (i.e. no obligation for mortgagor to repay and net worth requirement); **Pages H10465–67**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that clarifies requirements on reverse mortgages for seniors who own permanent foundation homes on leased land; and **Page H10467**

Tiberi amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that requires the Secretary to ensure that the mortgagor receives counseling at the time of application. **Pages H10469–70**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that sought to strike the allowable use of FHA savings for an affordable housing fund (by a recorded vote of 148 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 873) and **Pages H10467–69, H10477**

Biggett amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–330) that sought to reform the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) single-family mortgage insurance activities and allow FHA to base each borrower's mortgage insurance premiums on the risk that the borrower poses to the

FHA Mortgage Insurance Fund, with slight variations. Under this proposal, mortgage insurance premiums would be based on the borrower's credit history, loan-to-value ratio, debt-to-income ratio, and on FHA's historical experience with similar borrowers. This amendment maintained FHA reserves within the insurance fund to preserve the future solvency of the FHA program (by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 252 noes, Roll No. 874).

Pages H10470–76, H10477–78

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

Pages H10481–82

H. Res. 650, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 872, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 871.

Pages H10446–47

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 17th:

Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 3096, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 877.

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

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial: H. Res. 326, amended, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

Pages H10482–84

Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers: H. Res. 443, amended, to recognize the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, to honor the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and to commend all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers;

Pages H10484–86

Expressing the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association: H. Res. 604, amended, to express the nation's sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the

final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association; and

Pages H10486–88

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service: H. Con. Res. 207, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.

Pages H10488–94

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10445, H10446, H10446–47, H10477, H10477–78, H10480, H10480–81, H10481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN CONTRACTOR MEDICAL BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the benefits and medical care for Federal and U.S. contractor employees deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Patricia S. Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Shelby Hallmark, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; and Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from Deborah Kooperstein, Administrative Judge, Southhampton, New York; Kim Berkeley Clark, Administrative Judge, Family Division (Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court) 5th Judiciary District of Pennsylvania (Allegheny County) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Janet Garcia, Deputy Director, Office for Children, Youth and Families, State of Arizona; Andrea Wiesman, Director, Health Services, Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; Anne Marie Ambrose, Director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Services, Department of Public Welfare, State of Pennsylvania; and a public witness.

MILITARY FAMILIES MEDICAL LEAVE COVERAGE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Family and Medical Leave Act: Extending Coverage to Military Families Left at Home. Testimony was heard

from Senators Dodd and Clinton; Representative Issa; and public witnesses.

MONITORING 9/11 HEALTH EFFECTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Answering the Call: Medical Monitoring and Treatment of 9/11 Health Effects.” Testimony was heard from John Howard, M.D., Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO; James Melius, M.D., Laborers’ Health and Safety Fund, New York; Edward Slyler, Deputy Mayor, Administration, City of New York; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR TERRORISM PREVENTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Terrorism Prevention: Status Report on the Federal Government’s Assessment of New Radiation Detection Monitors.” Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and Dave Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of International Material Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Paul A. Schneider, Under Secretary, Management.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2868, To eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities; H.R. 2787, amended, CJ’s Home Protection Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Relations with Saudi Arabia: Oil, Anxiety, and Ambivalence. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Grades Are In—Is the Department of Homeland Security Measuring Up?” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General,

GAO; and Paul A. Schneider, Under Secretary, Management, Department of Homeland Security.

WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE AND THE FISA ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans’ Privacy Rights (Part II). Testimony was heard from Michael McConnell, Director, National Intelligence; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice.

STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing entitled “Management of the Statue of Liberty National Monument.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Weiner and Sires; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2733, Trinity River Restoration Fund Act of 2007; and H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2780, amended, To amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service; H.R. 1236, amended, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; H.R. 2414, amended, Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Service Act of 2007; H.R. 3551, To reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, to modify the procedures of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; and H.R. 1110, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. The bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. The further amendments made in order in Part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. 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.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule 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 resolution reported through the legislative day of Wednesday, September 19, 2007, that provides for consideration of a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the post market authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.

VA ASSESSMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the state of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3375, amended, To amend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; H.R. 3640, Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2007; and H.R. 3539, amended, Airport and Airway Trust Fund Financing Act of 2007.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on FISA. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on current efforts against biological threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians, and an original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, and Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural

treasures through international organizations, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the “material support to terrorist organizations” bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the current state of affairs for information technology with the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine preparing for the digital television transition, focusing on how senior citizens will be affected, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 1644, Re-Empowerment of Skilled and Professional Employees and Construction Tradesworkers (RESPECT) Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Protecting Children from Lead-Tainted Imports,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Issues in Emergency Communications: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Public Safety Act of 2007, and an Oversight Hearing of the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Emergency Communications,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Assessment of the Administration’s September Report on the Status of U.S. Political and Military Efforts in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to mark up H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and

expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation; followed by a hearing on U.S.-Brazil Relations, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and mark up of H.R. 3564, Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Diversifying Native Economies, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Bridge Safety: Next Steps to Protect the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing to examine the Small Business Administration’s contracting programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Cruise Ship Security Practices and Procedures, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, hearing on the findings of the President’s Commission on Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Unemployment Insurance to Reduce Barriers for Jobless Workers, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot-Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the evolution of an economic crisis, focusing on the subprime lending disaster and the threat to the broader economy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 at approximately 10:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2761—Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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