

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6097–S6171

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3187–3199, S.J. Res. 43, and S. Res. 601–602. **Page S6158**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2009”. (S. Rept. No. 110–402)

S. 27, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–400)

S. 1171, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87–483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–401)

H.R. 3721, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the “Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4185, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the “Marisol Heredia Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Cody Grater Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “William ‘Bill’ Clay Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5479, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd

Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the “Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building”.

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H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the “Rocky Marciano Post Office Building”.

S. 2622, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “William ‘Bill’ Clay Post Office”.

S. 3015, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the “Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building”.

S. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building”. **Pages S6157–58**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 6040, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6171**

Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence. **Pages S6141–45**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 80 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6141**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2008, and that the time during the adjournment count post-cloture; provided further, that Senator Murkowski, or her designee, control the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008, and that the time count post-cloture. **Page S6171**

House Messages:

Foreclosure Prevention Act: By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives striking section 1 through Title V and inserting certain language to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform, with Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4983, of a perfecting nature, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6097–S6141**

Adopted:

Bond Modified Amendment No. 4987 (to Amendment No. 4983), to enhance mortgage loan disclosure requirements with additional safeguards for adjustable rate mortgages with an initial fixed rate and loans that contain prepayment penalty. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

Sununu Modified Amendment No. 4999 (to Amendment No. 4983), to address small public housing agency paperwork reduction. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

Kohl Modified Amendment No. 4988 (to Amendment No. 4983), to protect the property and security of homeowners who are subject to foreclosure proceedings. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

Withdrawn:

Dole Amendment No. 4984 (to Amendment No. 4983), to improve the regulation of appraisal standards. **Pages S6097, S6140**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Jason J. Fichtner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S6171**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Page S6141**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6171.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Energy Information Administration (EIA), focusing on forecasts for oil and gasoline prices, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the current situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Dan K. McNeill, USA (Ret.), former Commander, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) International Security Assistance Force.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Sheila McNamara Greenwood, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Susan D. Pepler, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Joseph J. Murin, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, and Elisse Walter, of Maryland, all to

be Members of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the increased global energy demand, focusing on the challenges for meeting future energy needs, while developing new technologies to address current and future global climate change, after receiving testimony from Raymond L. Orbach, Under Secretary of Energy for Science; Neil Hirst, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; Tom Wilson, Electric Power Research Institute Global Climate Change Research, Palo Alto, California; and Raymond J. Kopp, Resources for the Future, and Karan Bhatia, General Electric Company, both of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL ROLE FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future federal role for surface transportation, focusing on safety, maintenance, and expansion needs for the capacity and reliability of the highway freight system, after receiving testimony from Bruce E. Seely, Michigan Technological University, Houghton; Lance R. Grenzeback, Cambridge Systematics Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Kathleen F. Marvaso, American Automobile Association (AAA), and Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Samuel R. Staley, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California; and Alan E. Pisarski, Falls Church, Virginia.

PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a new strategy for an enhanced partnership with Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Mitchell Shivers, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Mark S. Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, United States Central Command, Falls Church, Virginia; and Wendy J. Chamberlain, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1924, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, with amendments;

S. 3013, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, with amendments;

S. 3175, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, to make technical corrections to that Act, with amendments;

S. 2382, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2148, to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2816, to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

S. 3015, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the "Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building";

H.R. 5395 and S. 2622, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building";

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The nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine practices by the Department of Homeland Security at ports of entry of the United States, focusing on laptop searches and other violations of privacy faced by Americans returning from overseas travel, after receiving testimony from James Jay Carafano, Heritage

Foundation, and Peter P. Swire, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, on behalf of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Larry Cunningham, Bronx District Attorney Office, Bronx, New York; Susan K. Gurley, Association of Corporate Travel Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; Farhana Y. Khera, Muslim Advocates, and Lee Tien, Electronic Frontier Foundation, both of San Francisco, California; and Nathan A. Sales, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

HOME HEATING OIL PRICES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to address the rise in home heating oil prices, after receiving testimony from David F. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Petroleum Reserves; Jennifer Brooks, Penquis, Bangor, Maine; Sandra Farrell, Northboro Oil Company, Northboro, Massachusetts; Michael J. Ferrante, Massachusetts Oilheat Council, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts; and Michael D. Stoddard, Environment Northeast, Portland, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 6362–6375; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 382 and H. Res. 1305, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6089–90

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1304, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6052) to promote increased public transportation use and to promote increased use of alternative fuels in providing public transportation (H. Rept. 110–734).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Davis (AL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Archie E. Barringer, Veterans Medical Clinic, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 6275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, by

a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 455.

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Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 454.

Pages H6042–43

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1297, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 452, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 451.

Pages H6022–25, H6029–30

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, June 23rd:

Authorizing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012: H.R. 3546, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 456. **Pages H6044–45**

Providing for and approving the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community: The House failed to pass H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community, by a ye-and-nay vote of 121 yeas to 298 nays, Roll No. 458. **Pages H6045–57**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Hensarling 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 ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 457. **Pages H6055–57**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–732 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. **Page H6045**

H. Res. 1298, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 450, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 449. **Pages H6016–22, H6028–29**

ADA Amendments Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 3195, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, by a ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 460. **Pages H6058–75, H6081–82**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H6059**

H. Res. 1299, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 453. **Pages H6025–28, H6030–31**

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

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 3180, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H6075**

Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008: H.R. 6358, to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, by

a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 318 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 459; and **Pages H6075–80, H6080–81**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the United States Armed Forces: H. Con. Res. 377, amended, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the United States Armed Forces. **Pages H6082–83**

CPSC Reform Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Agreed to the Kirk motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, by a ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 461. Consideration of the motion began on Tuesday, June 24th. **Page H6082**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6016.

Senate Referrals: S. 3145, S. 2403, S. 2837, and S. 3009 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H6088**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6028, H6028–29, H6029–30, H6030, H6030–31, H6043, H6043–44, H6044–45, H6057, H6057–58, H6080–81, H6081–82, and H6082. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT;
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL
YEAR 2009**

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following Appropriations for Fiscal year 2009: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; and Financial Services and General Government.

**CHINA; RECENT SECURITY
DEVELOPMENTS**

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on China: Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James J. Shinn, Assistant Secretary, Asian

and Pacific Security Affairs; and MG Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

PRE-K ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Began markup of H.R. 3289, PRE-K Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

HEALTH IT PROMOTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action H.R. 6357, Protecting Records, Optimizing Treatment, and Easing Communication through Healthcare Technology Act of 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3329, amended, Homes for Heroes Act; H.R. 6309, amended, Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008; H.R. 4461, amended, to consider the following bills: H.R. 4049, amended, Money Service Business Act of 2007; H.R. 6306, amended, To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contributions to, the fifteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association and the eleventh replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund, and for other purposes; H.R. 6216, amended, Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 1746, amended, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007; and, H.R. 6184, America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008.

The Committee did not agree to H.R. 5767, Payments System Protection Act.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform: Rebuilding U.S. Civilian Development and Diplomatic Capacity in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following former Administrators of the U.S. Agency for International Development M. Peter McPherson; and J. Brian Atwood.

U.S.-INDO RELATIONS OUTLOOK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on More Than Just the 123 Agreement: The Future of U.S.-Indo Relations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GOODYEAR PLANT EXPLOSION CHEMICAL PLANT SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection

held a hearing on The Goodyear Explosion: Ensuring Our Nation is Secure by Developing a Risk Management Framework for Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; John P. Paczkowski, Director, Emergency and Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Testimony was heard from Kenneth E. Melson, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Agreed to a Committee resolution dealing with an emergency withdrawal of certain federal lands near Grand Canyon National Park.

The Committee also ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 415, amended, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers; H.R. 1286, amended, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act; H.R. 1210, amended, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 6041, To redesignate the Rio Grande American Canal in El Paso, Texas, as the "Travis C. Johnson Canal;" H.R. 1907, amended, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; and H.R. 3227, amended, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE AT K-TOWN: ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at K-Town: One Year Later. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; Terrell G. Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure, and Bruce A. Causseaux, Senior Level Contract and Procurement Fraud Specialist, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and MAJ Mark Rogers, USAF, Vice Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Department of the Air Force; Judith Garber, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and

Eurasian Affairs, Department of State, and a public witness.

ID CARDS; REISSUING BORDER CROSSING CARDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on ID Cards: Reissuing Border Crossing Cards Testimony was heard from Tony Edson, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State; Colleen M. Manaher, Director, Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Jess Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

SAVING ENERGY THROUGH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6052, the "Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008." The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendments made in order shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule allows the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of Thursday, June 26, 2008, relating to (a) a measure concerning the Commodity Exchange Act and energy markets; or (b) a measure concerning the issuance of oil and gas leases on Federal lands or waters. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representative McGovern.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4174, Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007; and H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008.

ONLINE ADVERTISING IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Online Advertising on Small Firms." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PIPELINE INSPECTION, PROTECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ACT OF 2006 IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Implementation of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Carl T. Johnson, Administrator, and Stacey L. Gerard, Assistant Administrator, both with Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

GLOBAL CLIMATE—NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a joint hearing on National Security Implications of Global Climate. Testimony was heard from Thomas Fingar, Deputy Director (Analysis), Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, Director, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy; VADM Paul G. Gaffney II, USN (Ret.), former Commander, Navy Meteorology and Oceanography Command; Kent Hughes Butts, Professor of Political-Military Strategy, Center for Strategic Leadership, U.S. Army War College; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SKYROCKETING OIL PRICES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the rapid rise of crude oil prices, focusing on the impact energy prices will have on the American public and the United States economy,

after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Frederick Joutz, George Washington University, and John A. Laitner, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), all of Washington, D.C.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Joseph A. Benkert, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Sean Joseph Stackley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Frederick S. Celec, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the foundation of international tax reform, focusing on worldwide, territorial, and other related issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (Public Law 93-247), focusing on protecting children and strengthening families, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on the federal response for providing medical care and meeting basic needs in the aftermath of an attack, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing the nation's financial challenges, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine access to contract health services in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2979, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, H.R. 5690, to re-

move the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force, S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as "Tay-Sachs Awareness Month", and the nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Kiyo A. Matsumoto, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Cathy Seibel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, and Clyde R. Cook, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine effective ways to catch fugitives in the 21st century, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 2969, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, S. 2309, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the service treatable as service engaged in combat with the enemy for utilization of non-official evidence for proof of service-connection in a combat-related disease or injury, 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, S. 2617, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and an original bill to provide technical corrections to S. 22, the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Christine O. Hill, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review the status of pollinator health including colony collapse disorder, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue markup of H.R. 3289, PRE-K Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on An Examination of Discrimination Against Transgender Americans in the Workplace, immediately following full Committee markup, 2175 Rayburn.

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Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 6066, Extractive Industries Transparency Disclosure Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Problem Credit Care Practices Affecting Students," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 263, Cybersecurity Education Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 2490, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States; H.R. 3815, Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 4806, Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2007; H.R. 5170, Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2008; H.R. 5531, Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008; H.R. 5743, Scientific Transformations through Advancing Research (STAR) Act; H.R. 5935, American Steel First Act of 2008; H.R. 5983, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security; H.R. 6098, Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act; and H.R. 6193, Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

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Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part III, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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