

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.

The House passed H.R. 3222, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008.

The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3452–3469, and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 622–628, were introduced. **Pages H10016–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10017–18**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 189, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–310) and

H.R. 1834, to authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–311, Pt. 1). **Page H10016**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 837. **Pages H9713, H9966**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Westmoreland motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 136 yeas to 246 nays, Roll No. 824. **Pages H9718–19**

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and secu-

rity, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 832.

Pages H9722–H9842, H9843–61, H9861–69, H9870–H9914

Rejected the Barton (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the committees of jurisdiction with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 831. **Pages H9875–H9913**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–300 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H9749–50**

Agreed to:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that encourages natural gas utilities to plan for and prioritize energy efficiency and requires state regulators to consider crafting rate policies that align utility revenue recovery measures with incentives for energy conservation;

Pages H9839–40

Shays amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that doubles the current level of funding for 2007 and 2008 for the weatherization assistance program in section 9034(a); **Pages H9840–41**

Hooley amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that authorizes the Administrator of the EPA to enter into an arrangement with the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of how sustainable building features such as energy efficiency affect multiple perceived indoor environmental quality stressors on students in K–12 schools; **Pages H9841–42**

Pitts amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that exempts boilers that operate without the need for electricity supply from the energy efficiency requirements in section 9003(4) of the bill, regarding appliance efficiency; **Page H9842**

Terry amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that adds a section to title IX to accelerate the adoption of geothermal heat pumps by the Federal government; **Pages H9843–44**

Van Hollen amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that adds a sixth policy option to the bill's existing "State Must Consider" language asking state regulatory authorities and non-regulated utilities to consider "offering home energy audits, publicizing the financial and environmental benefits associated with home energy efficiency improvements and educating homeowners about all existing federal and state incentives, including the availability of low-cost loans, that make home energy efficiency improvements more affordable"; **Pages H9852–53**

Schwartz amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires all federal government agencies to change their acquisitions rules for planning meetings and conferences to consider the environmentally preferable features and practices of a vendor, similar to the acquisition rules of the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H9853–54**

Hodes amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that orders the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of the renewable energy system rebate program for homes and small businesses, described in section 206-c of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; **Pages H9856–57**

Barton (TX) amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that modifies Sec. 9502(a) of the bill to ensure that the Energy Information Administration restores its previously-terminated collection of data on solid by-products from coal-based energy producing facilities and makes improvements on these data; **Page H9857**

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that establishes a grant program for colleges and universities to invest in sus-

tainable and efficient energy projects, up to \$1 million for efficiency and \$500,00 for sustainability;

Pages H9858–61

Castle amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires the Minerals Management Service to submit a report to Congress on the status of regulations required to be issued with respect to offshore wind energy production;

Pages H9861–62

Wu amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program for universities to research and develop renewable energy technologies; priority is given to universities in low income and rural communities with proximity to trees dying of disease or insect infestation;

Pages H9862–63

Giffords amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that creates a Solar Energy Industries Research and Promotion Board to increase consumer awareness nationwide of solar energy options and appropriate certifications;

Pages H9863–66

Tauscher amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that creates a pilot program in urbanized and other than urbanized areas to increase the use of vanpooling and the number of vanpools in service;

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Holt amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires the Center for Climate Change Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency to examine the potential fuel savings from intelligent transportation systems that would help businesses and consumers to plan their travel and avoid delays, including web-based realtime transit information systems, congestion information systems, carpool information systems, parking information systems, freight route management, and traffic management systems;

Pages H9866–67

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that makes findings regarding fuel supplies and expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. should further global energy security and promote democratic development in resource rich foreign countries by encouraging further participation in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and other international initiatives;

Pages H9867–68

Solis amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires an assessment of current and anticipated needs of developing countries in adapting to climate change, which includes a strategy to address these needs and an identification of funding sources for such purposes;

Pages H9868–69

Sarbanes amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires Federal agencies to develop and implement a telework (work from home

or close to home) policy for eligible employees excluding those who handle secure materials or special equipment, are assigned to national security functions, or voluntarily decline the telework option;

Pages H9871–72

Udall (NM) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that requires electric suppliers, other than governmental entities and rural electric cooperatives, to provide 15 percent of their electricity using renewable energy resources by the year 2020 (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 827);

Pages H9844–52, H9872–73

Sali amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that provides a sense of the Congress to recognize and support large and small scale conventional hydropower (by a recorded vote of 402 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 829); and

Pages H9858, H9873–74

Cleaver amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that prohibits any Federal agency, including any office of the legislative branch, from acquiring a light duty motor vehicle or medium duty motor vehicle that is not a low greenhouse gas emitting vehicle (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 830).

Pages H9870–71, H9874–75

Rejected:

Arcuri amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that sought to repeal the availability of Federal eminent domain authority for use by companies permitted by FERC to construct or modify transmission lines within National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors and to replace with an amendment to section 216(e) of the Federal Power Act to require permitted companies to proceed in accordance with state law (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 828).

Pages H9854–56, H9873

Withdrawn:

Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–300) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to hold one public meeting before issuing a permit, license, or authorization that will affect land use when a public meeting is requested by at least five individuals or an organization representing 30 or more people.

Pages H9857–58

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

H. Res. 615, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 826, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 825.

Pages H9715–18, H9719–22

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 623, raising a question of the privileges of

the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 833.

Page H9914

Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2776, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 835.

Pages H9915–51

Rejected the English (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 65 yeas to 346 nays, Roll No. 834.

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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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Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 615, the text of H.R. 2776, as passed by the House, shall be inserted as new matter at the end of H.R. 3221.

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Authorizing additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007: The House agreed to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3311, to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, and to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction—clearing the measure for the President.

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Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information: The House passed S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 836—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9952–66

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

Pages H9966–67

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 846.

Pages H9967–H10014

Agreed to:

Issa amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to disclose to the public the aggregate amount of funds appropriated by Congress for the National Intelligence Program for a fiscal year and

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Inslee amendment that prohibits funds from being used to waive or modify regulations promulgated under chapter 43, 71, 75, or 77 of title 5, United States Code.

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Rejected:

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of August 1, 2007) that sought to prohibit fund from being used for the Swimmer Detection Sonar Network;

Pages H10002–03

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for Marine Desalination Systems, Inc. in St. Petersburg, Florida;

Pages H10003–04

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for Concurrent Technologies Corporation;

Page H10004

Sessions amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of August 1, 2007) that sought to strike section 8020 from the bill (by a recorded vote of 148 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 838);

Pages H9991–92, H10008

Flake amendment that sought to strike funding for The Presidio Trust (by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 311 noes, Roll No. 839);

Pages H9998–99, H10008–09

Franks (AZ) amendment regarding funding for missile defense (by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 840);

Pages H9999–10000, H10009

Walberg amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used to award a grant or contract based on the race, ethnicity, or sex of the grant applicant or prospective contractor (by a recorded vote of 126 yeas to 284 noes, Roll No. 841);

Pages H10001, H10010

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of August 1, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Paint Shield for Protecting People from Microbial Threats (by a recorded vote of 91 yeas to 317 noes, Roll No. 842);

Pages H10001–02, H10010–11

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Doyle Center for Manufacturing Technology (by a recorded vote of 98 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 843);

Pages H10004–05, H10011

Flake amendment that sought to redirect \$3 million in funding from the Lewis Center for Education Research (by a recorded vote of 57 yeas to 353 noes, Roll No. 844); and

Pages H10005–07, H10012

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, Pennsylvania (by a recorded vote of 109 yeas to 301 noes, Roll No. 845).

Pages H10007, H10012–13

Withdrawn:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account by \$45 million and

Pages H9986–87

Castle amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of August 1, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have credited each member of the Armed Forces, including each member of a reserve component, with one additional day of leave for every month of the member's most recent previous deployment in a combat zone.

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The bill was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent order of the House.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 4, 2007.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 5th.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and message received from the Senate today appear on pages H9842–43.

Senate Referrals: S. 1896 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and S. 1772 and S. 496 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9718–19, H9721–22, H9722, H9872–73, H9873, H9873–74, H9874–75, H9913, H9913–14, H9915, H9950, H9951, H9965–66, H9966, H10008, H10008–09, H10009, H10010, H10010–11, H10011, H10012, H11012–13, and H10013–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 1:12 a.m. on Sunday, August 5th, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Tuesday, September 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, September 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:00 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act; following which, at 2:30 p.m. Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of Management and Budget, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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