Daily Digest

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3450–3453. Pages S8130–31

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 22, during the adjournment:

S. 2700, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to double liability limits for single-hull tankers and tank barges for 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–445)

S. 2728, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–446)

S. 3362, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. (S. Rept. No. 110–447)

Reported on Monday, September 8:

Report to accompany S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings. (S. Rept. No. 110–448)

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, with amendments.

Measures Passed:

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Department of State Authorities Extension: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6456, to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S8141

National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 647, designating September 9, 2008, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day," and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S8141

National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged D1038 from further consideration of S. Res. 649, designating September 18, 2008, as "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day," and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8141-42**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, designating the week of September 14–20, 2008, as National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week, to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families. Page S8142

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 622, designating the week beginning September 7, 2008, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week." Page S8142

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Pages S8104-10

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

By a unanimous vote of 83 yeas (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S8109-10**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, and that time during any recess, adjournment, or morning business count post-cloture. **Page S8143**

Measures Discharged:

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act: A unanimousconsent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5057, to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S8141**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States, transmitted pursuant to law, a message stating that the statutory prerequisite to become effective is no longer satisfied, as required by section 123 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, for the proposed Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy transmitted to the Senate on May 13, 2008; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–62)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Hague Convention on International Recovery of Child Support and Family Maintenance (Treaty Doc. No. 110–21).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. Page S8142

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert B. Eley, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Patrick J. Wolf, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring March 15, 2012.

John L. Winn, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Paul E. Peterson, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Douglas J. Besharov, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Elizabeth Ann Bryan, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Lynn S. Fuchs, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Caroline M. Hoxby, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2014.

Dave Heineman, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011.

James X. Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term of five years expiring January 29, 2013.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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journed at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8143.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6832–6839; 2 private bills, H.R. 6840, 6841; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1414–1418 were introduced. Page H7853

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 110–823);

S. 2403, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse", with amendments (H. Rept. 110–824);

H.R. 6064, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–825);

H.R. 5243, for the relief of Kumi Iizuka-Barcena (H. Rept. 110–826);

H.R. 2575, for the relief of Mikael Adrian Christopher Figueroa Alvarez (H. Rept. 110-827);

H.R. 5743, to provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with the authority to procure real property and accept in-kind donations (H. Rept. 110–828);

H.R. 263, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a program to award grants to institutions of higher education for the establishment or expansion of cybersecurity professional development programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–829, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1207, directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–830); and

H.R. 6475, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program (H. Rept. 110–831).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H7811

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Tubbs Jones of Ohio, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. Page H7811

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

Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merbige, Jr. Federal Courthouse Designation Act: S. 2403, amended, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse", by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 567;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the United States courthouse located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the 'Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., United States Courthouse'.". Page H7813

Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse", by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 568—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H7816–17, H7824–25

Amending the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine: S. 2450, to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine—clearing the measure for the President; and Pages H7817-20

Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2008: S. 2135, amended, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, and to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 569.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for morning hour debate; and further, that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, September 10th, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 11th. Page H7823

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 10th. Page H7823

Recess: The House recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H7823

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Page H7824

Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Natural Resources be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Page H7826

In Memory of the late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio: The House agreed to H. Res. 1415, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

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Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Donald Murphy of Cincinnati, Ohio, to the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Page H7835

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7811–12.

Senate Referrals: S. 3241 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. 2507 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S.J. Res. 45 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H7849

Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7823, H7824–25, H7825. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and at 10:31 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1415, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1007)

H.R. 4841, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes. Signed on July 31, 2008. (Public Law 110-297)

S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, and Local law enforcement officers. Signed on July 31, 2008. (Public Law 110–298)

S. 3298, to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels. Signed on July 31, 2008. (Public Law 110–299)

S. 3352, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on July 31, 2008. (Public Law 110–300)

S. 3370, to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes. Signed on August 4, 2008. (Public Law 110–301)

H.R. 2245, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the "Elwood 'Bud' Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–302)

H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–303)

H.R. 4918, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami, Florida, as the "Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–304)

H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–305)

H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–306)

H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–307)

H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–308)

H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–309)

H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–310)

H.R. 6340, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the "Charles L. Brieant, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–311)

S. 3294, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–312)

S. 3295, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes. Signed on August 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–313)

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. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–314)

H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–315)

H.R. 6432, to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes. Signed on August 14, 2008. (Public Law 110–316)

H.R. 6580, to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts, and for other purposes. Signed on August 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–317)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 9 through September 13, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately, 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 10, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2009, 10 a.m., SD-192. Committee on Armed Services: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 10, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 11, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 12 noon, SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 9, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-406.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving the Federal Bridge Program, focusing on an assessment of S. 3338, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, 10 a.m., SD–406.

September 10, Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine the quality and environmental impacts of bottled water, 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 9, to hold hearings to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 3038, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, S. 1070, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and S. 1577, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 10, to hold hearings to examine protocols to the North Atlantic Trea-

ty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Treaty Doc. 110–20), 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, and Carol Ann Rodley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian H. Hook, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs), Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, Gregori Lebedev, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and Matthew A. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), 9 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine audits at the Defense Contract Audit Agency, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 10, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine managing the challenges of the federal government transition, focusing on assessing the readiness and planning for the transition and identifying critical needs for the new Administration to address, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 11, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine dividend tax abuse, focusing on ways that offshore entities avoid taxes on United States stock dividends, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

September 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 11, to hold hearings to examine S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project, S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and S. 3381, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 9, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-562.

September 9, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, 2:15 p.m., SD–562.

September 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine new strategies for combating violent crime, focusing on drawing lessons from recent experience, 10 a.m., SD-562.

September 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice, S. 2052, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, H.R. 5235, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission, S. 3166, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose criminal penalties on individuals who assist aliens who have engaged in genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killings to enter the United States, and the nominations of Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: September 11, to hold hearings to examine business start-up hurdles in underserved communities access to venture capital and entrepreneurship training, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 11, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Special Committee on Aging: September 11, to hold hearings to examine 1-800-MEDICARE Information (1-800-633-4227), 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 11, hearing to review dramatic movements in agriculture and energy commodity markets, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 10, full Committee hearing on Security and Stability in Afghanistan and Iraq: Developments in U.S. Strategy and Operations and the Way Ahead, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on transforming the U.S. military's foreign language, cultural awareness, and regional expertise capabilities, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 9, hearing on a Weakened Economy: How to Respond?, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 9, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Challenges Facing Bureau of Indian Education Schools in Improving Student Achievement, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Examining the Role of Museums and Libraries in Strengthening Communities, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "NIH Reform Act of 2006: Progress, Challenges and Next Steps," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Commerce Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Economic and Security Concerns in Tourism and Commerce, including the following bills: H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; and H.R. 1776, Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Protecting the Electric Grid from Cyber-Security Threats," 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 10, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Sovereign Wealth Funds: New Challenges from a Changing Landscape," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 9, hearing on U.S.-Russia Relations in the Aftermath of the Georgia Crisis, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 9, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Ensuring America's Security: Cleaning Up the Nation's Watchlists," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 10, full Committee, hearing entitled "Mismanagement, Missteps and Missed Benchmarks: Why the Virtual Fence Has Not Become A Reality," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 9, hearing on Competition in the Package Delivery Industry, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 10, to mark up the following: Reauthorizing Antitrust Task Force, H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; H.R. 4780, To enact title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs," as positive law; H.R. 6020, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the wellbeing of soldiers and their families, and for other purposes; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based immigrant visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family-and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act of 2008; and to consider a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey be cited for contempt of Congress, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Commerce and Administrative Law, hearing on the continuing investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on the Fair Copyright in Research Works Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4300, Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing and oversight hearing on H.R. 6479, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex Establishment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3114, National Womens's Rights History Project Act; H.R. 4162, San Bernardino Biomass Use Facilitation Act; H.R. 6156, Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act; H.R. 6233, To reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; H.R. 6290, Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2008; H.R. 6291, Oregon Treasures Act of 2008; H.R. 6470, River Basin National Battlefield Act; H.R. 6553, To clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System lands subject to ski area permits; and H.R. 6628, Connell Lake Watershed Protection and Recreation Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, September 9, hearing on the Impact of Proposed Legislation on the District of Columbia's Gun Laws, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 10, full Committee, to consider the following: the National Capital Security and Safety Act; H. Con. Res. 223, Honoring professional surveyors and recognize their contributions to society; H. Con. Res. 351, Honoring the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall, Princeton, New Jersey in 1783; H. Con. Res. 376, Congratulating the 2007-2008 National Basketball Association World Champions, the Boston Celtics, on an outstanding and historic season; H. Con. Res. 378, Expressing support for the designation of September 6, 2008, as Louisa Swain Day; H. Con. Res. 386, Recognizing and celebrating the 232nd Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; H. Res. 1000, To commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the Continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world; H.R. 1356, Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, and for other purposes; a resolution to congratulate Michael Phelps, 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic champion swimmer, on winning eight gold medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and becoming one of the most decorated athletes in Olympic history; H.R. 6199, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York as the "Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building;" H. R. 6489, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 4th Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon, as the "Judie Hammerstad Post Office Building;" H.R. 6681, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Vine Street in New Lenox, Illinois, as the "Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building;" and H.R. 6772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, an Oversight hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military—Part 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 4272, To amend chapter 15 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for an additional, limited exception to the provision prohibiting a State or local officer or employee from being a candidate for elective office, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, September 9, to consider H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, September 9, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on Biobanking: How the Lack of a Coherent Policy Allowed the Veterans Administration to Destroy an Irreplaceable Collection of Legionella Samples, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Foundation for Developing New Energy Technologies: Basic Energy Research in the DOE Office of Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 11, full Committee, hearing on the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 11, hearing on Examining Expiring Tax Incentives and the Needs of Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 9, hearing on H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard, including Recruitment, Promotion, and Retention of Minority Personnel, hearing on Diversity in the Coast Guard, including Recruitment, Promotion, and Retention of Minority Personnel, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 11, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on FEMA's National Housing Strategy: Housing Citizens in a Post-Disaster Period, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 12, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Role of the Federal Government in Small Business Disaster Recovery, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3051, Heroes at Home Act of 2007; H.R. 6153, Veterans' Medical Personnel Recruitment and Retention Act of 2008; and H.R. 6629, Veterans Health Equity Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon. September 11, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing of GI Bill Implementation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

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September 11, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Challenges facing American Workers, 12 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 9, executive, hearing on Intelligence Operations and Al-Qaeda, 1 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

September 10, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on DOD: Personnel Security and Research Center, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

September 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing, on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., and executive, hearing on Russia, 11 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, September 10, hearing entitled "Investing in the Future: R & D needs to meet America's Energy and Climate Challenges," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 10, to hold hearings to examine Russia, Georgia, and the return of power politics, 1:30 p.m., HROB-2325.

Joint Hearing: September 11, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through August 31, 2008

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	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	131	96	
Time in session	790 hrs., 51'	711 hrs., 27 '	
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8,095	7,810	
Extensions of Remarks		1,703	
Public bills enacted into law	44	80	
Private bills enacted into law			
Bills in conference	5	7	
Measures passed, total	348	688	1,036
Senate bills	52	42	
House bills	96	290	
Senate joint resolutions	4	2	
House joint resolutions	2	2	
Senate concurrent resolutions	17	4	
House concurrent resolutions	29	68	
Simple resolutions	148	280	
Measures reported, total *	284	310	594
Senate bills	175	1	
House bills	84	228	
Senate joint resolutions	3		
House joint resolutions	1		
Senate concurrent resolutions	2		
House concurrent resolutions	2	5	
Simple resolutions	17	76	
Special reports	6	2	
Conference reports	1	4	
Measures pending on calendar	538	84	
Measures introduced, total	1,202	2,555	3,757
Bills	919	1,901	
Joint resolutions	18	22	
Concurrent resolutions	32	130	
Simple resolutions	233	502	
Quorum calls	3	2	
Yea-and-nay votes	196	378	
Recorded votes		186	
Bills vetoed		4	
Vetoes overridden	3	3	

Civilian nominations, totaling 441 (including 180 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	197	
Unconfirmed	207	
Withdrawn	37	
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,093 (including 8 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1,084	
Unconfirmed	9	
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,990 (including 5 nominations car- ried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	4,979	
Unconfirmed	10	
Withdrawn	1	
Army nominations, totaling 3,679 (including 19 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	3,308	
Unconfirmed	370	
Withdrawn	1	
Navy nominations, totaling 3,934 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	2,417	
Unconfirmed	1,516	
Withdrawn	1	
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,558 (including 1 nomination		
carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed	1,557	
Unconfirmed	1	
Summary		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	216	
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Total nominations carried over from the First Session	216
Total nominations received this Session	15,479
Total confirmed	13,542
Total unconfirmed	2,113
Total withdrawn	40
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 193 written reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 311 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 9

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 937-Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families; (2) H. Res. 1069-Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children; (3) H. Res. 1159-Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America's effort to end the practice; (4) H. Res. 1254-Supporting the values and goals of the "Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality", signed

by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008; (5) H. Res. 1383-Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the independence of Bulgaria; (6) H. Con. Res. 344-Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis; (7) H. Res. 1307-Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation; (8) H.R. 5683-Government Accountability Office Act of 2008; (9) H.R. 6168-To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building"; (10) H.R. 6169-To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building"; (11) H.R. 6575-The Over-Classification Reduction Act; (12) H.R. 6513-Securities Act of 2008; (13) H. Res. 1207-Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically; (14) H.R. 6608-House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008; (15) H.R. 6475-Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008; (16) H.R. 1527-Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; (17) S. 2617-Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008; (18) H.R. 6832-Veterans' Construction and Extensions Act of 2008; (19) H.R. 6630-To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico; and (20) H.R. 4081-Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2008.

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