

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5397–S5459

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3104–3110, S. Res. 589–590, and S. Con. Res. 88. **Page S5447**

Measures Reported:

S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. (S. Rept. No. 110–348) **Page S5447**

Measures Passed:

American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S5456–57**

Local Preparedness Acquisition Act: Senate passed H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5457**

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 589, designating the week beginning June 9, 2008, as “National Health Information Technology Week”. **Page S5457**

Celebrating the 233rd Birthday of the Army: Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, celebrating the 233rd birthday of the Army and commending the men and women of the Army as exceptional individuals who live by the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. **Pages S5457–58**

Measures Considered:

Consumer-First Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Pages S5399–S5410, S5417, S5418–36**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 146), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S5409–10**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill (listed above) failed. **Page S5410**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5431**

Energy and Tax Extenders Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Pages S5410–12**

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

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 147), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5410**

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access. **Page S5431**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 12, 2008. **Page S5431**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S5431**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; that there be 4 hours of debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, and the time therein be controlled in periods of 30 minutes, in alternating fashion, with the Majority controlling the first 30 minutes therein, and the Republicans controlling the next 30 minutes therein; and that upon conclusion of said 4-hour period, Senators be permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 148), Mark S. Davis, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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David Gregory Kays, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

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Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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Michael E. Leiter, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frederick S. Celec, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

John Melvin Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2013.

John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2014.

Julius E. Coles, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

Morgan W. Davis, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring November 13, 2013.

Marylyn Andrea Howe, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Lonnie C. Moore, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Heather McCallum, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Christina Alvarado Shanahan, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—148) Pages S5409–10, S5410, S5417

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5458.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES-IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of the United States-Iraq negotiations, focusing on a strategic framework agreement and status of forces agreement from Brett McGurk, Director for Iraq, National Security Council; Mark Kimmitt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle Eastern Affairs; and Chat Blakeman, Office of Iraq Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR EFFICIENT FREIGHT MOVEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine national strategies for efficient

freight movement, after receiving testimony from Paul Brubaker, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; Rear Admiral Richard M. Larrabee, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Astrid C. Glynn, New York State Department of Transportation, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), both of New York, New York; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.; and Glenn Vanselow, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, Portland, Oregon.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to the 47 million Americans without health care insurance, focusing on the current health care marketplace, after receiving testimony from Raymond Arth, Phoenix Products, Inc., Avon Lake, Ohio, on behalf of the National Small Business Association; Ronald A. Williams, Aetna, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; Mark A. Hall, Wake

Forest University Health Sciences, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Lisa Kelly, Lake Jackson, Texas.

COERCIVE INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of coercive interrogation techniques, focusing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) role, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Valerie E. Caproni, General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and John E. Cloonan, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent, West Caldwell, New Jersey, all of the Department of Justice; Philippe Sands, University College London, London, United Kingdom; and Philip B. Heymann, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6219–6231; 1 private bill, H.R. 6232; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 369–370; and H.Res. 1256, 1259–1261 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5215–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5541, to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands and to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–704, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3754, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects (H. Rept. 110–705);

H.R. 1553, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-

based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–706); and

H. Res. 1257, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (H. Rept. 110–707).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Walberg moved to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of H.R. 3089, to secure unrestricted reliable energy for American consumption and transmission (Discharge Petition No. 8).

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hooley, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science and Technology, effective today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Matsui, wherein she resigned from the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective today. **Page H5126**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Doyle, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Marshall, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1256, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Childers. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Matsui. Committee on Financial Services: Representatives Speier, Cazayoux, and Childers. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Carson. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Cazayoux.

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Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 1253, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6003, to reauthorize Amtrak, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 392, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 391.

Pages H5119–25, H5141–42

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

Merida Initiative to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Organized Crime Authorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6028, amended, to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 106 nays, Roll No. 393;

Pages H5126–39, H5142–43

Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783: H. Res. 1063, to mark the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and to acknowledge the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 394;

Pages H5139–41, H5172–73

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: H. Con. Res.

322, amended, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation: H. Con. Res. 318, amended, to support the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 395;

Pages H5145–49, H5173

Honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict: H. Con. Res. 337, to honor Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict;

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Honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans: H. Con. Res. 336, to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 396;

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Awarding posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi: S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi—clearing the measure for the President;

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Recognizing the importance of manufactured housing in the United States: H. Res. 1010, to recognize the importance of manufactured housing in the United States;

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Edward William Brooke III Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 682, to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H5162–66

Recognizing the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Cooperative Credit Association, the “Bank of the People”, and the birth of the American credit union: H. Res. 1145, to recognize the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Cooperative Credit Association, the “Bank of the People”, and the birth of the American credit union;

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National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3229, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States

Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center; and

Pages H5167–70

Mother's Day Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2268, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

Pages H5170–72

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II: H. Res. 1235, to express support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and to recognize the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II.

Pages H5154–57

Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that if the gentleman from Ohio, Representative Kucinich, offers a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House at any time on the legislative day of June 10, 2008 (1) the previous question shall be considered as ordered thereon without intervening motion except one motion to refer; and (2) the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on such a vote on a motion to refer as though under clause 8(a)(1)(A) of rule 20.

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Chief Administrative Officer Designations: Read a letter from Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer, wherein he designated Ali Qureshi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Operations and Walter Edwards, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Customer Solutions to act in his stead in the event of his death, resignation, separation from office or disability until a Chief Administrative Officer is appointed.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Kucinich rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered a resolution, and the Chair directed the Clerk to report the resolution. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H5192–H5211

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5141, H5142, H5142–43, H5172–73, H5173, H5174. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:12 a.m.

Committee Meetings

PHTHALATES AND BISPHENOL-A CONSUMER SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Safety of Phthalates and Bisphenol-A in Everyday Consumer Products." Testimony was heard from Michael A. Babich, Chemist, Consumer Product Safety Commission; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John R. Bucher, Associate Director, National Toxicology Programs, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; and Norris Alderson, Associate Commissioner, Science, FDA; L. Earl Gray, Research Biologist, EPA; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition: 252 Days and Counting." Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Bernadette McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INSURANCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 5840, Insurance Information Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Jeremiah O. Norton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Brian P. Kennedy, member, House of Representatives, State of Rhode Island; Michael T. McRaith, Director, Division of Insurance, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCE AND RENDITION TO TORTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture: The Perspective of the State Department's Legal Adviser. Testimony was heard from John B. Bellinger III, Legal Adviser, Department of State.

FAIRNESS IN NURSING HOME ARBITRATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration

Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; COMBATING GANGS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Addressing Gangs: What's Effective? What's Not? Testimony was heard from Kevin O'Connor, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Frank Straub, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, White Plains, New York; John Buckovich, Police Department, Richmond, Virginia; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law held a hearing on Electronic Employment Verification Systems: Impact on U.S. Workers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Calvert, Shuler, Sam Johnson of Texas; and Giffords; Jonathan Scharfen, Acting Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAL COMBUSTION WASTE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on How Should the Federal Government Address the Health and Environmental Risks of Coal Combustion Waste? Testimony was heard from Shari Wilson, Secretary of the Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL WHALING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the annual International Whaling Commission meeting to be held in Santiago, Chile from June 23–27. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, U.S. Commissioner, International Whaling Commission; and public witnesses.

U.S.-MICRONESIA FREE ASSOCIATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia. Testimony was heard from Tom Bussanich, Director, Budget

Grants Management Division, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Glyn T. Davies, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Fabian Nimea, Director, Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Official Development Assistance and Compact Management, Federated States of Micronesia.

FEDERAL HIRING OF EX-OFFENDERS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled "An Examination of Federal Employment Practices/Policies on Hiring Ex-offenders." Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, OPM; MG Thomas P. Bostick, USA, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Brent Orrrell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6063, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of Rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by

the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Udall of Colorado, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Yarmuth, Hall of Texas, Rohrabacher and Gingrey.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK HYBRID TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Hybrid Technologies for Medium- to Heavy-Duty Commercial Trucks. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLauro, Blumenauer, Ellison and Calvert; and public witnesses.

HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES/REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Addressing Disparities in Health and Healthcare. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Solis; Moran of Kansas, Christensen and Bordallo, and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—CHINA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on China. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the impact and policy implications of spyware on consumers and businesses, 3 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth funds, focusing on foreign policy consequences in an era of new money, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine short-change for consumers and short-shrift for Congress, focusing on the Supreme Court's treatment of laws that protect Americans health, safety, jobs, and retirement, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, and Cathy Seibel, both to be a 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, and Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to mark up the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 2343, Education Begins at Home Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, to mark up Subcommittee Report on The Decline in America's Reputation: Why?; followed by a hearing on the Release and Review of the Subcommittee Report: The Decline in America's Reputation: Why? 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the New Challenge: China in the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on the Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008, 10 a.m., followed by mark up of the following bills: H.R. 3815, Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 4806, Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2007; H.R. 6048, Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhance of Homeland Security Act, and H.R. 6193, Improving Public Access to Documents Act, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Ready to Lead? DHS and the Next Major Catastrophe," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4044, National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Act of 2008; H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act; H.R. 5352, Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008; and H.R. 5057, Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 4789, Performance Rights Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark-up the following bills: H.R. 3981, Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act; H.R. 5451, Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2008; H.R. 4199, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5741, Shark Conservation Act of 2008; H.R. 1423, Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act; H.R. 3702, Montana Cemetery Act of 2007; H.R. 5710, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act; and H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, joint hearing on 2010 Census: Assessing the Census Bureau's Progress, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship, hearing on Second Generation Biofuels: The New Frontier for Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Air Traffic Control Facility Staffing, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Rebuilding Vessels Under the Jones Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to markup the following bills: H.R. 2818, To amend title 38, United States Code,

to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs; followed by a hearing on Implementing the Wounded Warrior Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Mexican Border Violence, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "The Future of Oil," 9:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, Consumer-First Energy Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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