

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6304, FISA Amendments Act.

Senate passed H.R. 6331, Medicare Improvements For Patients and Providers Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6451–S6510*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3234–3236. **Page S6504**

#### Measures Passed:

**FISA Amendments Act:** By 69 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate passed H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S6454–76**

#### Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 164), Dodd Amendment No. 5064, to strike title II.

**Pages S6468–69**

#### Withdrawn:

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 165), Specter Amendment No. 5059, to limit retroactive immunity for providing assistance to the United States to instances in which a Federal court determines the assistance was provided in connection with an intelligence activity that was constitutional. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

**Pages S6454, S6469**

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 166), Bingaman Amendment No. 5066, to stay pending cases against certain telecommunications companies and provide that such companies may not seek retroactive immunity until 90 days after the date the final report of the Inspectors General on the President's Surveillance Program is submitted to Congress. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

**Pages S6454, S6469–70**

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

By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 167), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S6470–71**

**Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6331, 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. **Pages S6476–90**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider Vote No. 160, taken on June 26, 2008, by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the bill be agreed to. **Page S6451**

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

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 169), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6469**

#### Measures Considered:

**Foreclosure Prevention Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. **Pages S6490–93**

Senator Reid entered a motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives, adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6490**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives, adding a new title to the amendment of the Senate to the

bill with the following amendments proposed there-to:

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5067 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House adding a new title to the amendment of the Senate), to change the enactment date. **Page S6490**

Reid Amendment No. 5068 (to Amendment No. 5067), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6490**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2008. **Page S6510**

**Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. **Pages S6493–94**

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 Friday, July 11, 2008. **Page S6493**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, notwithstanding rule XXII if applicable, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, and that there be 20 minutes of debate to run concurrently on both nominations, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, and that the second vote in the sequence be limited to 10 minutes in duration; provided further, that any time utilized during Executive Session count post-cloture, if applicable. **Pages S6509–10**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6502**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S6502**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S6498–S6502**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S6509**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S6509**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S6469–71, S6476, S6489**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6510.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O'Malia, of Michigan, both to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DOT, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### OTC CREDIT DERIVATIVES MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine reducing risks and improving oversight in the over-the-counter (OTC) credit derivatives market, after receiving testimony from Patrick M. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Kathryn E. Dick, Deputy Comptroller for Credit and Market Risk, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, Department of the Treasury; Darrell Duffie, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California; Craig S. Donohue, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME) Group Inc., and

Edward J. Rosen, Clearing Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Robert Pickel, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Washington, D.C.

### ONLINE ADVERTISING PRIVACY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the privacy implications of online behavioral advertising, which is the practice of collecting information about an individual's online activities in order to serve advertisements that are tailored to that individual's interests, after receiving testimony from Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Jane Horvath, Google Inc., Leslie Harris, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Wayne Crews, Competitive Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Bob Dykes, NebuAd, Inc., Redwood City, California; Chris Kelly, Facebook, Palo Alto, California; and Michael D. Hintze, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington.

### FISHING SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine fishing safety, focusing on policy implications of cooperatives and vessel improvements, after receiving testimony from Commander Christopher Woodley, 13th Coast Guard District Staff, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; James Sanchirico, University of California at Davis Department of Environmental Science and Policy; Leslie J. Hughes, North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, John Bundy, Glacier Fish Company, Michael Hyde, American Seafoods Group, and Donna Parker, Arctic Storm Management Group, all of Seattle, Washington; and David E. Frulla, Kelley Drye and Warren LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Fishing Company of Alaska.

### LANDS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2443 and H.R. 2246, bills to provide for the release of any revisionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada, S. 2779, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects, S. 2875, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to designated States and tribes to carry out programs to reduce the risk of livestock loss due to predation by gray wolves and other predator species or to compensate landowners for livestock loss due to predation, S. 2898, and H.R. 816, bills to provide for the release of certain

land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada, S. 3088, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 3089, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, S. 3157, to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest System land and other land in southeast Arizona, and S. 3179, to authorize the conveyance of certain public land in the State of New Mexico owned or leased by the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Alice C. Williams, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Environment, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Danny Lytton, and Ed Bangs, all of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; George Edwards, Montana Department of Livestock, Helena; David Salisbury, Resolution Copper Mining, LLC, Superior, Arizona; Shan Lewis, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Phoenix; Roger Featherstone, EARTHWORKS, Tucson, Arizona; and Charles C. Price, Daniel, Wyoming.

### IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the strategic challenges posed by Iran, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

### MEDICARE VULNERABILITIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Medicare vulnerabilities, focusing on payments for claims with the identification numbers of deceased doctors, after receiving testimony from Herb B. Kuhn, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Robert Vito, Regional Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Bill Gray, Deputy Commissioner of Systems, Social Security Administration.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee continued oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Michael B. Mukasey, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine veterans disability

compensation, focusing on undue delay in the claims processing system, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, and Michael Walcoff, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kerry Baker, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees,

AFL-CIO, and William Rollins, Paralyzed Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Howard Pierce, Problem-Knowledge Couplers (PKC) Corporation, Burlington, Vermont.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 6444–6451; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 389; and H. Res. 1325–1328 were introduced.

Pages H6341–42

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H6342–43

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4174, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–749).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John Crosby, Christ Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Roskam moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Science and Technology from the consideration of H.R. 2208, to provide for a standby loan program for certain coal-to-liquid projects (Discharge Petition No. 12).

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

*Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2008:* H.R. 6382, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006;

Pages H6243–52

*Honoring the goal of the International Year of Astronomy:* H. Con. Res. 375, to honor the goal of the International Year of Astronomy;

Pages H6252–54

*Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation:* H. Res. 1312, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation;

Pages H6256–57

*Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2008:* H.R. 4174, amended, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

Pages H6261–66

*Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2008:* H.R. 4461, amended, to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program;

Pages H6266–69

*Asset Management Improvement Act of 2008:* H.R. 6216, amended, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Pages H6269–71

*Homes for Heroes Act of 2008:* H.R. 3329, amended, to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 478;

Pages H6271–78, H6305

*America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008:* H.R. 6184, to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 479;

Pages H6278–85, H6305–06

*Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act:* H.R. 5541, amended, 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;

Pages H6285–91

*Commending the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires:* H. Res. 1322, to commend the firefighters from California and throughout the United States for their courageous actions and sacrifices in fighting the California wildfires;

Pages H6291–93

*DTV Transition Assistance Act:* S. 2607, to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6306–09

*Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”:* H. Res. 1260, to support the goals and ideals of “National Internet Safety Month”; and

Pages H6309–11

*Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building Designation Act:* 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”.

Pages H6311–12

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and honoring her contributions to the space program and to science education:* H. Res. 1313, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first American woman in space, Dr. Sally K. Ride, and to honor her contributions to the space program and to science education and

Pages H6254–56

*Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration:* H. Res. 1315, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Pages H6257–61

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces.

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**Electronic Message Preservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 5811, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 477.

Pages H6238–43, H6293–H6305

Agreed to the Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 476. Subsequently, Representative Clay reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H6302–03

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

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H. Res. 1318, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 475, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 474.

Pages H6238, H6293–94

**Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment—corrected text:** Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 353, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be an increased commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment, be considered to have been adopted with the corrected text that was placed at the desk, and that the resolution be re-engrossed in that corrected form.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6294 and H6305.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Five ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6293–94, H6294, H6303, H6304, H6305 and H6305–06. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matheson, Van Hollen, DeLauro, Stupak, Larson of Connecticut, and Welch of Vermont.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**IRAQI SECURITY FORCES DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on an update on efforts to develop and support the Iraqi Security Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG James Dubik, USA, Commander, Multi Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Christopher Straub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Middle Eastern Affairs, Office of the Secretary.

**DEFENSE LANGUAGE/CULTURAL AWARENESS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defense Language and Cultural Awareness Transformation: To What End? At What Cost? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FOOD PRICES' CHILD NUTRITION IMPACTS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on the Rising Cost of Food and Its Impact on Federal Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; and Ephraim Leibtag, Economist; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2851, amended, Michelle's Law; H.R. 6432, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6433, Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 5840, amended, Insurance Information Act of 2008; H.R. 5792, amended, Increasing Insurance Coverage Options for Consumers Act of 2008; H.R. 5611, amended, National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act of 2008; and the Securities Act of 2008.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Federal Spending Requirements in Housing and Community Development Programs: Challenges in 2008 and Beyond." Testimony was heard from Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

**U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAN**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iran. Testimony was heard from William J. Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

**EUROPE-ISRAEL DIPLOMACY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a joint hearing on Europe and Israel: Strengthening the Partnership. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**POST-9/11—PROTECTING MASS GATHERINGS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "The Challenge of Protecting Mass Gatherings in a Post-9/11 World." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: COL Robert B. Stephan, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection; and VADM Roger R. Rufe, Jr., USCG (Ret.), Director, Operations Directorate; SGT Scott McCartney, Office of the Governor, State of California; and public witnesses.

**FORMALDEHYDE IN FEMA TRAILERS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Manufacturers of FEMA Trailers and Elevated Formaldehyde Levels. Testimony was heard from Michael McGeehin, Director, Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**TRUCK WEIGHTS AND LENGTHS REGULATIONS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Truck Weights and Lengths: Assessing the Impacts of Existing Laws and Regulations. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey F. Paniati, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; David Cole, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of Maine; Jeff G. Honefanger, Manager, Special Hauling Permits, Department of Transportation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

**TREATING PTSD WITH SUICIDE-INDUCING DRUGS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on Why Does the VA Continue to Give a Suicide-Inducing Drug to Veterans with PTSD? Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary; and John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of Inspector General; Paul Seligman, M.D., Associate Director, Safety Policy and Communication, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

## COLUMBIA HOSTAGE SITUATION

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Meet in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia Hostage Situation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies, Energy and Water Development, and Financial Services and General Government, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), focusing on implementing the renewable fuel standard, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine issues and options for the transportation infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-15), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C. (Treaty Doc. 110-17), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol

Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-18), and certain other pending treaties, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the roots of violent Islamist extremism and efforts to counter it, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine passport files, focusing on privacy protection for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to continue hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the CFTC, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on Threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC-(X) Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on oversight and status of POW-MIA activities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children; and to consider private relief measures, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving Roosevelt National Forest,

Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 5263, Forest Landscape Restoration Act; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; and H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future: Minority Opportunities and the TSP, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census: Using the Communication Campaign to Effectively Reduce the Undercount, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms: The Challenges on the Nation's Coastlines, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on the Role of Green Technologies in Spurring Economic Growth, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Independent Living, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; H.R. 6114, Simplifying and Updating National Standards to Encourage Testing of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus of 2008; H.R. 6122, Veterans Pain Care Act of 2008; H.R. 6366, Veterans Revenue Enhancement Act of 2008; H.R. 6439, Mental Health for Heroes' Families Act of 2008; and H.R. 6445, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on IC HUMINT, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, hearing entitled "Global Warming Effects on Extreme Weather," 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine public pension plans, focusing on the need to strengthen retirement security and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-106.



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**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to disagree to the amendments of the House, adding a new title and inserting a new section, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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