

Daily Digest

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3773–3789; 1 private bill, H.R. 3790; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 229; and H. Res. 716–718, 721 were introduced. **Pages H11393–94**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11394–95**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2474, to provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–364);

H.R. 1721, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–365);

H.R. 1699, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require certain manufacturers to provide consumer product registration forms to facilitate recalls of durable infant and toddler products, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–366);

H.R. 814, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–367);

H. Res. 719, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3056) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to use private debt collection companies, to delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, and to revise the tax rules on expatriation (H. Rept. 110–368); and

H. Res. 720, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families (H. Rept. 110–369).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11323**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H11323**

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

Extending the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11324–27**

Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3518, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building”; **Page H11327**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the ‘Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building’.” **Page H11327**

Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness,

Florida, as the “Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building”; **Pages H11327–28**

Recognizing Martha Coffin Wright on the 200th anniversary of her birth and her induction into the National Women’s Hall of Fame: H. Res. 588, to recognize Martha Coffin Wright on the 200th anniversary of her birth and her induction into the National Women’s Hall of Fame; **Pages H11328–30**

Congratulating the Warner Robins Little League Baseball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2007 Little League World Series Championship: H. Res. 630, to congratulate the Warner Robins Little League Baseball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2007 Little League World Series Championship; **Pages H11330–31**

Celebrating the 90th birthday of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and honoring his contributions to higher education, the Catholic Church, and the advancement of the humanitarian mission: H. Res. 687, amended, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and to honor his contributions to higher education, the Catholic Church, and the advancement of the humanitarian mission; **Pages H11331–33**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict, and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of international conflicts.” **Page H11333**

Commending Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre for establishing a National Football League record for most career touchdown passes: H. Res. 697, to commend Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre for establishing a National Football League record for most career touchdown passes; **Pages H11333–35**

Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the “Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office”; **Pages H11335–36**

Congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship: H. Res. 654, to congratulate the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship; **Pages H11336–37**

Children’s Gasoline Burn Prevention Act: H.R. 814, amended, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers; **Pages H11337–39**

Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act: H.R. 1699, amended, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require certain manufacturers to provide consumer product registration forms to facilitate recalls of durable infant and toddler products; **Pages H11339–40**

Providing for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act: H.R. 2474, amended, to provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; **Pages H11341–42**

Pool and Spa Safety Act: H.R. 1721, amended, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety; **Pages H11342–46**

Public Diplomacy Resource Centers Act of 2007: H.R. 2553, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide for the establishment and maintenance of existing libraries and resource centers at United States diplomatic and consular missions to provide information about American culture, society, and history; **Pages H11346–47**

Amending the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems and reauthorizing such Act through fiscal year 2010: H.R. 2185, amended, to amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems and to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010; **Pages H11347–50**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.” **Page H11350**

Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between

President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus: H. Res. 405, amended, to express the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus; **Pages H11350–52**

Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation: H. Res. 651, amended, to recognize the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, to commend Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and to recognize the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation; **Pages H11352–53**

Denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, “honor” killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and independence of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral, and honorable society: H. Res. 32, amended, to denounce the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, “honor” killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and independence of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral, and honorable society, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 949; and

Pages H11353–56, H11368

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, ‘honor’ killings, acid burnings, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and equality of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral and peaceful society.” **Page H11368**

War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007: H.R. 400, amended, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction

efforts, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 375 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 950. **Pages H11356–63, H11368–69**

In Memory of the late Honorable Jo Ann Davis of Virginia: The House agreed to H. Res. 717, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Jo Ann Davis, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pages H11363–68, H11369–73

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the passing of Representative Davis of Virginia, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H11368**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11368, H11368–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and at 10:15 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 717, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Jo Ann Davis.

Committee Meetings

HIV/AIDS RELIEF AND FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on the President’s Emerging Plans for AIDS Relief: Is it Fulfilling the Nutrition and Food Security Needs of People Living with HIV/AIDS? Testimony was heard from Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on Implementation of the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act: Has the promise been fulfilled? Testimony was heard from H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; John Frampton, Director, Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina; Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 Financial Services 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 Chairman Frank and Representatives Hastings of Florida, Woolsey and Bachus.

TAX COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 3056, Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Van Hollen.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security involving Pakistan and policy implications for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Cases of Child Neglect and Abuse at Private Residential Treatment Facilities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up the following: H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Safety Act of 2007; and the Broadband Census of America Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2120 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following: H. Res. 106, Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing and markup of H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: the Responsibility Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007; H.R. 3678, Internet Tax Freedom Act of 2007; H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 3564, Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 2405, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act; H.R. 2884, Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act; H.R. 1512, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; H.R. 1312, Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act; and H.R. 3387, To update and improve the codification of title 46, United States Code, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 53, Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act; H.R. 767, Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act; H.R. 830, Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 3111, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 783, Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act; H.R. 2094, To provide for certain administrative and support for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; H.R. 2197, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 523, Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act; H.R. 1462, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act;

H.R. 29, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007; and H.R. 664, Dana Point Desalination Project Authorization Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Professional Sport Stadiums: Do They Divert Taxpayer Funds From Public Infrastructure? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Six Years Later: Assessing Long-Term Threats, Risks and the U.S. Strategy for Security in a Post 9/11 World, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2095, Federal railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following: H.R. 1834, National Ocean Exploration Program Act; the Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007; and

the Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Assessment of the National Science Board's Action Plan for STEM Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Small Business Priorities in upcoming energy legislation, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on The Transition from FAA to Contractor-Operated Flight Service Stations: Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the Findings of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to mark up the RESTORE Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "The Business Opportunity in a Low-Carbon Energy Economy," 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, October 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3093. Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2895—National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3056—Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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