

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3278–3287, S.J. Res. 44, and S. Res. 615. **Pages S6936–37**

Measures Reported:

S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–424) **Page S6936**

Measures Passed:

Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 35, to amend Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S6946**

Measures Considered:

Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 17, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur one hour after convening on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. **Page S6918**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, the hour prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6946**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2008. **Page S6946**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Kiyo A. Matsumoto, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Paul G. Gardephe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S6892–95, S6946**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Anthony John Trenga, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S6946**

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 7:29 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6946.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related

programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009;

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; and

An original bill making appropriations for military construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill entitled, "The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2008".

HIGHWAY SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to make the nation's highways safer for travelers, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey F. Paniati, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Susan Martinovich, Nevada Department of Transportation, Carson City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Johns, University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies, Minneapolis.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine leveraging innovation to improve health care quality for all Americans, focusing on the federal government's long-term fiscal challenges with the rising costs of health care, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Richard Hillestad, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; George C. Halvorson, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Oakland, California; and Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the

Inter-American Development Bank, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Patrick J. Durkin, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OFFSHORE TAX HAVENS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing to examine financial institutions located in tax haven countries, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, receiving testimony from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Kevin J. O'Connor, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Martin Liechti and Mark Branson, both of UBS, Zurich, Switzerland; Shannon Marsh, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and William Wu, Forest Hills, New York.

Hearing recessed until Friday, July 25, 2008.

FEMA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine major disaster recovery and assessing the performance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since October 2007, after receiving testimony from Harvey E. Johnson, Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Major General Tod M. Bunting, Kansas Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Topeka; Stephen Sellers, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather, California; David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, North Little Rock; and James H. Bassham, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Nashville.

TRIBAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ADAM WALSH ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine tracking sex offenders in Indian country, focusing on tribal implementation of the Adam Walsh Act (Public Law 109-248), after receiving testimony from Ron Suppah, Sr., Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Warm Springs; Isidro B. Lopez, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, Arizona; Robert Moore, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Mission, South Dakota; William Gregory, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan, on behalf of the 12 federally recognized Michigan tribes; and Jacqueline Johnson, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6528–6554; 1 private bill, H.R. 6555; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 390–392; and H. Res. 1352–1357 were introduced. **Pages H6725–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6727–28**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1108, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–762). **Page H6725**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6677**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Stuart L. Berman, Police-Clergy Liaison, New York City Police Department.

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Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed by voice vote to the Roskam motion to instruct conferees on S. 2062, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act. **Pages H6681–88**

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Frank (MA), Waters, Watt, Al Green (TX), Cleaver, Bachus, Capito, and Pearce.

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Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 1350, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 510, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 509. **Pages H6688–97**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands Act of 2008: H.R. 6516, to amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious environmentally responsible program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 511. **Pages H6697–H6710**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the time for general debate on H.R. 6515 be expanded to 60 minutes. **Pages H6697–98**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 23rd. **Page H6711**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21st; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H6711**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6677.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6695–96, H6696–97, H6709–10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on nuclear weapons complex modernization. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

URBAN EDUCATION REFORM

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Mayor and Superintendent Partnerships in Education: Closing the Achievement Gap. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the City of New York; Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg; and Joel I. Klein, Chancellor, Public Schools of New York City; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Mayor Adrian M. Fenty; and Chancellor Michelle Rhee, DC Public Schools; Arne Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; and Beverly L. Hall, Superintendent, Public Schools, Atlanta, Georgia.

IMPROVED BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Climate Benefits of Improved Building Energy Efficiency." Testimony was heard from David Rodgers, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Principal

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Brad Heavner, Director, Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

BROADBAND PROVIDERS AND CONSUMER PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GAO REPORT—LENDER RACE-GENDER DATA COLLECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans." Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

AIDING AMERICAN BUSINESSES ABROAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors. Testimony was heard from Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; David D. Nelson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and public witnesses.

VENEZUELA: LOOKING AHEAD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay:

Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General; and Walter Dellinger, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—INTERAGENCY GROUP ON INSULAR AFFAIRS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Domenech, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Jeffrey Farrow, former Co-Chair of the White House Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

HEALTH INSURANCE TERMINATIONS; PAT TILLMAN/JESSICA LYNCH REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Business Practices in the Individual Health Insurance Market: Terminations of Coverage. Testimony was heard from Abby Block, Director, Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved a Committee Report entitled "Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes."

SBA'S CONTRACTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Administration's Contracting Programs and Recent GAO Examination of Programs. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Acting Administrator, SBA; and from the following officials of the GAO: William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations.

MODERN MEASURE OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Establishing a Modern Poverty Measure. Testimony was heard from Mark Levitan, Director, Poverty Research, Center for Economic Opportunity, New York City; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterterrorism met in executive session to

hold a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, pp. D907–908)

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. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–277)

H.R. 814, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–278)

S. 2967, to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern. Signed on July 17, 2008. (Public Law 110–279)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 21 through July 26, 2008

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately, 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

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: July 23, to hold oversight hearing to examine the adequacy of defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary, General Norton A. Schwartz, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, and General Duncan J. McNabb, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the United States Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the status of existing federal programs targeted at reducing gasoline demand, focusing on additional proposals for near-term gasoline demand reductions, 9:45 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 22, to hold hearings to examine global warming, focusing on an update on the science and its implications, 10 a.m., SD–406.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the midwest floods, focusing on ways to determine what happened and how to improve managing risk and responses in the future, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: July 22, to hold hearings to examine Indian governments and the tax code, focusing on maximizing tax incentives for economic development, 10 a.m., SD–215.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Cayman Islands, focusing on offshore tax issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, and W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 23, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to continue hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part II), 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 22, to hold hearings to examine ways for America to gain energy security, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

July 22, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of

Columbia, to hold hearings to examine improving performance relating to a review of pay-for-performance systems in the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD-342.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine information sharing, focusing on connecting the dots at the Federal, State, and Local levels, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all of the District of Columbia, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 24, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 10 a.m., 311, Cannon Building.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 24, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve federal program management using performance information, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 23, to hold hearings to examine courting big business, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on corporate misconduct and laws regulating corporations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, and Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine crimes associated with polygamy, focusing on the need for a coordinated state and federal response, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 23, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on responding to the needs of returning United States Guard and Reserve members, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 22, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

July 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: July 23, to hold hearings to examine person-centered care, focusing on reforming services and bringing elderly citizens back to the heart of society, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 23, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the short-and long-term costs of hunger in America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 23, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the state of health care in rural areas and the role of federal programs in addressing rural health care needs, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review Renewable Fuels Standard implementation and agriculture producer eligibility, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, July 22, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Army Medical Action Plan: Is it Working?, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 23, full Committee, hearing on the Comptroller General's progress report on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell Review, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, July 22, hearing on Innovation in Education through Business and Education STEM Partnerships, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 24, hearing on the Benefits of Physical and Health Education for Our Nation's Children, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 22, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Issues in Telecommunications Competition," and on H.R. 3914, Protecting Consumers through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Carbon Sequestration: Risks, Opportunities, and Protection of Drinking Water," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Long-Term Care Insurance: Are Consumers Protected for the Long Term?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 24, to continue hearings entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "Implications of a Weaker Dollar for Oil Prices and the U.S. Economy," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 23, hearing on China on the Eve of the Olympics, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 23, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing and briefing on Possible Extension of the UN Mandate for Iraq: Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Saving the NPT and the Nonproliferation Regime in an Era of Nuclear Renaissance, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 23, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Lessons Learned from the 2004 Presidential Election, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Immigration Raids: Postville and Beyond, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 23, to mark up the following bills, H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Exchange Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; and H.R. 5335, To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6537, Sanctuary Enhancement Act of 2008; and H.R. 6204, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 24, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Expanding Access to Federal Lands for People with Disabilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 23, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations—Part 2,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 24, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Medicare Drug Benefit: Are Private Insurers Getting Good Discounts for the Taxpayer?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled “The Three R’s of the Postal Network Plan: Realignment, Right-Sizing, and Responsiveness,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, July 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on A National Water Initiative: Coordinating and Improving Federal Research on Water, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program: Strengthening Windstorm Hazard Mitigation, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 23, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Impact of Predators in Long-Term Care on Small Business Operators,” 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

July 24, full Committee, hearing entitled “Economic Stimulus for Small Business: A Look Back and Assessing Need for Additional Relief,” 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 22, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Union Station: A Comprehensive hearing on the Private Management, the Public Space, and the Intermodal Uses Present and Future, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 24, full Committee, hearing on FMCSA’s Progress in Improving Medical Oversight of Commercial Drivers, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 24, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Security: An Update, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, July 23, hearing entitled “Immediate Relief from High Oil Prices: Deploying the Strategic Petroleum Reserve,” 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: July 24, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 10 a.m., 311, Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: July 22, to hold hearings to examine Kazakhstan’s preparation for its future Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region in 2010, focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the region, 3 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 12:30 p.m.

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