

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9189–S9227*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1786–1788, and S. Res. 271–272. **Page S9211**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–129) **Page S9211**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Summer Learning Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 268, designating July 12, 2007, as “National Summer Learning Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9224–25**

**Honoring Lady Bird Johnson:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 271, honoring Lady Bird Johnson. **Page S9225**

**Praising Muslim-American Physicians:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, praising Muslim-American physicians who condemned recent attempted terrorist acts in the United Kingdom. **Pages S9225–26**

**Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 975, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9226**

#### Measures Considered:

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9190–99**

Adopted:

By 87 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 247), Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 2135 (to Amendment No.

2011), relative to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al-Qaeda to justice, as amended.

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Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9190–99**

Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Page S9190**

Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date. **Page S9190**

Cornyn Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the United States that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists. **Page S9190**

The following occurred on Wednesday, July 11, 2007:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2012), to change the enactment date, fell when Webb Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 2011) was withdrawn.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007.

**Lady Bird Johnson Tributes—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a collection of statements made in tribute to the late First Lady of the United States, Lady Bird Johnson, together with appropriate illustrations and other materials relating to her death, be printed. **Page S9226**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Secretary of the Army. **Page S9227**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S9211**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S9211–12**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S9212–13**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9209–11**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S9213–24**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S9224**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—247) **Pages S9192–93**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:11 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9226–27.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 3044, and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 185 and H. Res. 545–546, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–231);

H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–232);

H. Res. 375, honoring United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–233); and Supplemental report on H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–185, Pt. 2).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 4:04 p.m. and adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D942)

S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision. Signed on July 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–47)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 16 through July 21, 2007

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

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

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine modernization of Federal Housing Administration programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 17, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving air services to small and rural communities, 10 a.m., SR–253.

July 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal response to ensuring the safety of Chinese imports, 10 a.m., SR–253.

July 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider, S. 1780, to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent, S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, S. 1771, 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, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, S. 1778, to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, S. 1492, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, and the nominations of Jonathan W. Bailey, and Philip M. Kenul, both to be Rear Admiral, for the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 19, to hold hearings to examine S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* July 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine aviation financing, focusing on industry perspectives, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* July 17, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of democratic developments in Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109-12), and the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Indus-

trial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109-21), and the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110-2), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the war in Iraq, focusing on an update from the field, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* July 17, Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the federal response to the Alzheimer's epidemic, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

July 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine federal acquisition, focusing on ways to strengthen competition and accountability, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 17, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to continue hearings to examine the readiness of the Census Bureau for the 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the military's role in disaster response, focusing on progress since Hurricane Katrina, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

July 19, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the mayoral proposal to reform the District of Columbia's public school system, focusing on assessments, assurances, and accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* July 19, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* July 17, to hold hearings to examine the prosecution of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth,

S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard", a bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act", and the nominations of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 19, Full Committee, business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard", a bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act", and the nominations of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sharion Aycock, to be United States

District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, 2:45 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* July 17, business meeting to mark up the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement), Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration and cooperation and the education needs for the returning service members, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* July 19, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* July 18, to hold hearings to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

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*Committee on Agriculture,* July 17, 18 and 19, to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations.* July 18, to consider the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Bill, Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* July 18, hearing on Iraq: Trends and Recent Security Developments, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future, Part 2, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on U.S. nuclear weapons policy, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, joint hearing on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* July 17, hearing on Budgeting to Fight Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* July 18, to mark up H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* July 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?—Part 2," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* July 17 and 18, hearings on Monetary Policy and State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 920, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 19, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, July 17, hearing on U.S. Policy Options in the Iraq Crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migrating Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Oceans, and Other International Fisheries Agreements of U.S. Interest in Asia and the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, to mark up H.R. 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007, 10:15 a.m., followed by a hearing on Food Security in Africa: The Impact of Agricultural Development, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Impact of Coup-Related Sanctions on Thailand and Fiji: Helpful or Harmful to U.S. Relations? 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint hearing on Reconstruction in Iraq's Oil Sector: Running on Empty? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 19, full Committee, hearing on Beyond Iraq: Envisioning a New U.S. Policy in the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, July 17, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to mark up H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, July 19, hearing on H.R. 2534, To permit statues honoring citizens of the District of Columbia to be placed in Statuary Hall in the same manner as statues honoring citizens of the States are placed in Statuary Hall, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, July 17, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Working Families in Financial Crisis: Medical Debt and Bankruptcy, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 19, Antitrust Task Force, hearing on Credit Card Interchange Fees, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, joint oversight hearing on Law Enforcement Confidential Informant Practices, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, July 18, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 673, Cocopah Lands Act; H.R. 1696, To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirements for membership in that Tribe; H.R. 2120, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in

trust by the United States for that Indian Tribe; H.R. 2863, To authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; H.R. 2952, To authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests owned by the Tribe; S. 375, A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 19, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 783, Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 1266, Butterfield Overland Trail Study Act; and H.R. 1674, Battle of Camden Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, July 18, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Contracting: Do Poor Performers Keep Winning? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 19, full Committee, hearing on FEMA Trailers; followed by a markup of pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Federal Work Force, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Inquiring Minds Want to Know: What is the Postal Service Contracting Out? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, July 16, to consider the following: H.R. 3043, Making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; and a resolution providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, July 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on the Department of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part I, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Amendments to the Patent and Trade Act of 1980—the Next 25 Years, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, joint hearing on Tracking the Storm at the National Hurricane Center, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, July 18, hearing entitled "Medicaid Drug Reimbursements: Are CMS Cuts Bad Medicine for Small Businesses and Beneficiaries?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, July 17 and 19, hearings on the Status of the Nation's Waters, including Wetlands, Under the Jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA's Oversight of Falsified Airman Medical Certificate Applications, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 19, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Federal Leadership by Example on Energy Conservation: No Cost Quick and Easy Steps for Immediate Results, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, July 17, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2623, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2874, Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family mem-

ber; H.R. 760, Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007; H.R. 513, National Heroes Credit Protection Act; and H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Vet Centers, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, July 19, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Health Care for Children in Foster Care, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, July 18, hearing entitled "Voluntary Carbon Offsets—Getting What You Pay For," 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Monday, July 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:00 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, July 16

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 2547—FDIC Enforcement Enhancement Act; (2) H.R. 1980—Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; (3) H.R. 1982—Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act of 2007; (4) H. Res. 408—Recognizing and honoring the Cathedral Square Corporation on its 30th anniversary; (5) H. Con. Res. 87—Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; (6) H.R. 2570—To designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building”; (7) H.R. 2293—To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde; (8) H. Res. 208—Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th Anniversary year of its founding; (9) H. Res. 294—Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights; (10) H. Res. 378—Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day; (11) S. 966—Department of State Crisis Response Act of 2007; (12) H. Res. 487—Recognizing the contribution of modeling and simulation technology to the security and prosperity of the United States, and recognizing modeling and simulation as a National Critical Technology; (13) H.R. 781—To redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the “Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam”; (14) H. Res. 375—Honoring United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States; and (15) H.R. 799—Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007.

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