

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate upon reconsideration passed H.R. 6331, Medicare Improvement For Patients and Providers Act, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3263–3268, and S. Con. Res. 93. **Page S6722**

Measures Reported:

S. 2120, to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty, expand the middle class, and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere. (S. Rept. No. 110–419)

S. 2688, to improve the protections afforded under Federal law to consumers from contaminated seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program, in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies, to strengthen activities for ensuring that seafood sold or offered for sale to the public in or affecting interstate commerce is fit for human consumption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–420)

H.R. 1006, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–421)

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Measures Considered:

Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act: Senate continued consideration of the S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 5078, to limit the countries to which Federal financial assistance may be targeted under this Act. (By 70 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 175), Senate tabled the amendment).

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By 16 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 176), Bunning Amendment No. 5073, in the nature of a substitute.

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Pending:

DeMint Amendment No. 5077, to reduce to \$35,000,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries during the next 5 years.

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Kyl Amendment No. 5082, to limit the period during which appropriations may be made to carry out this Act and to create a point of order in the Senate against appropriation to carry out this Act that exceeds the amount authorized for fiscal year 2013.

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Gregg Amendment No. 5081, to strike the provision requiring the development of coordinated oversight plans and to establish an independent Inspector General at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no second-degree amendments be in order to Gregg Amendment No. 5081.

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

Subsequently, DeMint Amendment No. 5079 (to Amendment No. 5078), to prevent certain uses of the Global Fund, fell when DeMint Amendment No. 5078 (listed above) was tabled.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

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Veto Messages:

Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act—Veto Message: By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 177), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, 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, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S6705–10**

Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, to be introduced by the Majority Leader, on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, that notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, it be considered to have received a first reading. **Page S6797**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Beverly Allen, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Donald H. Dyal, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Jeffrey B. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Timothy G. Dugan, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Michael G. Considine, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Benton J. Campbell, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

A. Brian Albritton, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

David Reid Murtaugh, of Indiana, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

40 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Text of H.R. 3221, as Previously Passed: **Pages S6735–97**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Pages S6685, S6704, S6710**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6797–98.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual "Monetary Policy Report to the Congress", after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

U.S. FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent developments in United States financial markets and regulatory responses to those developments, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SUMMER AIR TRAVEL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the 2008 summer air travel season, focusing on addressing congestion and delay, after receiving testimony from Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, and Tyler Duvall, Acting Under Secretary for Policy,

both of the Department of Transportation; Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and John M. Meenan, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.

ENERGY MARKET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3233, to promote development of a 21st century energy system to increase United States competitiveness in the world energy technology marketplace, and S. 2730, to facilitate the participation of private capital and skills in the strategic, economic, and environmental development of a diverse portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies within the United States, to facilitate the commercialization and market penetration of the technologies, after receiving testimony from Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; John Denniston, Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield, and Byers, Menlo Park, California; Jeanine Hull, Dykema Gossett, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; Dan W. Reicher, Google.org, Mountain View, California; and Jeffrey Eckel, Hannon Armstrong, Annapolis, Maryland.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international enforcement of intellectual property rights and American competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Andy Lack, SONY BMG Music Entertainment, and Jeff Kindler, Pfizer, Inc, both of New York, New York; John H. Barton, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and J. Walter Cahill, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Pictures Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada, AFL-CIO, CLC, Washington, D.C.

CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Zimbabwe and prospects for its resolution, after receiving testimony from Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of

African Affairs, Department of State; Katherine J. Almquist, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Tom Melia, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.; and Michelle D. Gavin, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COVERAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), focusing on ways to determine the proper scope of its coverage, after receiving testimony from Chai Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center Federal Legislation Clinic, Michael Eastman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, and Andrew Grossman, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Samuel R. Bagenstos, Washington University Law School, Saint Louis, Missouri; Sue Gamm, Public Consulting Group, Chicago, Illinois; Carey L. McClure, Griffin, Georgia; and Jo Anne Simon, Brooklyn, New York.

GOOGLE-YAHOO AGREEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Google-Yahoo agreement, focusing on the future of internet advertising, after receiving testimony from David Drummond, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; Michael Callahan, Yahoo!, Sunnyvale, California; Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Matthew Crowley, Yellowpages.com, Glendale, California; and Tim Carter, AsktheBuilder.com, Cincinnati, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6491–6505; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1341–1342, 1345–1349 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1343, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5959) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 110–759) and

H. Res. 1344, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3999) to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, and to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System (H. Rept. 110–760).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Private Calendar: The House agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar today.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Drake moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of H.R. 2493, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a reduction in the number of boutique fuels, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 13).

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

NASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 6455, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

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Timothy J. Russert Highway Designation Act: S. 3145, to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the “Timothy J. Russert Highway”—clearing the measure for the President;

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Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments: S. 496, amended, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965;

Pages H6489–93

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 299, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month;

Pages H6493–96

Commending the Arizona State University softball team for their victory in the 2008 Women’s College World Series: H. Res. 1323, to commend the Arizona State University softball team for their victory in the 2008 Women’s College World Series, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 490;

Pages H6496–98, H6532–33

Congratulating the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women’s lacrosse championship: H. Res. 1259, amended, to congratulate the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women’s lacrosse championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 489;

Pages H6498–H6500, H6531–32

Congratulating the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Baseball Champions, the Fresno State Bulldogs, on an outstanding and historic season: H. Res. 1327, amended, to congratulate the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Baseball Champions, the Fresno State Bulldogs, on an outstanding and historic season;

Pages H6500–02

Recognizing and commending the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for 50 years of service as a vital American cultural ambassador to the world: H. Res. 1088, amended, to recognize and commend the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for 50 years of service as a vital American cultural ambassador to the world;

Pages H6502–04

Congratulating East High School in Denver, Colorado, on winning the 2008 “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” national competition: H. Res. 1261, amended, to congratulate East High School in Denver, Colorado, on winning the 2008 “We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution” national competition;

Pages H6504–07

Honoring the esteemed former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on the occasion of his 90th birthday: H. Res. 1090, amended, to honor the esteemed former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on the occasion of his 90th birthday, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-

and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 494; **Pages H6507–10, H6545–46**

Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994: H. Con. Res. 385, to condemn the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994; **Pages H6510–13**

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3890, with amendments: H. Res. 1341, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3890, with amendments; **Pages H6513–20**

Amending the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate: H.R. 3032, amended, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate; and **Pages H6534–35**

Extending through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission: H.R. 6296, to extend through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission. **Pages H6535–36**

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

Directing the Election Assistance Commission to establish a program to make grants to participating States and units of local government which will administer the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2008 for carrying out a program to make backup paper ballots available in the case of the failure of a voting system or voting equipment in the election or some other emergency situation: H.R. 5803, to direct the Election Assistance Commission to establish a program to make grants to participating States and units of local government which will administer the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2008 for carrying out a program to make backup paper ballots available in the case of the failure of a voting system or voting equipment in the election or some other emergency situation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 493. **Pages H6536–41, H6545**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kanjorski, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science and Technology, effective July 14, 2008. **Page H6520**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:34 p.m. **Page H6520**

Presidential Veto Message—Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of 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, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–131). **Pages H6520–31**

Subsequently, the House voted to override the President’s veto of 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, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 491 (two-thirds of those present voting to override). **Page H6533**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 1342, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Speier. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Edwards (MD) (to rank immediately after Representative Richardson). Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Edwards (MD). **Page H6534**

Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that if Representative Kucinich offers a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House at any time on the legislative day of July 15, 2008—(1) the previous question shall be considered as ordered thereon without intervening motion except one motion to refer and one motion to table (which shall have precedence in the order stated); and (2) the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on such a vote on any such motion as though under clause 8(a)(1)(A) of rule 20. **Pages H6541–42**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 1345, raising a question of the privileges of the House, to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yeas-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 492. **Pages H6542–45**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6513, H6547.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6531–32, H6532–33, H6533, H6544–45, H6545, H6545–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. DEFENSE GRAND STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on A New U.S. Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR'S WAGE/HOUR LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Is the Department of Labor Effectively Enforcing Our Wage and Hour Laws? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and Anne-Marie Lasowski, Acting Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues; Alexandria Passantino, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

PERMANENT NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Next Steps Toward Permanent Nuclear Waste Disposal." Testimony was heard from Representative Berkley; from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and B. John Garrick, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Michael F. Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC; Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Framework and Coordination of the National Emergency Communications Plan." Testimony was heard following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert D. Jamison, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and

Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications; and public witnesses.

AIR CARGO SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled "The Next Step in Aviation Security—Cargo Security: Is DHS Implementing the Requirements of the 9/11 Law Effectively?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John P. Shammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and James Tuttle, Director, Explosives Division, Directorate for Science and Technology; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNET COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on Competition on the Internet. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008; H.R. 5312, Automobile Arbitration Fairness Act of 2008; and H.R. 3010, Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007.

ADMINISTRATION INTERROGATION RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties continued hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part IV. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6064, National Silver Alert Act; H.R. 5898, Silver Alert Grant Program Act of 2008; and H.R. 423, Kristen's Act Reauthorization of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doggett, Bilirakis and Myrick.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2297, Arizona National Scenic Trail Act; H.R. 2299, Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act; H.R. 5335, To amend the

National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trails segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5671, To amend the laws establishing the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and the Columbia River National Gorge National Scenic Area, units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to retain and utilize special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation of marinas in the recreation area and the operation of the Multnomah Fall Lodge in the scenic area, and for other purposes; H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6305, To clarify the authorization for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Parks and San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Blumenauer, Rodriguez, Giffords, Heller of Nevada, and Tsongas, Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Chuck Myers, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; James B. Gibson, Mayor, Henderson, Nevada; John M. Vasquez, Supervisor, Board of Supervisors, Solano County, California; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3437, amended, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; and H.R. 5293, amended, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS HOME RULE ACT; DC COURT , OFFENDER SUPERVISION, PAROLE, AND PUBLIC DEFENDER EMPLOYEES EQUITY ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action H.R. 6322, Public Charter Schools Home Rule Act of 2008.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Linda Springer, Director, OPM; and from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Ann Wicks, Ex-

ecutive Officer, Superior Court; Paul Quander, Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; and Avis E. Buchanan, Director, Public Defender Service.

AFRICOM; RATIONALES, ROLE, AND PROGRESS ON THE EVE OF OPERATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Office of the Secretary; Ambassador Mary C. Yates, Deputy to the Commander, Civil-Military Activities; and MG Michael A. Snodgrass, USAF, Chief of Staff, both with U.S. Africa Command; John Pendleton, Director, Force Structure and Defense Planning Issues, GAO; and Lauren Ploch, Analyst in African Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5959, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009." The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence 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 committee amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee 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 this 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.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the

Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representatives Holt, Hinchey, Harman, Lee, Hoekstra, Shays, Castle and Kirk.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3999, the “National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007.” The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Loeb sack, Mica, Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida, Poe, Miller of Michigan, Shays, and Conaway.

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS/ UNIVERSITIES—INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations and Universities in International Science and Technology

Cooperation. Testimony was heard from Michael Clegg, Foreign Secretary, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

NIST-BOULDER’S LOW-LEVEL PLUTONIUM SPILL

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held an oversight hearing on Low-Level Plutonium Spill at NIST-Boulder; Contamination of Lab and Personnel. Testimony was heard from James Turner, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and the following officials of the NRC: Charles Miller, Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs; and Elmo Collins, Regional Administrator, Region IV Office; and Kenneth Rogers former Commissioner, NRC.

VETERANS-MEDIA OUTREACH

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Veterans Media Outreach to Veterans. Testimony was heard from Lisette M. Mondello, Assistant Secretary, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

STATE COVERAGE INITIATIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on State Coverage Initiatives. Testimony was heard from JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Services, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing from Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

Joint Meetings

GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*, focusing on foreign terrorism suspects held at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, after receiving testimony from Matthew C. Waxman, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; and Gabor Rona, Human Rights First, and Jeremy Shapiro, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D876)

H.R. 430, to designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Conrad Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–262)

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”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–263)

H.R. 2728, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the “Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–264)

H.R. 3721, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the “Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–265)

H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the “Richard B. Anderson Federal Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–266)

H.R. 4185, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the “Marisol Heredia Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–267)

H.R. 5168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Cody Grater Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–268)

H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “William ‘Bill’ Clay Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–269)

H.R. 5479, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the “Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–270)

H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the “Texas Military Veterans Post Office”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–271)

H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the “Rocky

Marciano Post Office Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–272)

H.R. 5778, to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–273)

H.R. 6040, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–274)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the status of negotiations with Iraq on a strategic framework agreement and a status of forces agreement, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2354, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, S. 3065, to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area, S. 3069, to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, S. 3085, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and S. 2448, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear power plants, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine North Korea’s declaration of the Six-Party Talks, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America’s next generation (Part 1), 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine global nuclear detection architecture, focusing on ways to build domestic defenses to combat a possible future attack, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the human capital crisis at the Department of State, focusing on its global implications, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's detainee policies and the fight against terrorism, focusing on sound legal foundations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine administrative and management operations of the United States Capitol Police, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine smart ways Americans can save for their retirement, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review efforts to deliver international food aid and provide foreign agricultural development assistance, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to mark up the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Getting Better Value in Health Care, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2851, amended, Mitchell's Law; H.R. 6432, Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6433, Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3202, Foreign Service Overseas Pay Equity Act of 2007; H.R. 6328, To develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees; H.R. 6456, To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State and for other purposes; H. Res. 937, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families; H. Res. 1008, Condemning the persecution of Baha'is in Iran; H. Res. 1069, Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children; H. Res. 1159, Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America's effort to end the practice; H. Res. 1254, Supporting the values and goals of the 'Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the

Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality,' signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and the Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008; H. Res. 1279, Recognizing the Special Olympics' 40th anniversary; H. Res. 1290, Joining the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in observance of World Refugee Day and calling on the United States Government, international organizations, and aid groups to take immediate steps to secure urgently needed humanitarian relief for the more than 2,000,000 people displaced by genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan; H.R. 1307, Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation; H. Con. Res. 344, Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis; H. Con. Res. 361, Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and H. Con. Res. 371, Strongly supporting an immediate and just restitution of, or compensation for, property illegally confiscated during the last century by Nazi and Communist regimes, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Implementing the 9/11 Act Mandates for Enhancing the Visa Waiver Program," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "One Year Later—Implementing the Biosurveillance Requirements of the '9/11 Act.'" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 5546, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008; H.R. 4854, False Claims Act Correction Act of 2007; H.R. 4081, PACT Act; H.R. 6083, To authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center; H.R. 5167, Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act; H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children; and private relief bills, 10:25 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Reauthorization of the U.S. Parole Commission, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 4828, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6176, To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances 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. 3437, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act; H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 1865, To amend title 31, United States Code, to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of Federal tax refunds; H.R. 6073, To provide that Federal employees their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically; H.R. 6113, To amend title 44, United States Code, to require each agency to include a contact telephone number in its collection of information; H.R. 6322, Public Charters School Home Rule Act of 2008; H.R. 6388, Government Accountability Improvement Act of 2008; the Thrift Savings Enhancement Act; H. Con. Res. 364, Designating the third week of October as "National Estate Planning Awareness Week; H. Res. 732, To support the designation of National Estate Planning Awareness Week and encouraging the distribution of estate planning information by professionals to all Americans; H. Res. 1128, To express support for the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month; H. Res. 1143, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nations's domestic apple industry; H. Res. 1202, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day; H. Res. 1262, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable measures to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 decennial census; H. Res. 1311, Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day on July 22, 2008; H.R. 5932, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2801 Manhattan Boulevard in Harvey, Louisiana, as the "Harry Lee Post Office Building;" H.R. 6168, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building;" H.R. 6169, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building;" H.R. 6198, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building;" H.R. 6208, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building;" H.R. 6226, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street, Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building;"

H.R. 6229, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Mayor William 'Bill' Sandberg Post Office Building;" H.R. 6338, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building;" and H.R. 6437, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office;" and a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that Michael B. Mukasey, Attorney General, be cited for contempt of Congress, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Examining Contractor Performance and Government Management of Retroactive Pay for Retired Veterans with Disabilities, 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3957, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007; and H.R. 6323, To establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Ensuring Continuity of Care for Veteran Amputees: The Role of Small Prosthetic Practices, 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Coast Guard Icebreaking, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Improving Roadway Safety: Assessing the Effectiveness of the NHTSA's Highway Traffic Safety Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4255, United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2007; H.R. 6225, Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6221, Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008; 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; H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; and H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans of December 31, 2009, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine racism in the 21st century, focusing on understanding global challenges and implementing solutions, 11 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2731, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 415—Amending the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 5959—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Subject to a Rule).

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