

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5315–S5438*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1254–1261, and S. Res. 178–184. **Pages S5390–91**

**Measures Passed:**

*Violence in Guatemala:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 155, expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5432**

*United States Air Force Academy Football Program:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, honoring and recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years. **Pages S5432–33**

*Honoring Jack Valenti:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, honoring the life of Jack Valenti. **Pages S5433–34**

*National Charter Schools Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007. **Page S5434**

*National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 5, 2007, as “National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day”. **Pages S5434–35**

*1955 Bonn Accords:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 141, urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the

Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5435**

*Celebrating Young Americans:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 177, designating April 30, 2007, as “Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5435–36**

*National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, designating May 2007 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research. **Page S5436**

*Endangered Species Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating May 18, 2007, as “Endangered Species Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide. **Pages S5436–37**

*American Eagle Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, designating June 20, 2007, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Page S5437**

*Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Bunning) Amendment No. 1007, to amend the preamble. **Page S5438**

**Measures Considered:**

**Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize

and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, after modifying the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5325–88**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1004, to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella.

**Pages S5375–80**

Dorgan Amendment No. 990, to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S5380–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 990 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 3, 2007. **Pages S5387–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. **Page S5438**

#### Appointments:

*President's Export Council:* The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council:

Reappointment: Senator Dorgan.

Appointment: Senators Brown and Stabenow.

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#### Messages From the House:

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#### Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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#### Additional Cosponsors:

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#### Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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#### Additional Statements:

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#### Amendments Submitted:

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#### Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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#### Privileges of the Floor:

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. , and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5438.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FARM BILL RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, after re-

ceiving testimony from Senators Cardin and Menendez; Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Madison, on behalf of the Midwestern Governors Association; Olin Sims, National Association of Conservation Districts, McFadden, Wyoming; Ferd Hoefner, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and Julie M. Sibbing, National Wildlife Federation, on behalf of the Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group, both of Washington, D.C.; John Hansen, Nebraska Farmers Union, Lincoln, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Robert Harrington, Montana State Forester, Missoula, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

### TRUCK DRIVER FATIGUE REDUCTION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBRs) and truck driver fatigue reduction, after receiving testimony from John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, both of the Department of Transportation; John E. Harrison, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Jerry G. Gabbard, Siemens VDO Automotive Corporation, Issaquah, Washington; Anne T. McCartt, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia; Richard S. Reiser, Werner Enterprises, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.; and Richard G. Olson, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine advanced technology vehicles, focusing on the transportation system of the future, after receiving testimony from Mark M. Chernoby, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; David Vieau, A123Systems, Watertown, Massachusetts; Martin Eberhard, Tesla Motors Inc., San Carlos, California; Walter McManus, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, Ann Arbor; and Phillip Baxley, Shell Hydrogen LLC, Houston, Texas.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## PROCESS PATENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine process patents, including S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, after receiving testimony from Wayne W. Herrington, Assistant General Counsel, United States International Trade Commission; John R. Thomas, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Michael K. Kirk, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Christopher A. Cotropia, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT MODERNIZATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511), after receiving testimony from Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, Director, National Security Agency.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 2080–2101; and 18 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 135–139; and H. Res. 346–347, 351–361 were introduced. **Pages H4291–92**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4292–95**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 348, providing for consideration of H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–116);

H. Res. 349, providing for consideration of H.R. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation (H. Rept. 110–117); and

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of H.R. 1868, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 (H. Rept. 110–118).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4211**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H4212**

**Election of committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald: Representatives Stark, Pelosi, George Miller (CA), Waxman, Lewis (CA), Dreier, Hunter, Lantos, Berman,

Gallegly, Herger, Rohrabacher, Doolittle, Waters, Becerra, Calvert, Eshoo, Filner, McKeon, Roybal-Alford, Royce, Woolsey, Farr, Zoe Lofgren, Radanovich, Sherman, Loretta Sanchez, Tauscher, Capps, Bono, Lee, Gary G. Miller (CA), Napolitano, Thompson (CA), Baca, Harman, Davis (CA), Honda, Issa, Schiff, Solis, Watson, Cardoza, Nunes, Linda T. Sanchez, Daniel E. Lungren, Costa, Matsui, Campbell (CA), Bilbray, McCarthy (CA), McNerney, Conyers, Lewis (GA), Faleomavaega, McDermott, Norton, Jefferson, Bishop (GA), Corrine Brown (FL), Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Scott (VA), Watt, Thompson (MS), Jackson-Lee (TX), Cummings, Hinojosa, Kilpatrick, Kucinich, Meeks (NY), Berkeley, Gonzalez, Holt, Jones (OH), Davis (AL), Meek (FL), Scott (GA), Butterfield, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Moore (WI), Clarke, Ellison, and Johnson (GA). **Pages H4212–13**

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

*Honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award:* H. Con. Res. 95, amended, to honor the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; **Pages H4216, H4219–20**

*Recognizing the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F. Smoot for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics:* H. Res. 316, to recognize the accomplishments of Roger D. Kornberg, Andrew Fire, Craig Mello, John C. Mather, and George F.

Smoot for being awarded Nobel Prizes in the fields of chemistry, physiology or medicine, and physics;

**Pages H4220–21**

*Recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth:* H. Res. 252, to recognize the 45th anniversary of John Hershel Glenn, Jr.'s historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth;

**Pages H4221–24**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month:* H. Res. 334, to support the goals and ideals of National Community College Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 270;

**Pages H4224–27, H4257–58**

*Supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day:* H. Con. Res. 112, to support the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 345 yeas to 73 nays, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 271;

**Pages H4227–28, H4258–59**

*Commending the University of Florida Gators for their historic win in the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament:* H. Res. 298, to commend the University of Florida Gators for their historic win in the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, and 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 272;

**Pages H4228–30, H4259**

*Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education:* H. Res. 344, to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education;

**Pages H4230–32**

*Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade:* H. Res. 272, amended, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade;

**Pages H4232–38**

*Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade:* H. Res. 158, amended, to observe the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery,

and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to observe the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world.”

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*Expressing the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes:* H. Res. 100, to express the sympathy of House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes;

**Pages H4242–46**

*Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo:* H. Res. 347, to recognize the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo; and

**Pages H4253–55**

*Congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games:* H. Con. Res. 118, to congratulate the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Pages H4255–57**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gallegly to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H4232**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 2nd:

*Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nban, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience:* H. Res. 243, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van

Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience. **Pages H4246–53**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4295–96.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4257–58, H4258–59 and H4259. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the crop insurance industry. Testimony was heard from. The following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

### RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service. Testimony was heard from James Andrew, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Health Personnel Overview. Testimony was heard from David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Preventive Medicine and Cancers Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen Embry, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force Health Protection and Readiness and Director, Deployment Health Support; BG Michael B. Cates, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine; BG Theresa Casey, M.D., USAF, Assistant Surgeon General for Modernization; RADM David Smith, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff for Health Care Operations; and COL Janet Harris, Director, Congressionally Director Medical Research Program; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FINANCING COLLEGE EDUCATION.

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards." Testimony was heard from Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner, Energy Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

### HEART DISEASE EDUCATION, ANALYSIS RESEARCH, AND TREATMENT FOR WOMEN ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION RESEARCH

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act. Testimony was heard from Catherine Roca, M.D. Chief, Women's Programs, National Institutes of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### U.S. CHINA RELATIONS FUTURE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

### FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General; and Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service; and public witnesses.

### SUBPOENA ISSUANCE; BANKRUPTCY ABUSE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to James Comey for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding

the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorney's, representatives to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Second Anniversary of the Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Are Consumers Really Being Protected Under the Act. Testimony was heard from Yvonne D. Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **INTERNET SPYWAVE PREVENTION ACT; SECURING AIRCRAFT COCKPITS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Zoe Lofgren of California, Goodlatte, and Keller.

#### **POINT SYSTEMS FOR SELECTING IMMIGRANTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on An Examination of Point Systems as a Method for Selecting Immigrants. Testimony was heard from Senator Sessions; the following Foreign Law Specialists, Law Library of Congress: Clare Feikert; Stephen F. Clarke, Senior Foreign Law Specialist; and Lisa White; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FUTURE OF FOSSIL FUELS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide. Testimony was heard from Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Carl Bauer, Executive Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—WINDS TURBINES WILDLIFE IMPACTS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Gone with Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats. Testimony was heard from Representative Mollohan; Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FDA CHALLENGES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1873, amended, Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act; H.R. 2080, To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education; H.R. 2081, amended, To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to increase the salary of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia; H.R. 1617, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building;" H.R. 2025, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Willye B. White Post Office Building;" H. Res. 53, Recognizing the life of Lamar Hunt and his outstanding contributions to the Kansas City Chiefs, the National Football League, and the United States; H.R. 1722, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the "Leonard W. Herman Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 105, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; H. Res. 307, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the National during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007; H.R. 1335, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the "S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building;" H.R. 1260, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 117, Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; and H. Res. 291, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The Committee also held a hearing on FDA's Critical Mission and Challenges for the Future. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following former Commissioners of the FDA: Donald Kennedy; Frank Young, M.D., and David Kessler, M.D.

**IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor 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 in the nature of a substitute except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rules XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and provides that they may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this 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 waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California; and Representatives Kildee, Welch of Vermont, Kennedy, Carnahan, Shuler, McKeon, Castle, Fortuno, Mica, Putnam and Porter.

**TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be con-

sidered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this 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. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wu, Hall of Texas, and Manzullo.

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony

was heard from Representatives Baird, Hall of Texas and Weldon of Florida.

### SSA's DISABILITY CLAIMS BACKLOG

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing to examine the SSA's ability to hire Administrative Law Judges to address the growing disability claims backlog. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, SSA; and Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on federally-funded entities, 4 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the 2006 Nobel Laureates, 4 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on monitoring early experiences, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100-203), focusing on what has been accomplished and what challenges still remain, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider the following bills: H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007; and H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing to review the State Department's 2006 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* meeting of the Ad Hoc Election Panel to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida, 10:30 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1700, COPS Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 916, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007; and H.R. 1615, Security Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007; 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1595, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 359, Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act; H.R. 713, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007; H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; and H.R. 1140 South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Evaluating Children's Dentistry Under Medicaid, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.



*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 1592, Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Space Science Programs: Review of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Is the Veterans Corporation Prepared to Provide Entrepreneurial Development Assistance to Service Men and Women Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to consider the following: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of

National Public Works Week; H. Con. Res. 79, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 123, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 124, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H.R. 1505, To designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach Federal Building;" H.R. 1773, Safe American Roads Act of 2007, and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, to mark up H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through April 30, 2007

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	64	59	..
Time in session .....	480 hrs., 48'	481 hrs., 35'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	5,314	4,210	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	893	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	3	16	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	171	294	465
Senate bills .....	25	4	..
House bills .....	23	138	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	7	1	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	10	26	..
Simple resolutions .....	104	124	..
Measures reported, total* .....	113	112	225
Senate bills .....	64	..	..
House bills .....	2	77	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	1	2	..
Simple resolutions .....	41	33	..
Special reports .....	7	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	1	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	87	10	..
Measures introduced, total .....	1,453	2,600	4,053
Bills .....	1,235	2,079	..
Joint resolutions .....	12	42	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	29	134	..
Simple resolutions .....	177	345	..
Quorum calls .....	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	147	176	..
Recorded votes .....	..	92	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4, through April 30, 2007

Civilian Nominations, totaling 226, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	46
Unconfirmed .....	173
Withdrawn .....	7
Other Civilian Nominations, totaling 1,895, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,645
Unconfirmed .....	250
Air Force Nominations, totaling 5,095, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	3,704
Unconfirmed .....	1,391
Army Nominations, totaling 1,360, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,238
Unconfirmed .....	122
Navy Nominations, totaling 130, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	105
Unconfirmed .....	25
Marine Corps Nominations, totaling 1,310, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,304
Unconfirmed .....	6
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session .....	0
Total nominations received this session .....	10,016
Total confirmed .....	8,042
Total unconfirmed .....	1,967
Total withdrawn .....	7
Total returned to the White House .....	0

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 59 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 115 reports have been filed in the House.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 2

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1429—Improving Head Start Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1867—National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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