

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13465–S13495

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2246–2251, and S. Res. 357. **Pages S13489–90**

Measures Reported:

S. 635, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories. (S. Rept. No. 110–207)

S. 1347, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land. (S. Rept. No. 110–208)

S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. (S. Rept. No. 110–209) **Page S13489**

Measures Passed:

National Veterans Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 357, designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country. **Pages S13493–94**

National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 347, designating May 2008 as “National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month”. **Pages S13494–95**

Victims of August 2007 Flooding: Senate agreed to S. Res. 346, expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S13494–95**

Reid (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3471, to amend the title of the resolution. **Page S13495**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Charleston Fallen Firefighters: Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 172, honoring the life of each of the 9 fallen City of Charleston firefighters who lost their lives in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 18, 2007. **Page S13493**

Congressional Gold Medal: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1154, to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D. **Page S13493**

Measures Considered:

Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, agreeing to the committee amendments, which will be considered as original text for purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13466–69**

Pending:

Lautenberg (for Carper) Amendment No. 3454 (to Amendment No. 3452), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13466**

Allard Amendment No. 3455, to strike the provisions repealing Amtrak’s self-sufficiency requirements. **Page S13466**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3467, to require Amtrak to disclose the Federal subsidy of every ticket sold for transportation on Amtrak. **Pages S13466–67**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3468, to increase competition in the American rail system by allowing any qualified rail operator or transportation company to compete for passenger rail service. **Pages S13466–67**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3469, to clarify the level of detail to be included in the modern financial accounting and reporting system required under section 203. **Pages S13466–67**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3470, to require the Performance Improvement Plan to address reaching financial solvency by eliminating routes and services that do not make a profit. **Pages S13466–67**

Bond Amendment No. 3464, to amend section 24101 of title 49, United States Code, to clarify Amtrak’s mission. **Pages S13467–69**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, October 26, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur at to be determined by the Majority Leader on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. **Page S13466**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first-degree germane amendments be filed at the desk by 3:30 p.m., on Monday, October 29, 2007. **Page S13466**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 29, 2007. **Page S13495**

State Children's Health Insurance Program: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program. **Page S13492**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, October 29, 2007. **Page S13492**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S13492**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Eunice S. Reddick, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece.

George E. Pataki, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Kelly G. Knight, of Kentucky, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rodger D. Young, of Michigan, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

William H. Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John H. Gibson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years. **Page S13495**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S13489**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S13489**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S13490**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S13490–91**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S13492**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:47 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13495.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 29 through November 3, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 294, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 31, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: October 31, to hold hearings to examine S. 2063, to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 30, business meeting to consider S. 2096, to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry, S. 1580, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, S. 2045, to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, S. 1853, to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, S. 1675, to implement the recommendations of

the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, H. Con. Res. 225, honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities, and the nominations of Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and promotions lists in the United States Coast Guard, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 31, to hold hearings to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: November 1, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. Res. 334, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-39), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the "proposed Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-03), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006

(the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109–19), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109–18), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the “Protocol”), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109–20), 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 30, to hold hearings to examine ways to protect the United States from drug-resistant tuberculosis, focusing on reinvesting in control and new tools research, 10 a.m., SD–430.

November 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 30, to hold hearings to examine the role of local law enforcement in countering violent Islamist extremism, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

October 31, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant availability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

November 1, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration, focusing on the efficacy of the 7(a) loan program, 2 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 1, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the impact of the Flood Control Act of 1944 on Indian Tribes along the Missouri river, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 31, to hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans’ security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability, 10 a.m., SD–226.

November 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1946, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 2168, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, and the nominations of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: October 31, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

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

November 1, Full Committee, meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

November 1, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 30, hearing to review technologies in the meat industry, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, October 30, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies, hearing on Assessing an Effective Diplomatic and Development Program in Iraq: an Examination of the Diplomatic Surge, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

October 31, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on CVC Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, October 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Stabilization and Reconstruction Operations: Learning from Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Experience, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, November 1, hearing on Counting the Change: Accounting for the Fiscal Impacts of Controlling Carbon Emissions, 11:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 31, to mark up Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 1, full Committee, hearing on Barriers to Equal Educational Opportunities: Addressing the Rising Costs of a College Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 30, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007; H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America’s Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; H.R. 2601, To extending the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the “Do-not-call” registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3541, Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions; H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Safety Act of 2007; and H.R. 3919, Broadband Census of America Act of 2007; 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 1747, Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 31, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and The Internet, to continue hearings entitled "Status of the DTV Transition—Part 3," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 1, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "FDA Foreign Drug Inspection Program: A System at Risk," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 30, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Additional Perspectives on the Need for Insurance Regulatory Reform," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Preserving and Expanding Minority Banks," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 2, full Committee, hearing entitled "Progress in Administration and Other Efforts to Coordinate and Enhance Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 30, hearing on Russia on the Eve of National Elections, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Renewable Energy and the Global Environment, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 31, full Committee, hearing on The Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule: Its Impact on Family Planning and Reproductive Health, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 31, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on the Activities of the Department of State's Office of the Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 30, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The SAFE Port Act: Status of Implementation One Year Later," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 31, full Committee, hearing entitled "Homeland Security: TWIC Failures: TWIC Examined," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 31, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, joint hearing entitled "Enhancing and Implementing the Cybersecurity Elements of the Sector Specific Plans," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 1, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Aviation Security Part II: A Frontline Perspective on the Need for Enhanced Human Resources and Equipment," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 31, oversight hearing on the Use of Robocalls' in Federal Campaigns, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 30, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on Straightening Out the Mortgage Mess: How Can We Protect Home Ownership and Provide Relief to Consumers in Financial Distress?—Part II, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Vot-

ing Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Stifling or Stimulating—Role of Gene Patents in Research and Genetic Testing, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 31, full Committee, hearing on Combating Modern Slavery: Reauthorization of Anti-Trafficking Programs, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 1, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3359, Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2007, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

November 1, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2878, Enhanced Financial Recovery and Equitable Retirement Treatment Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 415, To amend 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; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park; H.R. 1286, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act; H.R. 1545, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of Fort San Geronimo and other related resources in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion in the National Park System as part of the San Juan National Historic Site; H.R. 1836, Weir Farm National Historic Site Amendment Act; H.R. 3022, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 3120, Stranahan House, Trading Post and Campsite Historic Preservation Act; H.R. 3265, Harry S. Truman Birthplace Study Act; H.R. 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act; H.R. 3616, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007; and H.R. 3821, Battle of Matewan Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 31, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3301, Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2007, 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 30, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Will Increased Postal Rates put Mailers out of Business? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Iran: Reality, Options, and Consequences—Iranian People and Attitudes, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 31, full Committee, hearing on Oil and Gas Development: Exemptions from Health and Environmental Protections, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 1, full Committee, hearing on The Administration's Regulatory Actions on Medicaid: The Effects on Patients, Doctors, Hospitals, and States, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 1, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Too Many Cooks? Coordinating Federal and State Health IT, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 30, to consider the following: H.R. 2262, Trade and Globalization Act of 2007, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Research to Improve Water-Use Efficiency and Conservation: Technologies and Practices, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 31, full Committee, hearing on Aviation Safety: Can NASA Do More to Protect the Public? 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 31, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Research on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: Current Status of Planning and Implementation under the National Nanotechnology Initiative, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 31, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment: Will Small Suppliers Be Able To Compete?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 1, full Committee, hearing on Evaluating the Impact of Pending Free Trade Agreements upon U.S. Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 1, Subcommittee on Highway and Transit, hearing on Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, November 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the VA Construction Process, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 30, hearing on the Appropriateness of Retirement Plan Fees, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 31, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45, and executive, briefing on DNI Personnel, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, November 1, hearing entitled "Wildfires and the Climate Crisis," 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: November 1, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 29, to hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and simmering tensions with Russia before parliamentary and presidential elections, 4 p.m., 210-CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, October 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 90 minutes), Senate will resume consideration of S. 294, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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