

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act.

Senate passed H.R. 3222, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12453–S12693

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2129–2136, and S.J. Res. 20. **Page S12532**

Measures Reported:

S. 1446, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. (S. Rept. No. 110–188)

Report to accompany S. 742, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products. (S. Rept. No. 110–189) **Page S12532**

Measures Passed:

Intelligence Authorization Act: Committee on Intelligence was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1538, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3160, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S12456–76

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Rockefeller, Feinstein, Wyden, Bayh, Mikulski, Feingold, Nelson

(FL), Whitehouse, Levin, Bond, Warner, Hagel, Chambliss, Hatch, Snowe, Burr, and Kyl.

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Subsequently, S. 1538, was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S12475**

Department Of Defense Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S12481–S12523

Adopted:

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 361), Graham Amendment No. 3117, to improve the security of United States borders. **Pages S12481–83, S12484**

Durbin/Mikulski Amendment No. 3129, to make available from Military Personnel \$3,000,000 for a pilot program on troops to nurse teachers.

Pages S12500–01

Inouye (for Gregg/Sununu) Modified Amendment No. 3153, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$16,000,000 for the continuation of the Advanced Precision Kill Weapons Systems by the Marine Corps. **Page S12511**

Inouye (for Levin/Stabenow) Amendment No. 3162, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$6,000,000 for Advanced Automotive Technology.

Pages S12511, S12512

Inouye (for Smith/Harkin) Amendment No. 3152, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, \$2,000,000 for the Minuteman Digitization Demonstration Program.

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Inouye (for Brown) Amendment No. 3127, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, up to \$1,000,000 for the High Altitude Airship Program. **Page S12511**

Inouye (for Domenici/Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3155, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$3,750,000 for a Mid-Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser. **Page S12511**

Inouye (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 3173, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$3,750,000 for a High Energy Laser Systems Test facility. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Reid/McConnell) Amendment No. 3206, to make technical corrections to Public Law 110–81. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Sununu) Amendment No. 3204, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$1,000,000 for the development of Low-Cost, High Resolution, remote controlled Side Scan Sonar for USV and Harbor Surveillance Applications. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 3116, to require the establishment on the Internet website of the Department of Defense of a link to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3182, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$5,000,000 for the Laser Perimeter Awareness System for integration into the Electronic Harbor Security System. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 3135, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy, up to \$5,000,000 may be made available for the High Temperature Superconductor AC Synchronous Propulsion Motor for the purpose of completing testing and transitioning to Navy ship class as part of an effort to increase power while reducing vessel weight. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3177, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$1,200,000 for Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat System of netted sensors. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3163, to make available from Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, \$5,000,000 for the retrofit of upgraded Molecular Sieve Oxygen Generation Systems into F–15C/D fight aircraft. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Hutchison/Cornyn) Amendment No. 3176, to provide local officials and the Secretary of Homeland Security greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing. **Page S12512**

Inouye (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3136, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, \$4,000,000 for the 8th Air Force Cyberspace Innovation Center at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. **Page S12513**

Inouye (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3175, to make available from Intelligence Community Management Account, \$5,000,000 for Internet Observer and Inner View insider threat mitigation tools. **Page S12513**

Inouye (for Obama/Coburn) Amendment No. 3137, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the perspective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Page S12513**

Inouye (for Sanders) Amendment No. 3130, to increase, with an offset, the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, by \$10,000,000. **Page S12513**

Biden/Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3167, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$4,000,000 for MARK V replacement research. **Pages S12484, S12513**

Kyl Amendment No. 3145, to make available from Procurement, Defense-Wide, \$7,000,000 for the Insider Threat program. **Pages S12497–98, S12513**

Vitter (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3141, to enhance United States sea-based missile defense capabilities. **Pages S12508, S12511, S12513**

Stevens Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3166), to require that not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on mechanisms for expanding public-private partnerships with military and family organizations for the purpose of increasing access to family support, in particular, for the minor dependent children of deployed servicemembers. **Page S12515**

Reid (for Boxer/Inouye) Amendment No. 3166, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, \$5,000,000 for the program of the National Military Family Association known as Operation Purple. **Page S12497**

Sessions Amendment No. 3192, to fund Operation Jump Start, the deployment of National Guard personnel, to the southern border, through September 30, 2008. **Pages S12515–18**

Inouye (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 3131, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluations, Army, \$4,000,000 for the Virtual Systems Integrated Laboratory-Armored Vehicle Components and Systems Simulated In Cost-Effective Virtual Design and Test Environment. **Page S12518**

Withdrawn:

Gregg Amendment No. 3119 (to Amendment No. 3117), to change the effective date. **Pages S12483–84**

By 28 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 362), Feingold Amendment No. 3164, to safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S12486–95**

Biden Amendment No. 3142, to provide an additional \$23,600,000,000 for Other Procurement, Army, for the procurement, of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and to designate the amount of emergency requirement. **Pages S12485, S12498–S12500**

Kyl Amendment No. 3144, to make available from within amounts already appropriated in the bill for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide \$10,000,000 for the Space Test Bed. **Pages S12497, S12501–06, S12508–10, S12513–14**

Allard/Salazar Amendment No. 3146, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$5,000,000 for the Missile Defense Space Experimentation Center. **Pages S12481, S12514–15**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Menendez/Salazar Amendment No. 3198, to authorize expenditure of funds appropriated under subsection (b) of the Border Security First Act of 2007 to address any border security issue, including security at the northern border, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S12506–08, S12574**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison. **Page S12523**

National Courage Month: Senate passed S. Con. Res. 45: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month. **Pages S12691–92**

Procedural Fairness for September 11 Victims Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2106, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and the bill was then passed. **Page S12692**

Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12692**

Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12692**

Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12692**

Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12692–93**

Robert Merrill Postal Station: Senate passed H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12693**

Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12693**

John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12693**

Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 3106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12693**

Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 4, 2007, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and

Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Page S12693**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, may begin executive session to consider the nomination of Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that there be an additional 10 minutes each for debate for Senators Cardin and Specter, and Senate vote on the nomination; provided further, that following that vote Senate then vote on each of the following nominations: Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi. **Page S12693**

Messages from the House: **Pages S12529–30**

Measures Referred: **Page S12430**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
Pages S12453, S12530

Measures Read the First Time:
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Executive Communications: **Pages S12530–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12532–33**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12538–61**

Notices of Intent: **Page S12561**

Authorities for Committees To Meet:
Pages S12561–62

Text of H.R. 1585 as Previously Passed:
Pages S12562–S12691

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—362) **Pages S12484, S12495**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12693.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING DARFUR GENOCIDE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine combating genocide in Darfur, focusing on the role of divestment and other policy tools, including S. 831, to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Brownback; Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Elizabeth L. Dibble, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Finance and Development, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State; Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Rhode Island General Treasurer Frank T. Caprio, Providence; Bennett Freeman, Calvert Group, Bethesda, Maryland; and John Prendergast, ENOUGH Project, William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, on behalf of USA Engage, and Adam Sterling, Sudan Divestment Task Force, all of Washington, D.C.

NRC'S REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's reactor oversight process, focusing on licensing the construction and operation of new nuclear reactors, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Gregory B. Jaczko and Peter B. Lyons, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, United States Government Accountability Office; and David A. Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and 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,

after the nominees testified and answer questions in their own behalf.

BURMA'S SAFFRON REVOLUTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Burma, focusing on anti-government protests led by saffron-robed Buddhist monks ("Saffron Revolution"), after receiving testimony from Senators McConnell and Feinstein; Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Public Affairs; and Michael J. Green, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Aung Din, United States Campaign for Burma, and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine pandemic influenza, focusing on state and local government efforts to prepare, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral William C. Vanderwagen, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; B. Tilman Jolly, Associate Chief Medical Officer for Medical Readiness, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Paul K. Halverson, Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock; Christopher M. Pope, New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Concord; and Yvonne S. Madlock, Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 772, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, after receiving testimony from Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; William L. Berg, Dairyland Power Cooperative, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Ken Vander Schaaf, Alliant Techsystems Ammunition and Energetics Systems, Radford, Virginia; Robert G. Szabo, Van Ness Feldman, P.C., on behalf of Consumers United for Rail Equity (CURE), and G. Paul Moates, Sidley Austin, LLP, on behalf of the Association of American Railroads, both of Washington, D.C.; and Darren Bush, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

VETERANS HEALTH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans health, focusing on ensuring the care of aging members of the military and military retirees, after receiving testimony from former Senator Robert Dole; Michael Shepherd, Physician, Office of Healthcare Inspections, and Larry M. Reinkemeyer, Director, Kansas City Audit Operations Division, both of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven R. Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and Fred Cowell, Paralyzed Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark S. Kaplan, Portland State University School of Community Health, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3736–3744; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 225; and H. Res. 709–710 were introduced.

Pages H11249–50

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H11250–51

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Elton Van Welton, Crossroads Baptist Church, Leesburg, Virginia.

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Improving Government Accountability Act: The House passed H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General and to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 937.

Pages H11182–86, H11187–H11203

Agreed to the Tom Davis (VA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 936. Subsequently, Representative

Towns reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

Pages H11200–02

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Page H11182

Accepted:

Tom Davis (VA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–358) that revises section 3 (“direct submission of budget requests to Congress”) by striking language authorizing all IGs to independently submit their office’s budget requests to Congress, separate and apart from the President’s budget submission, and inserting language requiring IGs to notify Congress only if the budget request submitted by the agency would “substantially inhibit the Inspector General from performing the duties of the office”;

Pages H11195–96

Miller (NC) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–358) that adds additional reasons for which an IG may be removed from office, makes certain changes to make the statute conform to existing Executive Orders, and requires an annual report by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency on the activities of its Integrity Committee;

Pages H11196–98

Miller (NC) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–358) that establishes a committee of Inspectors General of the Inspectors General Council to review the qualifications of nominees and final candidates for the position of Inspector General in all government establishments and entities to determine whether they meet the integrity and professional qualifications for the position established by the Inspector General Act. The committee is also required to report back to the relevant Senate committee or federal appointing entity;

Page H11198

Gillibrand amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–358) that requires that each federal agency website has a direct link to the website of the Office of Inspector General for that agency, that the Inspector General of each agency posts all reports and audits online within one day of being made publicly available, and that all Inspector General websites facilitate the individual, anonymous reporting of waste, fraud and abuse; and

Pages H11198–99

Conyers amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–358) that provides that the Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General is not required to refer to the Counsel of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) of DOJ allegations of misconduct involving DOJ attorneys and related personnel where the allegations relate to the exercise of the authority of an attorney to investigate, litigate, or provide

legal advice (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 935).

Pages H11199–H11200

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

Page H11203

H. Res. 701, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 932.

Pages H11182–86

Presidential Veto Message—Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007:

Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–62).

Pages H11203–14

Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hoyer motion to postpone further consideration of the veto message and bill until Thursday, October 18th, by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 938.

Pages H11203–14

MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007:

The House began consideration of H.R. 2740, to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 4th.

Pages H11177–82, H11214–26

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H11177–78

Accepted:

Conyers manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–359) that clarifies that the FBI investigates those fatalities resulting from the “potentially unlawful” use of force and also allows the Attorney General to request assistance from other federal agencies when assigning personnel and resources to the FBI Theater Investigative Unit. The amendment mandates that the FBI request security assistance from the Secretary of Defense in any case in which the FBI Units need adequate security;

Pages H11222–24

Schakowsky amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–359) that requires the Department of Justice to report a list of charges that have been brought against contractors and contract employees in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a description of the legal actions taken by the United States government against contractors and contract employees in Iraq and Afghanistan as a result of a criminal charge or criminal investigation; and

Pages H11224–25

Hill amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–359) that requires the Director of the FBI to submit an annual written report to Congress of the progress of the Theater Investigative Units, including the number of reports received of criminal misconduct by contractors, the number of reports received of fatalities caused by contract personnel, the number of cases referred to the Attorney General, and statutory changes necessary for the Director to carry out the duties entailed by this bill.

Pages H11225–26

H. Res. 702, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 934, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 933.

Pages H11177–82, H11186–87

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Reappointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11173.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 13 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11185–86, H11186–87, H11187, H11200, H11202, H11202–03 and H11213–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL PESTS/DISEASES PROTECTION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to examine the joint performance of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security in protecting U.S. agriculture from foreign pests and diseases. Testimony was heard from Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; James L. Taylor, Acting Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audits, Department of Homeland Security; Charles H. Bronson, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of Florida; John Jurich, Investigator,

House Committee on Agriculture; and public witnesses.

CRANDALL CANYON MINE TRAGEDY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Mine Safety: The Perspective of the Families at Crandall Canyon. Testimony was heard from Jon Huntsman, Jr., Governor of Utah; relatives of miners and public witnesses.

FDA TOBACCO PRODUCTS REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Testimony was heard from Fred J. Jacobs, M.D., Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “The Fight Against Global Poverty and Inequality: The World Bank's Approach to Core Labor Standards and Employment Creation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INSURANCE REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Need for Insurance Regulatory Reform.” Testimony was heard from Walter Bell, Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Alabama; and public witnesses.

OUTSTANDING HOLOCAUST ISSUES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on America's Role in Addressing Outstanding Holocaust Issues. Testimony was heard from J. Christian Kennedy, Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled “Practicing Like We Play: Examining Homeland Security Exercises.” Testimony was heard from Dennis R. Schrader, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; MG Steven Saunders, USA, Director, Joint Doctrine, Training and Force Development, National Guard Bureau; and James Langenbach, Program Manager, Operations Branch, Division of Health Infrastructure Preparedness and Emergency Response, Department of Health and Senior Services, State of New Jersey.

ELECTION POLL WORKERS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on The Importance of Poll Workers: Best Practices and Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Michael Mauro, Secretary of State, Iowa; Lance Gough, Executive Director, Board of Election Commission, Chicago, Illinois; and public witnesses.

INDIAN TRIBAL FEDERAL RECOGNITION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2837, Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Shays; Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Energy Storage Technologies: State of Development for Stationary and Vehicular Applications. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Internet Tax Moratorium. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA—FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Held a hearing on Funding the VA of the Future. Testimony was heard from W. Paul Kearns III, Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counter Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee heard testimony from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to mark up the Farm Bill for 2007, 5 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to consider the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Douglas A. Brook, of California, to

be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the regulation and supervision of industrial loan companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the security of our nation's seaports, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold hearings to examine 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, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2007", and legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine 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), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine forestalling the coming pandemic, focusing on infectious disease surveillance overseas, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the backlogs at the Department of the Interior, focusing on land in to trust application, environmental impact statements, probate, and appraisals and lease approvals, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1640, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck, S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. Res. 326, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, H. Con. Res. 193, recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety, and the nominations of Thomas P. O'Brien, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, Edward Meacham Yarbrough, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Robert M. Dow, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the labor needs of American agriculture, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Issues in Federal Government Financial Liabilities: Commercial Nuclear Waste, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 3185, 401 (k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Environmental Justice and Toxics Release Inventory Report Program: Communities Have a Right To Know," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: The Silent Proliferation of Bio-Laboratories in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to hold a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Counternarcotics Strategy and Police Training in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Detention and Removal: Immigration Detainee Medical Care, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following

bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; and H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption; followed by a markup of the following measures: H.R. 3572, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartfield Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. Supporting the goal and ideals of National Women's Friendship Day; H. Res. 588, Recognizing Martha Coffin Wright on the 200th anniversary of her birth and her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame; H. Res. 630, Congratulating the Warner Robins Little League Baseball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2007 Little League World Series Championship; H. Res. 654, Congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship; a resolution Commending Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre for the National Football League record for the most career touchdown passes; S. 1896, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office;" and H. Res. 687, Celebrating the 90th birthday of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and honoring his contributions to higher education, the Catholic Church, and the advancement of the humanitarian mission, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, to continue hearings on The Globalization of R&D and Innovation: How do Companies Choose Where to Build R&D Facilities, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on SBA Contracting Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Research Programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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