

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S15083–S15156*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2442–2451, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 400–401. **Page S15138**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2445, to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes. (S. Rept. No. 110–240)

S. 2135, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, with an amendment. **Pages S15137–38**

#### Measures Passed:

**Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 365, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15152**

**Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act:** Senate passed S. 793, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15152–54**

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3831, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15152–54**

#### Measures Considered:

**Farm Bill Extension Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S15090–S15128**

#### Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 417), Chambliss (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3711 (to Amendment No. 3500), relative to traditional payments and loans. **Pages S15090–95, S15107**

#### Withdrawn:

Baucus/Crapo Amendment No. 3660 (to Amendment No. 3500), relative to agricultural supply. **Pages S15095–97**

#### Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15090**

Harkin (for Dorgan/Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs. **Pages S15090, S15125**

Brown Amendment No. 3819 (to Amendment No. 3500), to increase funding for critical Farm Bill programs and improve crop insurance. **Pages S15090, S15107–08**

Klobuchar Amendment No. 3810 (to Amendment No. 3500), to improve the adjusted gross income limitation and use the savings to provide additional funding for certain programs and reduce the Federal deficit. **Page S15090**

Chambliss (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3687 (to Amendment No. 3500), to prevent duplicative payments for agricultural disaster assistance already covered by the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund. **Page S15090**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3807 (to Amendment No. 3500), to ensure the priority of the farm bill remains farmers by eliminating wasteful Department of Agriculture spending on casinos, golf courses, junkets, cheese centers, and aging barns. **Page S15090**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3530 (to Amendment No. 3500), to limit the distribution to deceased individuals, and estates of those individuals, of certain agricultural payments. **Page S15090**

Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3632 (to Amendment No. 3500), to modify a provision relating to the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. **Page S15090**

Salazar Amendment No. 3616 (to Amendment No. 3500), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of all cellulosic biofuels. **Page S15090**

Thune (for McConnell) Amendment No. 3821 (to Amendment No. 3500), to promote the nutritional health of school children, with an offset. **Page S15090**

Craig Amendment No. 3640 (to Amendment No. 3500), to prohibit the involuntary acquisition of farmland and grazing land by Federal, State, and local governments for parks, open space, or similar purposes. **Page S15090**

Thune (for Roberts/Brownback) Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3500), to modify a provision relating to regulations. **Page S15090**

Domenici Amendment No. 3614 (to Amendment No. 3500), to reduce our Nation's dependency for foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources. **Page S15090**

Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3674 (to Amendment No. 3500), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude charges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income. **Pages S15090, S15108–11, S15117**

Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3673 (to Amendment No. 3500), to improve women's access to health care services in rural areas and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services. **Pages S15090, S15111**

Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3671 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strike the section requiring the establishment of a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network. **Pages S15090, S15108–11, S15127**

Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3672 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strike a provision relating to market loss assistance for asparagus producers. **Pages S15090, S15108–11, S15116–17**

Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3822 (to Amendment No. 3500), to provide nearly \$1,000,000,000 in critical home heating assistance to low-income families and senior citizens for the 2007–2008 winter season, and reduce the Federal deficit by eliminating wasteful farm subsidies. **Page S15090**

Thune (for Grassley/Kohl) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3500), to provide for the review of agricultural mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice. **Page S15090**

Thune (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3596 (to Amendment No. 3500), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a pilot program under which agricultural producers may establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm savings accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such ac-

counts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year. **Pages S15090, S15125–26**

Thune (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3569 (to Amendment No. 3500), to make commercial fishermen eligible for certain operating loans. **Page S15090**

Thune (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3551 (to Amendment No. 3500), to increase funding for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems, with an offset. **Pages S15090, S15111–13, S15127**

Thune (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3553 (to Amendment No. 3500), to limit the tax credit for small wind energy property expenditures to property placed in service in connection with a farm or rural small business. **Pages S15090, S15113–16, S15126–27**

Thune (for Bond) Amendment No. 3771 (to Amendment No. 3500), to amend title 7, United States Code, to include provisions relating to rule-making. **Page S15090**

Salazar (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3539 (to Amendment No. 3500), to provide a termination date for the conduct of certain inspections and the issuance of certain regulations. **Page S15090**

Tester Amendment No. 3666 (to Amendment No. 3500), to modify the provision relating to unlawful practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act. **Page S15095**

Schumer Amendment No. 3720 (to Amendment No. 3500), to improve crop insurance and use resulting savings to increase funding for certain conservation programs. **Pages S15097–98**

Gregg Amendment No. 3825 (to Amendment No. 3673), to change the enactment date. **Page S15111**

Sanders Amendment No. 3826 (to Amendment No. 3822), to provide for payments under subsections (a) through (e) of section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and restore supplemental agricultural disaster assistance from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund. **Pages S15118–22**

Wyden Amendment No. 3736 (to Amendment No. 3500), to modify a provision relating to bio-energy crop transition assistance. **Pages S15122–25**

Harkin/Kennedy Amendment 3830 (to Amendment No. 3500), relative to public safety officers. **Page S15126**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, and that there be 2 minutes equally divided and controlled for debate on Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3671 (listed above), and that Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment, and following the vote, Senate vote on Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3672 (listed above), and that there

be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate, and Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that the second vote be 10 minutes in duration, and that there be time limitations of debate on the following amendments: Thune (for Alexander) Amendment Nos. 3551 and 3553 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate between Senators Alexander, Bingaman, and Salazar; Chambliss (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3687 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled for debate; Harkin (for Dorgan/Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 2 hours equally divided and controlled for debate; Klobuchar Amendment No. 3810 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 60 minutes equally divided and controlled for debate; Thune (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3673 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 2 hours equally divided and controlled for debate; Thune (for Sessions) Amendment No. 3596 (to Amendment No. 3500) (listed above), 40 minutes equally divided and controlled for debate (20 minutes for the proponent and 20 minutes for the opposition); Chambliss (for Coburn) Amendments Nos. 3807, 3530, and 3632 (to Amendment No. 3530) (listed above), 90 minutes equally divided and controlled for debate; provided further, that Senate vote on or in relation to Harkin (for Dorgan/Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3500), at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2007; that Amendment Nos. 3695, 3673, and 3810 (listed above) each receive a minimum of 60 votes in the affirmative to be agreed to, and that if Senate fails to agree to the amendment with a minimum of 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate prior to each vote, and that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration in any "stacked" sequence ordered. **Page S15128**

**Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act—House Message:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that any cloture motions presented on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to accompany H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, be

considered to have been presented on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. **Page S15128**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador.

Douglas H. Shulman, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term prescribed by law.

Stanley C. Suboleski, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

Glenn T. Suddaby, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

**Pages S15154–56**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on April 26, 2007. **Page S15156**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S15084, S15133**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S15133–37**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S15144–51**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S15151**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S15151–52**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S15152**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—417) **Page S15107**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15154.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TO COMPREHENSIVELY UNDERSTAND AND RESPONSIBLY ENHANCE (SECURE) WATER ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2156, to authorize and facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy to increase the acquisition and analysis of water resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power, municipal, and environmental uses, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; John D'Antonio, New Mexico State Engineer, Santa Fe, on behalf of the Western States Water Council; Jon C. Lambeck, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles; David R. Wunsch, National Groundwater Association, Concord, New Hampshire; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; and Brian Richter, Nature Conservancy, Charlottesville, Virginia.

### PROMOTING AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL AND MEDICAL EXPORTS TO CUBA ACT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1673, to facilitate the export of United States agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, after receiving testimony from Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson, USA (Ret.), New America Foundation, and Frank Calzon, Center for a Free Cuba, both of Washington, D.C.; Jaime Suchlicki, University of Miami Institute for Cuban-American Studies, Miami, Florida; David McClure, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Bozeman; and Carlos Lazo, Lynnwood, Washington.

### IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the national intelligence estimate on Iran, focusing on nuclear intentions and capabilities, from Stephen S. Kaplan, Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Coun-

cil; and Vann Van Diepen, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation, and Leslie Ireland, Issue Manager for Iran, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

### E-GOVERNMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine e-government 2.0, focusing on improving innovation, collaboration, and access, including S. 2321, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347) to reauthorize appropriations, after receiving testimony from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; John Lewis Needham, Google, Inc., Mountain View, California; Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT), Washington, D.C.; and Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia, and Wikimedia Foundation, St. Petersburg, Florida.

### CRUDE OIL PRICES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy to examine the role of speculation in recent crude oil prices, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Edward N. Krapels, Energy Security Analysis, Inc., Wakefield, Massachusetts; Philip K. Verleger, Jr., PKVerleger LLC, Aspen, Colorado; and Fadel Gheit, Oppenheimer and Co., Inc., New York, New York.

### GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF AIDS, TB, AND MALARIA

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the global challenge of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, focusing on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), after receiving testimony from Mark Dybul, Ambassador, United States Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Kasune Zulu, World Vision, Federal Way, Washington; Norman Hearst, University of California, San Francisco; Helen L. Smits, National Academies, Washington, D.C.; and Peter Piot, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Geneva, Switzerland.

## LEGAL RIGHTS OF GUANTANAMO DETAINEES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the legal rights of Guantanamo detainees, focusing on what they are, should they be changed, and whether there is an end in sight, including S. 1249, to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General Thomas W. Hartman, Legal Advisor to the Convening Authority, Office of Military Commissions, Department of Defense; Steven A. Engel, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN (Ret.), Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire; Mark P. Denbeaux, Seton Hall University School of Law Center for Policy and Law, Newark, New Jersey; and Debra Burlingame, National September 11 Memorial and Museum, New York, New York.

## SUNSHINE IN LITIGATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Sunshine in Litigation Act, focusing on whether court secrecy undermines public health and safety, after receiving testimony from Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., United States District Judge, District Court of South Carolina; Robert N. Weiner, Arnold and Porter, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Leslie A. Bailey, Public Justice, Oakland, California; Stephen G. Morrison, Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP, Columbia, South Carolina; Richard Zitrin, University of California Hastings School of Law, San Francisco; and Johnny Bradley, Pachuta, Mississippi.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 4343–4455; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68; and H. Res. 856–858, were introduced.

**Pages H15314–17**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H15317–18**

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

H.R. 1413, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–482);

H.R. 123, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–483);

H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings (H. Rept. 110–484);

H.R. 2601, to extend 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–485);

H.R. 3541, to amend the “Do-not-call” Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of

telephone numbers registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–486);

H. Res. 859, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (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 for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–487);

H. Res. 860, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–488);

H. Res. 861, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4351) to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–489); and

H. Res. 862, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4299) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–490). **Page H15314**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.  
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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at noon.  
Page H15218

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

*Amending the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:* H.R. 3079, amended, to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;  
Pages H15219–27

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.”  
Page H15227

*Authorizing appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund:* H.R. 123, amended, to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund;  
Pages H15227–29

*Amending the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings:* H.R. 3739, to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings;  
Pages H15229–30

*Expressing sympathy to and pledging the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of Cyclone Sidr in southern Bangladesh:* H. Res. 842, amended, to express sympathy to and pledge the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of Cyclone Sidr in southern Bangladesh, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1142;  
Pages H15230–31, H15273–74

*Honoring the life and accomplishments of Luciano Pavarotti and recognizing the significant and positive impact of his astounding musical talent, his achievement in raising the profile of opera with audiences around the world, and his commitment to charitable causes:* H. Res. 708, to honor the life and accomplishments of Luciano Pavarotti and to recognize the significant and positive impact of his astounding musical talent, his achievement in raising the profile of opera with audiences around the world, and his commitment to charitable causes;  
Pages H15231–33

*Recognizing the importance of Christmas and the Christian faith:* H. Res. 847, amended, to recognize the importance of Christmas and the Chris-

tian faith, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 372 yeas to 9 nays with 10 voting “present”, Roll No. 1143;

Pages H15233–34, H15274

*Block Burmese JADE (Junta’s Anti-Democratic Efforts) Act of 2007:* H.R. 3890, amended, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, and expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities;  
Pages H15234–39

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, and for other purposes.”  
Page H15239

*Honoring the life of Thomas “Tommy” Makem:* H. Res. 768, to honor the life of Thomas “Tommy” Makem;  
Pages H15239–41

*Honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education:* H. Con. Res. 264, to honor the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education;  
Pages H15241–43

*Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas:* H.R. 785, to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas;  
Pages H15243–44

*Turrill Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 4009, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the “Turrill Post Office Building”;  
Pages H15244–45

*Supporting the designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week”:* H. Con. Res. 215, amended, to support the designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week”;  
Pages H15245–47

*Expressing the support for designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States:* H. Res. 695, amended, to express the support for designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States  
Pages H15247–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the designation of a National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States.”  
Page H15248

*Extending the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years:* S. 597, amended, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years.

Pages H15248–49

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.”

Page H15249

*Amending section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration:* H.R. 4108, amended, to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration;

Pages H15249–50

*Commemorating the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy’s “Great White Fleet,” launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909:* H. Con. Res. 261, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the sailing of the Navy’s “Great White Fleet,” launched by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 16, 1907, from Hampton Roads, Virginia, and returning there on February 22, 1909;

Pages H15250–52

*Fair Treatment for Experienced Pilots Act:* H.R. 4343, to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1144;

Pages H15152–55, H15274–75

*John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007:* H.R. 3986, amended, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

Pages H15255–56

*Honoring the accomplishments of Barrington Antonio Irving, the youngest pilot and first person of African descent ever to fly solo around the world:* H. Res. 661, amended, to honor the accomplishments of Barrington Antonio Irving, the youngest pilot and first person of African descent ever to fly solo around the world;

Pages H15257–59

*Honoring those who have volunteered to assist in the cleanup of the November 7, 2007, oil spill in San Francisco Bay:* H. Res. 853, to honor those who have volunteered to assist in the cleanup of the November 7, 2007, oil spill in San Francisco Bay;

Pages H15259–61

*Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 797, with amendments:* H. Res. 855, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 797, with amendments;

Pages H15261–65

*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. 2601, amended, to extend 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;

Pages H15265–67

*Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007:* H.R. 3541, amended, to amend the “Do-not-call” Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry;

Pages H15267–69

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Do-not-call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal ‘do-not-call’ registry.”

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*Extending the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months:* H.R. 4341, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; and

Pages H15269–70

*Directing the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports:* H.R. 1413, amended, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports.

Pages H15270–73

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, and for other purposes.”

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007:* H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with

certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements. **Pages H15256–57**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H15252.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15273–74, H15274 and H15274–75. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AFGHANISTAN: STATUS OF U.S. STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Security and Stability in Afghanistan: Status of U.S. Strategy and Operations and the Way Ahead. Testimony was heard from the 4 following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; Adm Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Ambassador Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG John F. Sattler, USMC, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### REVIEW CENSUS BUREAU'S RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR IT ACQUISITIONS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on A Review of the Census Bureau's Risk Management Activities for IT Acquisitions. Testimony was heard from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the GAO: David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and Matthew Scire, Director, Strategic Issues; and public witnesses.

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1585, the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conferees on H.R. 3093 are hereby discharged and that the conference and its accompanying papers are hereby tabled. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative Saxton.

### AMT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4351, the AMT Relief Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rangel and Representative Neal of Massachusetts.

### TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4299, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 4299, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on North Korea, focusing on the six-party talks, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public



Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and any pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine S. 1782, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine a recently released Government Accountability Office report, focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine reverse mortgages, focusing on polishing not tarnishing the golden years, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider the following: the CFTU Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.J. Res. 15, Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy; H.R. 1374, To amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3454, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the George Washington National Forest in Alleghany County, Virginia, that contains the cemetery of the Central Advent Christian Church and an adjoining tract of land located between the cemetery and road boundaries, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 decisions, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Energy Speculation: Is Greater Regulation Necessary to Stop Price Manipulation?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007: Providing Consumers with Easy Access to the Appropriate Banking Regulator," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Connecting the Money to the Mission: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing

on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007; and H.R. 3753, Federal Judicial Salary Restoration Act of 2007, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* oversight hearing on New Fees for Filming and Photography on Public Lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* to consider the following measures: H.R. 4220, Federal Food Donation Act of 2007; H.R. 3468, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office;" H.R. 3720, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building;" H.R. 3721, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunner Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building;" H.R. 3803, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 3911, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Church Street in Jessup, Pennsylvania, as the "Lance Corporal Dennis James Veater Post Office;" H.R. 3988, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building;" H.R. 4210, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building;" H.R. 4211, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the "Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office;" H.R. 4240, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building;" H.R. 4342, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue in West Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building;" S. 2110, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office;" S. 2174, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 198, Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States has a moral responsibility to meet the needs of those persons, groups and communities that are impoverished, disadvantaged or otherwise in poverty; H. Con. Res. 254, Recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood; and H. Res. 816, Congratulating the Colorado Rockies on winning the National League Championship and playing in the World Series, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Assessing the Environmental Risks of the Water Bottling Industry's Extraction of Groundwater, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: New Evidence on the Cost for Small Companies," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the New DHS

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*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, hearing on Stopping Suicides: Mental Health Challenges Within the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing on Outpatient Waiting Times, 2 p.m., 345 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on CIA Tapes, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Wednesday, December 12

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m. Wednesday, December 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to certain amendments.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Subject to a Rule) and the conference report to accompany H.R. 1585—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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