

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12319–S12342

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2116–2118, and S. Res. 337. **Page S12334**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Printing the Standing Rules of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 337, authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document. **Page S12340**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Major Scott Nisely Post Office: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1539, to designate the post office located at 309 East Linn Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisely Post Office”. **Page S12340**

Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr., Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the “Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S12340**

Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1732, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building”. **Page S12340**

Buck Owens Post Office: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1781, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Avenue in Bakersfield, California, as the “Buck Owens Post Office”. **Page S12340**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military con-

struction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12320–24**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12320–24**

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3058 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Page S12320**

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3109 (to Amendment No. 3958), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Page S12320**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, October 1, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the bill. **Pages S12340**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S12324–27, S12341–42**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:56 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S12340.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the role of Federal Executive Boards in pandemic preparedness, after receiving testimony from Bernice

Steinhardt, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Arthur W. Cleaves, Region I Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Kevin E. Mahoney, Associate Director, Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability Division, Raymond W. Morris, Executive Director, Minnesota Federal Executive Board, Kimberly E. Ainsworth, Executive Director, Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, and Michael W. Goin, Executive Director, Cleveland Federal Executive Board, all of the Office of Personnel Management.

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 1, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1285)

H.R. 3528, to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps. Signed on September 27, 2007. (Public Law 110-86)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 1 through October 6, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act, vote on Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011 at 5:30 p.m., and then vote on passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 2, to hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

October 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine combating genocide in Darfur, focusing on the role of divestment and other policy tools, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

October 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the regulation and supervision of industrial loan companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 4, to hold hearings to examine the security of our nation's seaports, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 4, 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 Environment and Public Works: October 2, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 3, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's reactor oversight process, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 4, 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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 2, to hold hearings to examine issues and challenges facing current mine safety disasters, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 2, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the National Capitol for pandemic preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 3, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine pandemic influenza, focusing on state and local government efforts to prepare, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

October 4, 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: October 4, 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: October 3, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings 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, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 4, Full Committee, 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 nomination of Thomas P. O'Brien, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 2, business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Special Committee on Aging: October 3, to hold hearings to examine veterans health, focusing on ensuring the care of aging heroes, 10 a.m., SR-325.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 3, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, 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 pro-

tecting U.S. agriculture from foreign pests and diseases, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 4, full Committee, hearing to review the labor needs of American agriculture, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, October 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Aid Programs, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, October 4, 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, October 4, hearing on Issues in Federal Government Financial Liabilities: Commercial Nuclear Waste, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 2, to mark up H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 3, hearing on Mine Safety: The Perspective of the Families at Crandall Canyon, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 4, full Committee, 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, October 2, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Digital Future of the United States: Part VI: The Future of Telecommunications Competition," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 4, 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.

October 4, 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, October 2, hearing entitled "Systemic Risk: Examining Regulators' Ability To React to Threats in the Financial System," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Credit-Based Insurance Scores: Are They Fair?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 3, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fight against Global Poverty and Inequality: The World Bank's Approach to Core Labor Standards and Employment Creation," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Need for Insurance Regulatory Reform," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 4, 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, October 2, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Ethiopia and the

State of Democracy: Effects on Human Rights and Humanitarian Conditions in the Ogaden and Somalia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Leveraging Remittances for Families and Communities, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on America's Role in Addressing Outstanding Holocaust Issues, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 4, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Counternarcotics Strategy and Police Training in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 3, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Practicing Like We Play: Examining Homeland Security Exercises," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 4, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Beyond Our Borders: Examining the Status of Counterterrorism Coordination Overseas," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 2, Election Task Force, briefing on the Status of the Investigation into FL-13 Congressional District Contested Election, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

October 3, full Committee, hearing on The Importance of Poll Workers: Best Practices and Recommendations, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 2, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the United States Trustee Program: Watchdog or Attack Dog? 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Gang Crime Prevention and the Need to Foster Innovative Solutions at the Federal Level, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 4, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007; 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 4, 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, October 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 3, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2837, Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 4, 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, October 2, hearing on Private Security Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Will Increased Postal Rates Put Mailers Out of Business? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 4, full Committee, hearing on Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 2, to consider the following: H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; and H.R. 928, Improving Government Accountability Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 2, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on United States Fire Administration Reauthorization: Addressing the Priorities of the Nation's Fire Service, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 2, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Nanotechnology Education, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Energy Storage Technologies: State of Development for Stationary and Vehicular Applications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 4, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure, October 2, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on The Federal Safe Routes to School Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 5, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on The Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 4, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Research Programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 4, Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing on import safety, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 2, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Activity, Part I, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 4, full Committee, executive, briefing on Iran, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 4, to hold hearings to examine the cost of mass incarceration in the United States, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, October 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 1

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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