

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7017–S7096

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1539–1552, and S. Res. 220. **Page S7070**

Measures Reported:

S. 1547, 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. (S. Rept. No. 110–77)

S. 1142, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development. (S. Rept. No. 110–78)

S. 1548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military construction.

S. 1550, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S7070**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Senator Craig Thomas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, honoring the life of Senator Craig Thomas. **Pages S7095–96**

Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7036–63**

Adopted:

By 71 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 183), Durbin/Grassley Amendment No. 1231 (to Amendment No. 1150), to ensure that employers make efforts to recruit American workers. **Pages S7036, S7039–41, S7041–42**

By 67 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 185), Feingold Amendment No. 1176 (to Amendment No. 1150),

to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S7036, S7058–59, S7062**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 182), Cornyn (for Allard) Amendment No. 1189 (to Amendment No. 1150), to eliminate the preference given to people who entered the United States illegally over people seeking to enter the country legally in the merit-based evaluation system for visas. **Pages S7036–39, S7041**

Withdrawn:

By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 184), McConnell Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require individuals voting in person to present photo identification. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S7036, S7057–58, S7059–62**

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7036**

Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals. **Page S7036**

Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals. **Page S7036**

Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. **Page S7036**

Sessions Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the

largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1150), to address documentation of employment and to make an amendment with respect to mandatory disclosure of information.

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Salazar (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1150), to reclassify the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives.

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Salazar (for Obama/Menendez) Amendment No. 1202 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide a date on which the authority of the section relating to the increasing of American competitiveness through a merit-based evaluation system for immigrants shall be terminated.

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DeMint Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require health care coverage for holders of Z nonimmigrant visas.

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Bingaman/Obama Modified Amendment No. 1267 (to Amendment No. 1150), to remove the requirement that Y–1 nonimmigrant visa holders leave the United States before they are able to renew their visa.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, that there be 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled be-

tween Senators Kennedy and Cornyn, or their designees; with the time to run concurrently on Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above), and a Kennedy amendment relating to the same subject; and that there be no amendments in order to either amendments prior to the vote, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Kennedy amendment, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Cornyn Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), with 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the second vote.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ron Silver, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Judy Van Rest, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Anne Cahn, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Kathleen Martinez, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

George E. Moose, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Jeremy A. Rabkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. **Pages S7095, S7096**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas A. Brook, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire.

David W. Hagy, of Texas, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice. **Page S7096**

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

Henry Bonilla, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on March 15, 2007. **Page S7096**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S7068**

Executive Communications: **Pages S7068–70**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S7067–68**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7077–95**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S7095**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—185) **Pages S7041, S7042, S7061–62, S7062**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Craig Thomas, United States Senator, from the state of Wyoming, in accordance with S. Res. 220, at 8:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7096.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXECUTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine executive stock options, focusing on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and stockholders information, after receiving testimony from Kevin M. Brown, Acting Commissioner,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; John W. White, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, and Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Broomfield, Colorado, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Stephen F. Bollenbach, KB Homes, and John S. Chalsty, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, both of Los Angeles, California; William Y. Tauscher, Safeway Inc., Pleasanton, California; Jeffrey P. Mahoney, Council of Institutional Investors, Washington, D.C.; and Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University Business School, Boston, Massachusetts.

GANG ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the federal role to work with communities to prevent and respond to gang violence, focusing on S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, and William J. Bratton, Los Angeles Police Department, both of Los Angeles, California; Boni Gayle Driskill, Wings of Protection, Modesto, California; District Attorney James P. Fox, Redwood City, California, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; Claude A. Robinson Jr., Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, Chicago, Illinois; Gregg Croteau, United Teen Equality Center, Lowell, Massachusetts; and Patrick Word, Gaithersburg City Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network.

PRESERVING PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice and politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, after receiving testimony from Bradley J. Schlozman, Associate Counsel to the Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Department of Justice; and Todd P. Graves, Graves Bartle and Marcus LLC, Kansas City, Missouri.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2557–2574; 1 private bill, H.R. 2575; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 164; and H. Res. 451–452, 454–458, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on May 30, 2007 as follows:

H.R. 2446, to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 110–170).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 632, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–171);

H.R. 1467, to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs (H. Rept. 110–172);

H.R. 1716, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–173); and

H. Res. 453, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2446) to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 110–174).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Jefferson wherein he temporarily resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

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Investigative Subcommittees—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to be available for service on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 110th Congress: Representatives Baldwin, Crowley, Ellison, Honda, Inslee, Lee, Meeks (NY), Napolitano, Rothman, and Snyder.

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Trails Day: H. Res. 401, to support the goals and ideals of National Trails Day;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States": H. Con. Res. 116, to express the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States";

Pages H5933–34

Encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks: H. Con. Res. 94, amended, to encourage the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks;

Pages H5934–36

Supporting the goals and ideals of "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States: H. Res. 341, to support the goals and ideals of "American Eagle Day", and to celebrate the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States;

Pages H5936–37

Expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana: H. Con. Res. 54, to express the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana;

Pages H5937–39

Recognizing the importance of the Ouachita National Forest on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 390, to recognize the importance of the Ouachita National Forest on its 100th anniversary;

Pages H5939–40

Riverside-Corona Feeder Water Supply Act: H.R. 1139, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California;

Pages H5940–41

Amending the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah: H.R. 1736, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah;

Pages H5941–42

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project: H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; **Page H5942**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 361, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act; **Pages H5942–44**

Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007: H.R. 1469, amended, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; **Pages H5944–48**

Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem: H. Con. Res. 152, amended, relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; **Pages H5948–52**

Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia: H. Res. 397, amended, to condemn violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and to express solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 426; **Pages H5952–54, H5976–77**

Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom: H. Res. 412, amended, to express gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and to reaffirm the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom; **Pages H5954–55**

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan: H. Res. 422, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 427; and **Pages H5955–63, H5977–78**

Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari: H. Res. 430, amended, to call on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 428; and **Pages H5963–66, H5978**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling for Iran to immediately release five dual Iranian-American citizens currently being held unjustly." **Page H5978**

Directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to respond to the indictment of, or the filing of charges of criminal conduct in a court of the United States or any State against, any Member of the House of Representatives by empaneling an investigative subcommittee to review the allegations not later than 30 days after the date the Member is indicted or the charges are filed: H. Res. 451, to direct the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to respond to the indictment of, or the filing of charges of criminal conduct in a court of the United States or any State against, any Member of the House of Representatives by empaneling an investigative subcommittee to review the allegations not later than 30 days after the date the Member is indicted or the charges are filed, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 10 nays, with 15 voting "present", Roll No. 429. **Pages H5971–76, H5978–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H5966**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 452, raising a question of the Privileges of the House, by a ye-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 26 nays, with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 430. **Pages H5966–71, H5979–80**

In Memory of the late Honorable Craig Thomas: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 454, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming. **Page H5980**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5931.

Senate Referrals: S. 231 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, S. 398 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and the Judiciary, S. Con. Res. 32 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and S. 1537 was held at the desk. **Page H6003**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5976–77, H5977–78, H5978, H5979, and H5979–80. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and at midnight, pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 454, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Craig Thomas.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008; REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

The Committee also approved the following: Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations Fiscal Year 2008; and the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations Fiscal Year 2007.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full Committee action the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Ensuring Collective Bargaining Rights for First Responders: H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Kildee; Wayne Seybold, Mayor, Marion, Indiana; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS OCEANS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H. Con. Res. 147, Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies; H. Res. 186,

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and recognizing the considerable value of American beaches and their role in American culture; H.R. 1834, To authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 2400, Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act. Testimony was heard from Craig McLean, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Programs and Administration, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM AND SECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI and provides that the bill shall be considered as read.

No amendments shall be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lantos and Representatives Jackson-Lee of Texas, Costa, Terry and Franks of Arizona.

ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN REDUCING ILLEGAL FILESHARING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Role of Technology in Reducing Illegal Filesharing: A University Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SARBANES-OXLEY COMPLIANCE SMALL BUSINESS COSTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: Will the SEC's and PCAOB's New Standards Lower Compliance Costs

for Small Companies? Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine cracks in the system, focusing on one tuberculosis patient's international public health threat, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine paying for a college education, focusing on the role of private student lending, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the impact of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 506, to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy, S. 635, to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and S. 1523, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the Capitol power plant, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine patent reform, focusing on the future of American innovation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008: Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to mark up appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008, 3 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Department of Defense body armor programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on procurement of Navy boat barriers, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on legislation to Improve Consumer Product Safety for Chil-

dren, H.R. 2474, To provide for an increased maximum civil penalty for violations under the Consumer Product Safety Act; H.R. 1699, Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act; H.R. 814, Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; and H.R. 1721, Pool and Spa Safety Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "U.S. Interests in Reform of China's Financial Services Sector," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in North Africa, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The XDR Tuberculosis Incident: A Poorly Coordinated Federal Response to an Incident with Homeland Implications," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, to mark up H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility, 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Business Community Perspectives, 10 a.m., to meet to Adopt Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills, Rules of Procedure for Private Claims Bills, and Adopt the Subcommittee's Policy on the Granting of Federal Charters; followed by continuation of hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Government Perspectives on Immigration Statistics, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on FDA's Role in the Evaluation of Avandia's Safety, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: S. 5, Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007; and H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 906, Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2007; H.R. 2304, Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007; and H.R. 2313, Marine Renewable Energy Research and Development Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on STEM Education Programs, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing on Data Security, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted Aviation Safety Improvements, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1348, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and vote on or in relation to certain amendments.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 964—Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act; (2) H.R. 1467—10,000 Trained by 2010 Act; (3) H. Res. 421—Honoring the trailblazing accomplishments of the “Mercury 13” women, whose efforts in the early 1960s demonstrated the capabilities of American women to undertake the human exploration of space; (4) H. Res. 446—Honoring the life and accomplishments of Astronaut Walter Marty Schirra and expressing condolences on his passing; (5) H.R. 1716—Green Energy Education Act of 2007; and (6) H.R. 632—H-Prize Act of 2007. Consideration of H.R. 2446—Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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