

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2173–2190, and S. Res. 349–350. **Page S12988**

Measures Passed:

National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 182, recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week. **Page S13023**

Honoring 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Winners: Senate agreed to S. Res. 349, honoring Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for receiving the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of their efforts to promote understanding of the threats posed by global warming. **Pages S13023–25**

Honoring 2007 Nobel Prize Winners in Physiology and Medicine: Senate agreed to S. Res. 350, honoring the achievements of Mario R. Capecchi, Sir Martin J. Evans, and Oliver Smithies, winners of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. **Page S13025**

Measures Considered:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12955–80**

Adopted:

Feinstein/Kyl Amendment No. 3336 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for a feasibility study on the child abuse and neglect registry. **Pages S12966–67**

Harkin (for Smith) Amendment No. 3339 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a technical cor-

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rection to suicide prevention grants authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. **Pages S12970–72**

McCaskill/DeMint Amendment No. 3332 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require the Departments to establish and maintain on their website home pages a direct link to the websites of their Inspectors General. **Page S12978**

Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12955–62**

Vitter Amendment No. 3328 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada. **Pages S12962–64**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. **Pages S12965–66**

Thune Amendment No. 3333 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional funding for the telehealth activities of the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Pages S12972–73**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require that the Secretary of Labor report to Congress regarding jobs lost and created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S12973–76, S12978–80**

Menendez Amendment No. 3347 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005. **Pages S12976–78**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 18, 2007. **Page S13027**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13027.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies;

An original bill entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007"; and

An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund.

CONSUMER WIRELESS ISSUES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer wireless telephone issues, including S. 2033, to provide for greater disclosure to, and empowerment of, consumers who have entered into a contract for cellular telephone service, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, Saint Paul; Patrick Pearlman, West Virginia Public Service Commission, Charleston; Chris Murray, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America and Free Press, and Lowell C. McAdam, Verizon Wireless, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael Higgins, Jr., Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Goldthwaite, Texas, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Jerry Ellig, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, after receiving testimony from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and John

Gieselman, DIRECTV, Inc., John Lawson, Association of Public Television Stations, Kyle McSlarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Marc A. Pearl, Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition, and David K. Rehr, National Association of Broadcasters, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health concluded an oversight to examine the federal Superfund Program and its activities to protect public health, after receiving testimony from Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Lenny Siegel, Center for Public Environmental Oversight, Mountain View, California; Michael W. Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Superfund Settlements Project; Bradley M. Campbell, Bradley M. Campbell, LLC and Minotaur Consulting, LLC, Trenton, New Jersey; J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center (WPC), Leesburg, Virginia; and Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, who was introduced by Senator Feingold; Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic; and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DHS CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, the types of professional and management support services the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has contracted for and the circumstances that drove its contracting decisions, and DHS's consideration and management of risk when contracting for such services, including S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, after receiving testimony from John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Elaine C. Duke, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Steven L. Schooner, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began consideration of the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Lieberman, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf, but did not complete action thereon.

Hearing will next convene on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10 a.m.

VA/DOD COLLABORATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports, after re-

ceiving testimony from former Senator Bob Dole, and Donna E. Shalala, both Co-Chair, President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors; Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, USA (Ret.), Veterans Disability Benefits Commission; Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; Colonel Peter Duffy, USARNG (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Togo D. West, Jr., Independent Review Group, and Gerald T. Manar, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, on behalf of the Independent Budget, all of Washington, D.C; Meredith Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, Jacksonville, Florida; Colonel Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ariana Del Negro, Waialua, Hawaii.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3863–3883; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; H. Con. Res. 238; and H. Res. 752–755 were introduced. **Pages H11727–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11728–29**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Pence moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 694, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2905) to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine (Discharge Petition No. 3).

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 16th:

Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program: H. Res. 549, to recognize the importance of America's Waterway Watch program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 976 and **Pages H11655–56**

Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary

on October 26 and 27, 2007: H. Con. Res. 222, to commend NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 978.

Pages H11670–71

Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 3773, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H11656–68**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–385, modified by the amendment printed in part B of such report, shall be considered as adopted in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. **Pages H11659–68**

H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 975, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 974.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:53 p.m. **Page H11667**

Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases and to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, by a ye-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 980. **Pages H11671–96**

Rejected the Sali motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 979. **Pages H11694–95**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H11677–87**

Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–371) that requires the Federal Railroad Safety Administration to issue regulations requiring owners of track carried on one or more railroad bridges to adopt safety practices to prevent the deterioration of railroad bridges and reduce the risk of human casualties, environmental damage, and disruption to the Nation's transportation system that would result from a catastrophic bridge failure. The amendment also strikes Sections 301, 610, and 616 of the reported bill because these sections were enacted in Public Law 110–53, the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007." The amendment also requires the Secretary to consider additional criteria regarding communities when reviewing applications for a waiver or exemption from sounding locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings; **Pages H11687–89**

Napolitano amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–371) that prohibits mechanical and brake inspections performed in Mexico of rail cars entering the United States from satisfying U.S. rail safety laws unless inspection standards, enforcement standards, and worker training are certified to meet those of the United States and prohibits hazardous material inspections performed in Mexico from satisfying applicable U.S. rail safety laws and regulations; **Pages H11689–90**

Pallone amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–371) that allows state and local authorities to regulate solid waste management facilities and states that the Surface Transportation Board does not have exclusive authority to preempt state and local regulation of solid waste management facilities, as defined in the amendment; and **Pages H11690–92**

Rohrabacher amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–371) that authorizes funds to the Sec-

retary to design and develop a pilot electric cargo conveyor system for the transportation of containers from ports to depots outside of urban areas. **Pages H11692–94**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H11696**

H. Res. 724, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 977. **Pages H11667–70**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11656.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11654, H11654–55, H11655, H11670, H11670–71, H11695, and H11695–96. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATUS OF DTV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition—Part 2." Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

U.S.-RUSSIA ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing on U.S.-Russia Economic Relationship: Implications of the Yukos Affair. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LATE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on The Impacts of Late Housing Payments on Tenants and Owners in the Project-Based Rental Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from John W. Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

BURMA CRISIS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on the Crisis in Burma: Can the U.S. Bring about a Peaceful Resolution? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Lisa Chiles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

ELECTRIC GRID CYBER THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Cyber Threat To Control Systems: Stronger Regulations Are Necessary To Secure the Electric Grid.” Testimony was heard from Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; and Greg Garcia, Assistant Secretary Office of Cyber Security and Telecommunication, Department of Homeland Security.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on House Administration: Held an oversight hearing on The Capitol Visitor Center: the Visitor Experience. Testimony was heard from Terrie S. Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, Capital Visitor Center; Thomas L. Stevens, Director, Visitor Services, U.S. Capitol; and Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police.

SEX CRIMES AND THE INTERNET

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Sex Crimes and the Internet. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pomeroy, Lampson, Musgrave, Carney, Wasserman Schultz, and Rodgers; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael A. Mason, Executive Assistant Director, Cyber Response Branch, FBI; Laurence E. Rothenberg, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL WARMING'S POLAR BEAR PERMAFROST IMPACTS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Disappearing Polar Bears and Permafrost: Is a Global Warming Tipping Point Embedded in the Ice? Testimony was heard from Sue Haseltine, Associate Director, Biology, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WOMEN IN ACADEMIC SCIENCE/ENGINEERING

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Women in Academic Science and Engineering. Testimony was heard from Donna E. Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY PRIORITIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Small Business Energy Priorities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AVIATION NEXTGEN PROGRAM REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on NextGen: The FAA's Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (AD-B) Contract. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Vincent Capezzuto, Manager, Surveillance and Broadcast Services Program Office, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

MARINER EDUCATION AND WORK FORCE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Mariner Education and Work Force. Testimony was heard from RADM Joel Whitehead, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Sean Connaughton, Administrator, MARAD, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

CURRENT CONFLICTS AND LONG-TERM COSTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Long-Term Costs of the Current Conflicts. Testimony was heard from Matthew S. Goldberg, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael J. Kussman, M.D., Under Secretary for Health; and Daniel L. Cooper, VADM (Ret.), Under Secretary, Benefits; and Amy Belasco, Specialist in U.S. Defense Policy and Budget, CRS, Library of Congress.

SERVICE MEMBER TAX RELIEF

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a joint hearing on the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Davis of California, Lampson and Jones of North Carolina; David A. Rust, Acting Deputy

Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Michelle D. LaRock, Deputy Director, Program Development, Division of veterans' Affairs, State of New York; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine lead and children's health, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up the following bills: H.R., 3796, Early Warning and Health

Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, joint hearing on Rendition To Torture: The Case of Maher Arar, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and Their Patients, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following: The Small Business Programs Act of 2007; and the Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act: Successes and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Updating the Montgomery G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Care Professionals—Recruitment and Retention, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities," 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee To Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007, briefing on Voting in the House of Representatives—The Rostrum and the Electronic Voting System: A Walkthrough by the Clerk of the House, 8 a.m., House Floor.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine a parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe, 9:30 a.m., B-318 RHOB.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, October 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3043, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

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