

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2016–2017. **Pages S11051–52**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, August 29, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 16, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 110–146)

S. 1233, to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–147)

S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–148)

Reported on Tuesday, September 4:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–149)

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail.

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Measures Passed:

Treatment of Anemia: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 305, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11080–81**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11010–19**

Adopted:

Reed/Hutchison Amendment No. 2656, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S11010–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. **Page S11081**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

1996 Protocol to Convention on Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes (Treaty Doc. No. 110–5); and

Amendment to Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (Treaty Doc. No. 110–6).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S11081**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 69 yeas 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 311), Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S11019–38, S11082**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 21, 2007.

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Messages from the House: Pages S11047, S11048

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Text of S. 163 and S. 849 as Previously Passed: Pages S11066–71, S11071–73

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—311) Page S11038

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11081.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the treatment of detainees from certain members of the intelligence community.

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT ON IRAQI BENCHMARKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent assessment of Iraq, focusing on securing, stabilizing, and rebuilding the country, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3470–3471; 1 private bill, H.R. 3472; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 629–631, were introduced. Page H10076

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H10076–77

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2992, to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–312);

H.R. 3020, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–313);

H.R. 1908, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–314); and

H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek

Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, and to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–315, Pt. 1). **Pages H10075–76**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McDermott to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10019**

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

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2007: H.R. 694, amended, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 331 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 847; **Pages H10021–23, H10042–43**

Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2007: H.R. 2850, amended, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program; **Pages H10023–26**

SBA Trade Programs Act of 2007: H.R. 2992, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs; **Pages H10026–29**

Microloan Amendments and Modernization Act: H.R. 3020, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 848; and **Pages H10029–32, H10043–44**

Native American \$1 Coin Act: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10036–38**

Authorizing the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 196, to authorize the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. **Page H10038**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H10038**

College Cost Reduction Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H10038–42**

Agreed to the Hoekstra motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 305 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 849. **Pages H10038–42, H10045–46**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives George Miller (CA), Andrews, Scott (VA), Hinojosa, Tierney, Wu, Davis (CA), Davis (IL), Bishop (NY), Hirono, Altmire, Yarmuth, Courtney, McKeon, Keller (FL), McMorris Rodgers, Foxx, Kuhl (NY), Walberg, Souder, Ehlers, Biggert, and Price (GA). **Page H10046**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, September 5th:

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China: H. Res. 552, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to remove barriers to United States financial services firms doing business in China. **Pages H10032–36**

Oath of Office—Thirty-Seventh Congressional District of California: Representative-elect Laura Richardson presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a Certificate of Election from the Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the official returns of the Special Election held on August 21, 2007, the Honorable Laura Richardson was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Seventh Congressional District, State of California. **Page H10044**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Laura Richardson, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H10045**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10020.

Senate Referrals: S. 163 was referred to the Committee on Small Business and S. 849 was held at the desk. **Page H10071**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10042–43, H10043–44, H10045–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1137)

S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes. Signed on August 5, 2007. (Public Law 110–55)

H.R. 3206, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 15, 2007, and for other purposes. Signed on August 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–57)

H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the “Claude Ramsey Post Office”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–58)

H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “S Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–59)

H.R. 1384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Buck Owens Post Office”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–60)

H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin ‘Rex’ Young Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–61)

H.R. 1434, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–62)

H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the “Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–63)

H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the “Leonard W. Herman Post Office”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–64)

H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–65)

H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the “George B. Lewis

Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–66)

H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the “Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–67)

H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the “Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–68)

H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–69)

H.R. 2309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–70)

H.R. 2563, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisely Post Office”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–71)

H.R. 2570, 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”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–72)

H.R. 2688, 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”. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–73)

S. 1099, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance. Signed on August 9, 2007. (Public Law 110–74)

H.R. 2863, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–75)

H.R. 2952, to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–76)

H.R. 3006, to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–77)

S. 375, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United

States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–78)

S. 975, granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–79)

S. 1716, to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers. Signed on August 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–80)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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 the Utah mine disaster, focusing on preventing future coal mining tragedies, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its continuing importance, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the qualifications for those who advise seniors about financial issues, 3 p.m., SD–628.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 5 through September 8,
2007

Senate Chamber

On Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Utah mine disaster, focusing on preventing future coal mining tragedies, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Armed Services: September 6, to hold hearings to examine a report on the findings of the Iraqi Security Forces Independent Assessment Commission, 10 a.m., SH–216.

September 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a report of the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks, with the possibility of a closed session in SR–222 immediately following the open session, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 6, to hold hearings to examine the potential human health, water quality, and other impacts of the confined animal feeding operation industry, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: September 6, to continue hearings to examine carried interest (Part III), focusing on pension issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: September 6, to hold hearings to examine a Department of Homeland Security status report, focusing on assessing challenges and measuring progress, 1:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 5, to hold hearings to examine the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and its continuing importance, 10 a.m., SD–226.

September 6, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, 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, S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, S. Res. 134, designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month", and the nominations of Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: September 5, to hold hearings to examine the qualifications for those who advise seniors about financial issues, 3 p.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, September 5, hearing on the Comptroller General's assessment of the Iraqi government's record of performance, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in provincial reconstruction teams, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

September 6, full Committee, hearing on the report of the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, September 5, Subcommittee on Health, Labor and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 2015, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 5, hearing entitled "Recent Events in the Credit and Mortgage Markets and Possible Implications for U.S. Consumers and the Global Economy," 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, joint hearing on H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 5, hearing on Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 6, full Committee and the Committee on Armed Services, joint hearing on Beyond the September Report: What's Next for Iraq? 9 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 5, hearing entitled "Holding the Department of Homeland Security Accountable for Security Gaps," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 6, hearing entitled "Turning Spy Satellites on the Homeland: the Privacy and Civil Liberties Implications of the National Applications Office," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 5, to consider a resolution establishing a Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, 10:05; followed by a hearing on Warrantless Surveillance and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: The Role of Checks and Balances in Protecting Americans' Privacy Rights, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on American Workers in Crisis:

Does the Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Law Treat Employees and Retirees Fairly? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Implementation of the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004" (Public Law 108-277) and Additional Legislative Efforts Aimed at Expanding the Authority to Carry Concealed Firearms, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on H.R. 1645, Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, September 6, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; and H.R. 1913, Great Cats Conservation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 5, to consider the following: H.R. 2786, Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

September 6, to consider H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, September 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment hearing on the Benefits and Challenges of Producing Liquid Fuel from Coal: The Role for Federal Research, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 6, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Astronaut Health Care System—Results of an Independent Review, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 6, hearing on the Small Business Administration's Investment and Surety Bond Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 5, hearing on Structurally Deficient Bridges in the United States, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 6, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Veterans Preference, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 6, hearing on Fair and Equitable Tax Policy for American's Working Families, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 6, executive hearing on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 7, executive, briefing on Iraq National Intelligence Estimate, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, September 6, hearing entitled "The Future of Coal Under Carbon Capture and Storage," 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through August 31, 2007

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	120	111	..
Time in session	925 hrs., 56'	1,032 hrs., 8'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	10,997	10,018	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,781	..
Public bills enacted into law	19	61	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	4	4	..
Measures passed, total	375	694	1,069
Senate bills	55	23	..
House bills	68	318	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions	2	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	16	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	24	58	..
Simple resolutions	207	288	..
Measures reported, total	*267	*300	567
Senate bills	154	2	..
House bills	42	205	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	6	..
Simple resolutions	59	87	..
Special reports	15	6	..
Conference reports	1	5	..
Measures pending on calendar	213	36	..
Measures introduced, total	2,372	4,347	6,719
Bills	2,007	3,469	..
Joint resolutions	17	48	..
Concurrent resolutions	43	202	..
Simple resolutions	305	628	..
Quorum calls	6	7	..
Yea-and-nay votes	310	385	..
Recorded votes .....	..	454	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through August 31, 2007

Civilian nominations, totaling 354, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		162
Unconfirmed		174
Withdrawn		17
Returned to White House		1
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,229, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,227
Unconfirmed		2
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,961, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,844
Unconfirmed		117
Army nominations, totaling 2,620, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,341
Unconfirmed		279
Navy nominations, totaling 3,759, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		2,400
Unconfirmed		1,359
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,327, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,325
Unconfirmed		2
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		0
Total nominations received this Session		16,250
Total confirmed		14,299
Total unconfirmed		1,933
Total withdrawn		17
Total returned to the White House		1

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3062—South Pacific Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007; (2) S. 377—United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act of 2007; (3) H. Res. 34—Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient; (4) H. Res. 508—Recognizing the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war against terrorism; (5) H. Res. 575—Commending the people and the Government of the

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation; (6) H.R. 954—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”; (7) H. Res. 554—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month; (8) H. Res. 544—Expressing the sympathy and pledging the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding in 20 counties in eastern Kansas beginning on June 26, 2007; (9) H. Con. Res. 165—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week; (10) H.R. 3052—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”; (11) H.R. 3106—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”; (12) H.R. 3218—To designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as “Cal Ripken Way”; (13) H. Res. 606—Honoring the city of Minneapolis, first responders, and the citizens of the State of Minnesota for their valiant efforts in responding to the horrific collapse of the Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge; and (14) H. Con. Res. 181—Recognizing and commending all volunteers and other persons who provide support to the families and children of members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are deployed in service to the United States.

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