

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2315–2323. **Page S14062**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–221)

S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years. (S. Rept. No. 110–222)

S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–223)

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. Rept. No. 110–224)

Report to accompany S. 775, to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–225) **Page S14062**

Measures Passed:

Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2602, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the “Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14095**

Accountability in Government Contracting Act: Senate passed S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14095–14101**

Durbin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3565, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14101**

Veto Messages:

Water Resources Development Act—Veto Message: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the veto message of the President to accompany H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and that the message be considered as having been read, and spread in full in the Journal; provided further, that Senate continue consideration of the veto message to accompany H.R. 1495, at approximately 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and that there be 30 minutes remaining for debate divided 7½ minutes each between Senators Boxer and Inhofe, and 15 minutes for the Republican Leader, or his designee; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, the objections of the President, notwithstanding. **Pages S14044–56**

Conference Reports:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany 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. **Pages S14028–44**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 404), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the point of order under Senate Rule 28, paragraph 3, that the text of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Bill (H.R. 2642), which constitutes Division B of the

Conference Report for H.R. 3043, is new matter, as it was not contained in either the House or Senate-passed bills. Subsequently, the point of order was sustained and the language that is the subject of the point of order is stricken. **Page S14043**

By 56 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 405), Senate agreed to the motion to recede from its amendment to H.R. 3043 and concur with a further amendment. **Pages S14043–44**

Adopted:

Hutchison/Harkin Amendment No. 3557, in the nature of a substitute.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Charles A. Gargano, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

Eric J. Tanenblatt, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—405) **Pages S14043, S14044**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thurs-

day, November 8, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14101.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CARBON SEQUESTRATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine carbon sequestration technologies, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Burruss, Research Geologist, Energy Resources Team, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Howard Herzog, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and Environment, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Charles E. Fox, Kinder Morgan, Houston, Texas; Sally M. Benson, Stanford University Global Climate and Energy Project, Stanford, California; Ron Wolfe, Sealaska Corporation, Juneau, Alaska; and Bryan Hannegan, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States government enforcement of intellectual property rights, including S. 522, to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and S. 2317, to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to strengthen and harmonize the protection of intellectual property, after receiving testimony from Senator Bayh; Chris S. Israel, Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement, Department of Commerce; Christopher L. Moore, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade Policy and Programs, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Chairman, Task Force on Intellectual Property, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2300, to improve the Small Business Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

VETERANS CLAIMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the performance and structure of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, after receiving testimony from William P. Greene, Jr., Chief Judge, United States

Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; R. Randall Campbell, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Richard Paul Cohen, National Organization of Veterans Advocates (NOVA), Inc., Christine Cote, National Veterans Legal Services Program, and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4102–4112; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 807 were introduced. **Pages H13295–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13296–97**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
H. Res. 806, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–435). **Page H13295**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Irwin N. Goldenberg, Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania. **Page H13209**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic. The House reconvened at 12:27 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H13209**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Emanuel, Larson (CT), Lantos, Markey, Skelton, Lewis (GA), Lowey, Capps, Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, Ros-Lehtinen, Gallely, Stearns, Shimkus, Cantor, Wilson (SC), and Poe; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Kerry, Lieberman, Feinstein, Boxer, Landrieu, McConnell, Lott, Kyl, Cornyn, Hutchison, Ensign, Snowe, Collins, and Smith.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on October 31st. **Page H13213**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hastings (WA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 164 yeas to 254 nays, Roll No. 1051. **Page H13225**

Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3685, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 1057. **Pages H13216–53**

Rejected the Forbes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 1056. **Pages H13250–52**

Accepted:

George Miller (CA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–422) that (1) provides explicitly that any religious corporation, school, association or society that is exempt under either Section 702(a) or 703(e)(2) of Title VII's religious exemptions is exempt under ENDA; it clarifies that the scope of Title VII's exemption is exactly the scope of ENDA's exemption (if a school is exempt from Title VII's religious discrimination prohibitions, it will also be exempt from ENDA); and (2) clarifies that ENDA does not alter the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in any way. It strikes language referencing "a same-sex couple who are not married" in the Employee Benefits section of ENDA. It also inserts language clarifying that the term "married" has the meaning given such term in DOMA, directly incorporating DOMA's definition of marriage (by a recorded vote of 402 yeas to 25 noes, Roll No. 1054) and **Pages H13243–45, H13249**

Souder amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–422) that strikes paragraph (3) of section 8(a), which prohibits employers from conditioning employment on a person being married or being eligible to be married (by a recorded vote of 325 yeas to 101 noes, Roll No. 1055).

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Withdrawn:

Baldwin amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110-422) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have expanded ENDA's protections to persons discriminated against based on gender identity, defined as the gender-related identity, appearance, or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, with or without regard to the individual's designated sex at birth. The amendment included language concerning shared facilities, dress, and grooming standards, as well as a paragraph stating that the construction of additional facilities are not required. **Pages H13247-49**

H. Res. 793, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 1053, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 1052.

Pages H13216-17, H13226-28

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, November 5th:

Recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino: H. Con. Res. 236, amended, to recognize the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1058.

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United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Further consideration is expected to resume Thursday, November 8th.

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H. Res. 801, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 349 yeas to 55 noes, Roll No. 1059, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13263.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H13297-H13300.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13225, H13227, H13227-28, H13249, H13249-50, H13252, H13252-53, H13253-54, H13263. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEAT INDUSTRY RECALLS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review recent recalls in the meat industry. Testimony was heard from Richard Raymond, M.D., Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1328, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4043, Preserving and Expanding Minority Depository Institutions Act; H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007; H.R. 3837, amended, Escrow, Appraisal, and Mortgage Servicing Improvements Act; H.R. 4050, Levee-Like Structure Consideration Act of 2007.

Began markup of H.R. 4051, Housing Assistance Authorization Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Terrorism in Contemporary Pakistan. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE MERGER; CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION AND SLAVE LABOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3690, U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Construction of the United States Capital: Recognizing the Contributions of Slave Labor. Testimony was heard from Senator Lincoln; Representative Lewis of Georgia, former Representative J.C. Watts of Oklahoma; William C. Allen, Architectural Historian, Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1312, Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act; H.R. 1759, amended, Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of

2007; H.R. 2489, Genocide Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3971, amended, Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007; H.R. 3992, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 971, amended, Community Pharmacy Fairness Act of 2007.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 3079, Northern Mariana Islands Covenant Implementation Act; Northern Mariana Islands Delegate Act; H.R. 1497, Legal Timber Protection Act; H.R. 3998, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures; H.R. 1662, To amend the Reclamation Safety Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities; and H.R. 2246, To validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads.

DRUG RESISTANT INFECTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Drug Resistant Infections in the Community: Consequences for Public Health. Testimony was heard from Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; James Burns, M.D., Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health, Department of Health, State of Virginia; Elizabeth A. Bancroft, M.D., Medical Epidemiologist, Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services, Los Angeles, California; and public witnesses.

NEGOTIATING WITH IRANIANS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences, Part 2, Negotiating with Iranians: Missed Opportunities and Paths Forward. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle Eastern Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a conference report rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3222, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008, and against its consideration and providing that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Murtha.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The State of The Small Business Economy," to examine the production, employment and output of our nation's small businesses. Testimony was heard from Frederic S. Mishkin, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3882, To amend title 38, United States Code, to change the length of the obligated period of service on active duty required for receiving certain education benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

BRIEFINGS—PAKISTAN; AND CIA INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA Inspector General. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

OIL SHOCK: POTENTIAL FOR CRISIS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Oil Shock: Potential for Crisis." Testimony was heard from ADM Dennis Blair, USN, (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Carol P. Browner, former Administrator, EPA.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine localism, diversity, and media ownership, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic

rivers, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1449, to establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological, anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geologic artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Denver, Colorado, S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1961, to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama, S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, S. 2098, to establish the Northern Plains Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. 2220, to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations, and H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on options and implications for Lebanon and the surrounding region, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine ways to protect the employment rights of those who protect the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2135, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and the nominations of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for

the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Securing Retirement Coverage for Future Generations, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 1747, Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 2634, Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007, 10 a.m.; and to continue markup of H.R. 4051, Housing Assistance Authorization Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Lebanon on the Brink, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Progress and Pitfalls of the Terrorist Watch List," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Torture and the Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment of Detainees: The Effectiveness and Consequences of "Enhanced" Interrogation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Review of the Prison Reform Act: A Decade of Reform or an Increase in Prison and Abuses?; and H.R. 1889, Private Prison Information Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on H.R. 750, Save America Comprehensive Immigration Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on H.R. 3994, Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on EPA Approval of New Power Plants: Failure to Address Global Warming Pollutants; and to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3179, Local Preparedness Acquisition Act; H.R. 2414, Metropolitan Police Department and Fire Service Act of 2007; H.R. 3974, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building;" H.R. 4009, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res 211, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day;" H. Con. Res. 215, Supporting the

designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week;” H. Res. 695, Expressing the support for designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day;” and H. Res. 785, Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Robstown, Texas, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Near-Earth Objects (NEOs)—Status of the Survey Program and Review of NASA’s Report to Congress, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled “Medicare Reimbursement Cuts: The Potential Impact on Solo and Small Group Medical Practices,” 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 3047, Veterans Claims Processing Innovation Act of 2007; H.R. 3249, Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3286, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran’s survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death; H.R.

3415, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 1137, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase to \$2,000 the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension under that title and to provide for payment of that pension to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient; H.R. 3954, Providing Military Honors for our Nation’s Heroes Act; H.R. 3286, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran’s survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death; and H.R. 4984, Veterans Quality of Life Study Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine outstanding issues relating to the 1992–1995 conflict in Bosnia, focusing on violent ethnic cleansing, and how they shape politics, society, and economic development in Bosnia, 2 p.m., B-318–RHOB.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Conference: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, 5:30 p.m., 2175–RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Thursday, November 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the veto message of the President on H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3355—Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007 and the conference report to accompany H.R. 3222—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008.

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