

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, Head Start for School Readiness Act.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

The House passed H.R. 4156, Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008.

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S14353–S14423*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2349–2356, and S. Res. 378–382. **Page S14398**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 311, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. (S. Rept. No. 110–229)

H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”.

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H.R. 3518, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the “Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3572, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”.

S. 2107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”.

S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the “Larry S. Pierce Post Office”.

S. 2150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”.

S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the “Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building”.

S. 2290, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the “Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building”.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

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**Breast Cancer Research Postage Stamp Extension:** Senate passed S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Feinstein/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3676, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years.

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Durbin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3678, to amend the title.

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**Festival of Diwali:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 3677, of a perfecting nature.

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**International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 368, expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 20th Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should pursue a moratorium on the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to ensure control of the fishery and further facilitate recovery of the stock, pursue strengthened conservation and management measures to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, and seek a review of compliance by all Nations with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas’ conservation and management recommendation for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Military Families:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 378, recognizing and thanking all military families for the tremendous sacrifices and contributions they have made to the Nation.

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**Feed America Thursday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 379, designating Thursday, November 15, 2007 as “Feed America Thursday”.

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**Hostelling International USA:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 380, recognizing Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and to youth travel.

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**Remembering and Commemorating Maryknoll Sisters:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 381, remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the Armed Forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980.

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**World Diabetes Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 382, supporting the goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Farm Bill Extension Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs.

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Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date.

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Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512.

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Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 (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 Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007; that only certain amendments be in order, other than the pending amendments, and that they be subject to second-degree amendments that are relevant to the first-degree amendments to which they are offered; provided further, that all germane first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007, however Members do not need to refile any germane amendments already filed. **Pages S14421, S14388–89**

**Head Start for School Readiness Act—Conference Report:** By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 409), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14375–87**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Rule XIV—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate begins the Rule XIV procedure with respect to H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, that it be considered as having been initiated on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. **Page S14393**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 110–3) (Ex. Rept. 110–2);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 109–19) (Ex. Rept. 110–3);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Finland (Treaty Doc. 109–18) (Ex. Rept. 110–4); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 109–20) (Ex. Rept. 110–5). **Pages S14397–98**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S14396**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S14397**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S14397**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S14397–98**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S14399–S14401**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—409) **Page S14386**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14422.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND PROXY ACCESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, and Jeff Mahoney, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.; Anne Simpson, International Corporate Governance Network, London, United Kingdom; and Dennis Johnson, California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento.

### FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on assessing the economic and national security implications, after receiving testimony from David McCormick, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Alan Larson, Covington and Burling, LLP, New York, New York; Edwin M. Truman, Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Patrick Mulloy, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gerald Lyons, Standard Chartered Bank, London, United Kingdom.

### FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science

and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Jack A. Kaye, Director, Research Division, Office of Earth Science, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Donald F. Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Cambridge; Braxton C. Davis, Coastal States Organization, and Richard H. Moss, World Wildlife Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter C. Frumhoff, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lynne M. Carter, Adaptation Network, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; and John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville.

#### GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, after receiving testimony from Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and Terry Wallace, Principal Associate Director for Science, Technology and Engineering, Los Alamos National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Neil E. Todreas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, and Matthew Bunn, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Pattabi Seshadri, Boston Consulting Group, Dallas, Texas.

#### FEDERAL ESTATE TAX

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the federal estate and gift tax rules, focusing on uncertainty in planning under the current law, after receiving testimony from Nevada State Senator Dean Rhoads, Tuscarora; Warren Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway, Omaha, Nebraska; Conrad Teitell, Cummings and Lockwood LLC, Stamford, Connecticut; and Eugene Sukup, Sukup Manufacturing Company, Sheffield, Iowa.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2324, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, with an amendment;

S. 2292, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1667, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2321, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347) to reauthorize appropriations;

H.R. 390, to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases, with an amendment;

H.R. 3571, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term;

S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building";

H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office";

H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building";

H.R. 3308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office";

H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building";

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H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William

Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office”;

S. 2290, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the “Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building”;

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007;

H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building”;

S. 2150 and H.R. 3572, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”;

S. 2107 and H.R. 3307, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3518, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

## MEDICAID PROVIDERS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Medicaid providers, focusing on a recent study conducted by the Government Accountability Office on unpaid taxes, the extent of the problem, and possible solutions, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Linda Stiff, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Kenneth R. Papaj, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Dennis G. Smith, Director, Centers for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 911, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 901, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Julie Fisher Cummings, of Michigan, Mark D. Gearan, of New York, Tom Osborne, of Nebraska, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, and Donna N. Williams, of Texas, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and a promotion list in the Public Health Service.

## HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine accountability for human rights violators in the United States, after receiving testimony from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Marcy M.

Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; David Scheffer, Northwestern University School of Law Center for International Rights, Chicago, Illinois; Pamela Merchant, Center for Justice and Accountability, San Francisco, California; and Juan Romagoza Arce, La Clinica Del Pueblo, Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Management, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2004, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; S. 2142, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities;

S. 2160, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4172–4189; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64; H. Con. Res. 258; and H. Res. 823, 826–827 were introduced. **Pages H13958–59**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13959–60**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 824, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–449) and

H. Res. 825, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3915) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans (H. Rept. 110–450). **Page H13958**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Deacon Bob Little, St. Helena Catholic Church, St. Helena, California. **Page H13863**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1094. **Pages H13863, H13888–89**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

*Expressing the sympathy and pledging the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico:* H. Res. 812, amended, to express the sympathy and to pledge the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1087; **Pages H13873–74**

*Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007:* H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 1088; and **Pages H13874–75**

*Condemning the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga:* H. Res. 811, to condemn the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1089. **Page H13876**



**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Augustus (Gus) Hawkins, former Member of Congress. **Pages H13875–76**

**Head Start for School Readiness Act:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access, by a ye-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 1090.

**Pages H13876–84**

H. Res. 813, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1086.

**Pages H13867–73**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

***PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007:*** H.R. 3845, amended, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1091 and

**Pages H13884–85**

***Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators Act of 2007:*** H.R. 719, amended, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1092.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize additional appropriations for supervision of Internet access by sex offenders convicted under Federal law, and for other purposes.”

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**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 258, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

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**Question of Consideration:** The House agreed to consider H. Res. 817, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 1093.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Lincoln Diaz-Balart motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 150 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 1095.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Flake motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 154 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 1100.

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**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 1102.

**Pages H13896–H13901, H13902–04**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the committee of conference by a ye-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 1101.

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H. Res. 817, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 1098, and the House subsequently agreed to the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 1099. Earlier, the House agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 195 noes, Roll No. 1096, and subsequently agreed to the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 1097.

**Pages H13889–91, H13891–96**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

***Effective Child Pornography Prosecution Act of 2007:*** H.R. 4120, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1105.

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**Call of the House:** On the Call of the House, 377 members reported their presence, Roll No. 1106.

**Pages H13937–38**

**Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House passed H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 1108.

**Pages H13917–37, H13938–43**

Rejected the Young (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House

forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 1107.

**Pages H13941–43**

H. Res. 818, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1104, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1103.

**Pages H13904–16**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, November 15th. **Page H13943**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13904.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eighteen yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13873, H13874, H13874–75, H13876, H13883–84, H13884, H13885, H13888, H13889, H13891, H13893, H13894, H13894–95, H13895, H13901–02, H13903, H13904, H13915, H13915–16, H13916–17, H13942–43, and H13943. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1106, which appears on pages H13937–38.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive, Architect of the Capitol; Terrie S. Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, Capitol Visitor Center; Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### AFRICA COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Africa Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ryan Henry, Principal Under Secretary, Policy; and GEN William E. Ward, USA, Command U.S. Africa Command; and Ambassador Stephen Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

### COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Began mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow

### MERIDA INITIATIVE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thoms A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

### U.S.-GREECE RELATIONS AND REGIONAL ISSUES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

### TSA SECURITY TEST TIP OFF

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Cover Blown—Did TSA Tip Off Airport Screeners about Covert Testing?” Testimony was heard from Edmond S. Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Office of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and a public witness.

### ONLINE GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Establishing Consistent Enforcement Policies in the Context of Online Wagers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Berkley and Goodlatte; Catherine Hanaway, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice; Valerie Abend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2445, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village; H.R. 3350, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; H.R. 3351, Native American Challenge Demonstration Project Act of 2007; and H.R. 3560, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Melissa Simpson, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Ben



Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Assessing Whistle Blower Allegations Against the State Department Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General, Department of State.

#### MERCURY DENTAL FILLINGS ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on the Environmental Risks of and Regulatory Response to Dental Mercury Amalgam. Testimony was heard from Ephraim King, Director, Office of Science and Technology, EPA; Norris Alderson, M.D., Director, Office of Science and Health Coordination, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### MILITARY ACTION IN IRAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences, Part 3—Regional and Global Consequences of U.S. Military Action in Iran. Testimony was heard from COL Lawrence Wilkerson, USA (ret.), former Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Colin Powell; COL Samuel B. Gardiner, USAF (ret.), former faculty member, National War College, the Naval War College, and the Air War College; Paul Pillar, former National Intelligence Officer, Near East and South Asia, 2000 to 2005 and Deputy Director, CIA Counterterrorism Center; LTG Paul K. Van Riper, USMC (ret.) former Commanding General of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and a public witness.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in this report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives Maloney of New York, Watt, Miller of North Carolina and Pryce of Ohio.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS RESTORE ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 3773, the “RESTORE Act of 2007.” The rule provides for further consideration of the bill pursuant to House Resolution 746.

The rule provides that time for debate on the bill pursuant to House Resolution 746 shall be considered as expired. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for one hour, with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule provides that the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this rule shall be considered as adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes and Representatives Smith of Texas and Hoekstra.

#### SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTING

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing on Program Harmonization in Rural America—How the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture Can Work Together to Better Serve

Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, GAO; Leon Milobar, Nebraska Office, SBA; and public witnesses.

## HEALTH CARE GAPS AND INCOME SECURITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Effects of Gap in Health Coverage on Work, Family and Opportunity. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS AND CYBER

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

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

## STATE LEADERSHIP TOWARDS LOW-CARBON ENERGY FUTURE

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.* Held a hearing entitled "State Leadership Towards a Low-Carbon Energy Future." Testimony was heard from the ng Governors: Eliot Spitzer, New York and Janet Napolitano, Arizona.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine issues facing the United States space program after retirement of the space shuttles, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2203, to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to continue hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the anti-drug package for Mexico and Central America, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine restoring Congressional intent and protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,

the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the national level of preparedness of the United States to respond following a radiological dispersion device (RDD) or "dirty bomb" attack, focusing on the coordination with and capabilities of federal, state, and local governments to work together, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, S. Res. 366, designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse, S. Res. 367, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall, and the nominations of 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.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), time to be announced, room to be announced.

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

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine nursing home transparency and improvement, focusing on federal, state, and industry initiatives to improve nursing home transparency, enforcement, and the quality of services in the country's 16,000 nursing homes, 1:30 p.m., SD-G50.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on strategic communications and countering ideological support for terrorism, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* to continue mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, time to be announced, 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1216, Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2007; and HR. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Diplomatic Assurances on Torture: A Case

Study of Why Some Are Accepted and Others Rejected, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled “Leveraging Mutual Aid for Effective Emergency Response,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Protecting the Playroom: Holding Foreign Manufacturers Accountable for Defective Products, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4074, San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act; H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3739, To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirement for the statement of findings, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing on One Year Later: Have TSA Airport Security Checkpoints Improved? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Next Generation Border and Maritime Security Technologies: H.R. 3916, To provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Small Business: Improving the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation and Airport Holiday Travel Preparations, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing to review Pending MGIB legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Trends in Nursing Home Ownership and Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on IC Clearance and Security Concerns, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 15

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, November 15

## 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. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Vote on the President's Veto of H.R. 3043—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Consideration of H.R. 3915—Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3773—RESTORE Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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