

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13029–S13135

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2191–2206, S.J. Res. 21, S. Res. 351–353, and S. Con. Res. 50–51.

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Measures Passed:

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 351, designating the week beginning October 21, 2007, as “National Character Counts Week”.

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United States-Mongolia Relations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations.

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Fair Elections in Lebanon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a sovereign, democratic, and prosperous Lebanon and the need for free and fair presidential elections in Lebanon without intimidation or foreign interference.

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Lights on Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, supporting “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after school programs.

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NASA Langley Research Center Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 222, commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007.

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Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 2206, to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109–116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks.

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Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indem-

nity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation.

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Government of Libya: Senate passed S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya.

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Measures Considered:

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

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Adopted:

DeMint Amendment No. 3340 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide that none of the funds made available under the Act may be used to circumvent any statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive awarding process to award funds to a project in response to a request from a Member of Congress.

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Dole Amendment No. 3341 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the National Cord Blood Stem Cell Program.

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By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 374), Harkin Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for activities to reduce infections from methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and related infections.

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By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 375), Byrd Amendment No. 3362 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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By 81 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 376), Brown/Voinovich Amendment No. 3348 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

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Coburn/Kyl Amendment No. 3321 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional care for pregnant women, mothers, and infants by eliminating a \$1,000,000 earmark for a museum dedicated to Woodstock. (By 42 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 377), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Brown Amendment No. 3349 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the Secretary of Education from using funds with respect to an evaluation for the Upward Bound Program until congressional examination of the regulation providing for such review.

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By 68 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 378), Harkin (for Reid) Amendment No. 3395 (to Amendment No. 3325), to clarify the application of current law.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3325), of a perfecting nature.

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Harkin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3323 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide an annual report card for the Department of Education.

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Harkin (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3325), to express the sense of the Senate regarding science teaching and assessment.

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Harkin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 3355 (to Amendment No. 3325), to allocate funds to the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model Systems of Care Program.

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Harkin (for Alexander/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3375 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funds for partnership grants for teacher preparation under title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 373), DeMint Amendment No. 3338 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service.

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By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 379), Vitter Amendment No. 3330 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the provision of funds to grantees who perform abortions.

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By 46 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 380), Sessions Amendment No. 3373 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase the amount of funds available for the Office of Labor-Management Standards.

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Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 3356 (to Amendment No. 3325), to modify provisions relating to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. **Page S13051**

Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13032–33**

Vitter Amendment No. 3328 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada. **Page S13032**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Page S13032**

Thune Amendment No. 3333 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional funding for the telehealth activities of the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Page S13032**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require that the Secretary of Labor report to Congress regarding jobs lost and created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Page S13032**

Menendez Amendment No. 3347 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005. **Page S13032**

Ensign Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico. **Page S13043**

Ensign Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. **Page S13043**

Lautenberg/Snowe Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate. **Pages S13047–48**

Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325), to fund the small business child care grant program. **Page S13048**

Reed Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Page S13064**

Allard Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3325), to reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). **Pages S13064–66**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007;

provided further, that all first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007. **Page S13135**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-28) **Pages S13076-77**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2014.

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Text of H.R. 3093, as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—380) **Pages S13042, S13049, S13050, S13062**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S13135.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, focusing on issues related to funding and overseeing infrastructure projects, strengthening highway, rail, and air safety, reducing congestion, and modernizing the National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

SCIENCE PARKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, including S. 1373, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, after receiving testimony from Senator Bingaman; J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Inc., Newark, on behalf of the Association of University Research Parks (AURP); Phillip S. Stafford, University of Arkansas Technology Development Foundation, Fayetteville; and Randall T. Kempner, Regional Innovation, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Council on Competitiveness.

LEAD EFFECTS ON CHILDREN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lead and children’s health, focusing on scientific evidence of lead’s effects on children, recent research and incidents highlighting exposures and risks to children from lead, and mechanisms for addressing and preventing childhood lead exposures, after receiving testimony from James B. Gulliford, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Olivia

Farrow, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Bruce P. Lanphear, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; Thomas G. Neltner, Sierra Club, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of sundry organizations; Mike Nagel, National Association of Home Builders, Roselle, Illinois; and David E. Jacobs, National Center for Healthy Housing, Columbia, Maryland.

TRADE: HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, after receiving testimony from Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Cal Dooley, Grocery Manufacturers/Food Products Association, Washington, D.C.; Sandy Kennedy, Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), Arlington, Virginia; and Jean Halloran, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

HATCH ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, after receiving testimony from James M. Byrne, Deputy Special Counsel, and Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief, Hatch Act Unit, both of the Office of Special Counsel; B. Chad Bungard, General Counsel, Merit Systems Protection Board; and Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, John Gage, American Federation

of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, and Thomas Devine, Government Accountability Project, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf, and receiving testimony from Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, and Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, both of Washington, D.C.; Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, JAGC, USN (Ret.), Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire; Dawn E. Johnsen, Indiana University Bloomington School of Law, Bloomington, Illinois; and Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and Mary Jo White, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, both of New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2007".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 3884–3910; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 239; and H. Res. 756–761 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–386);

H.R. 3247, to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–387);

H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–388);

H.R. 505, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (H. Rept. 110–389); and

H.R. 3564, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative

Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011 (H. Rept. 110–390). **Page H11775**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11731**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 981.

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Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts: Representative-elect Niki Tsongas 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 letter from the Honorable William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on October 16, 2007, the Honorable Niki Tsongas was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Page H11734**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Ms. Niki Tsongas, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Pages H11734–35**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 273 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 982 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H11735–54**

Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–62) and the bill were referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means. **Page H11754**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H11755**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 24th. **Page H11755**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2007—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–65). **Page H11756**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H11733–34 and H11753–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY'S STRUCTURAL CHANGES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; and Robert Perito, Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute for Peace.

TAX CODE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3796, amended, Early Warning and Health Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007.

INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RENDITION OF TORTURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on Rendition to Torture: The Case of Maher Arar. Testimony was heard from Maher Arar; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST LAWS AND COMMUNITY PHARMACIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and their Patients. Testimony was heard from David Wales, Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Victoria A. Espinel, Assistant U.S. Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK MINING RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Began markup of H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007.

Will continue on October 23.

NORTHERN ROCKIES ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney, Shays, and Rehberg; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BLACK CARBON AND THE ARCTIC

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURE IDENTITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents. Testimony was heard from Kathy Kraninger, Director, Screening Coordination Office, Department of Homeland Security; Benjamin M. Brink, Assistant Public Printer, Security and Intelligent Documents, GPO; David M. Temoshok, Director, Identity Policy and Management, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA; Bonnie Rutledge, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills H.R. 3866, Small Business Programs Act of 2007; and H.R. 3867, Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act.

CLEAN WATER ACT REVIEW

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act: Successes and Future Challenges Testimony was heard from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

UPDATING MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Updating the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Bombard, Chairman, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; and Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education, Veterans Benefit Administration; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas F. Bush, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; and Curtis L. Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Larry Shellito, USA, Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS—RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Professionals—Recruitment and Retention. Testimony was heard from William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ENERGY AND GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—VOTING IN THE HOUSE—ROSTRUM AND ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007: Held a briefing on Voting in the House of Representatives—The Rostrum and the

Electronic Voting System: a Walkthrough by the Clerk of the House. The Committee was briefed by Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House.

Joint Meetings

PARLIAMENTARY PERSPECTIVE OF EUROPE'S CHALLENGES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearing to examine a parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe, focusing on the ability of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to meet those challenges, which include unresolved conflicts and obstacles to democratic development, after receiving testi-

mony from Goran Lennmarker, Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Stockholm, Sweden.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, October 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3043, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act.

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