

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5675–S5753*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1325–1339, and S. Res. 191. **Page S5716**

#### Measures Passed:

*Use of Capitol Grounds:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 124, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S5753**

#### Measures Considered:

**Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5682–86, S5689–S5707**

##### Adopted:

Brown (for Brownback/Brown) Amendment No. 985, to establish a priority drug review process to encourage treatments of tropical diseases. **Pages S5682, S5699**

Brown (for Stabenow) Modified Amendment No. 1011, to insert provisions related to citizen petitions. **Pages S5682, S5699–S5700**

Brown (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 1009, to insert provisions relating to antibiotic access and innovation and certain enantiomer drugs. **Pages S5700–01**

Brown (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 1026, to require the Food and Drug Administration to publish certain annual reports. **Page S5701**

Brown (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 987, to amend the Head Start Act to require parental consent for nonemergency intrusive physical examinations. **Page S5701–02**

Brown (for Murkowski) Modified Amendment No. 1006, to modify provisions relating to required experience or certification for prescribing or dispensing certain drugs. **Page S5702**

Brown (for Levin) Modified Amendment No. 1005, to require the Food and Drug Administration

to determine whether certain substances create any health risks and mislead consumers. **Page S5702**

Brown (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 1004, to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella. **Pages S5682, S5702**

Brown (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 1041, to improve the safety and efficacy of genetic tests. **Page S5702**

Brown (for Casey/Specter) Amendment No. 1019, to express the sense of the Senate concerning orphan disease treatment in children. **Page S5702**

Brown (for Enzi) Amendment No. 1053, to modify provisions related to pediatric testing and medical products. **Pages S5702–03**

Brown (for Enzi/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1050, to provide for color certification reports. **Page S5703**

Brown (for Enzi) Modified Amendment No. 1049, to modify provisions relating to user fees. **Pages S5703–04**

Brown (for Roberts) Amendment No. 1047, to modify provisions relating to direct-to-consumer advertisements. **Pages S5704–05**

Brown (for Reed/Isakson) Amendment No. 1056, to require the FDA to conduct consumer testing to determine the appropriateness of the labeling requirements for indoor tanning devices. **Page S5705**

##### Withdrawn:

Vitter Amendment No. 983, to require counterfeit-resistant technologies for prescription drugs. **Page S5682**

Inhofe Amendment No. 988, to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school. **Page S5682**

Gregg/Coleman Amendment No. 993, to provide for the regulation of Internet pharmacies. **Pages S5682, S5707**

##### Pending:

Brown (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1039, to clarify the authority of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology with respect to postmarket drug safety pursuant to recommendations by the Institute of Medicine. **Page S5705**

Brown (for Grassley) Amendment No. 998, to provide for the application of stronger civil penalties for violations of approved risk evaluation and mitigation strategies. **Page S5705**

Brown (for Durbin/Bingaman) Amendment No. 1034, to reduce financial conflict of interest in FDA Advisory Panels. **Pages S5705–06**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 9, 2007; provided that the only amendments remaining in order be the following: Grassley Amendment No. 1039 (listed above), Grassley Amendment No. 998 (listed above), and Durbin Amendment No. 1034 (listed above); that there be 60 minutes of debate remaining, to run concurrently on the bill and remaining amendments and that there be 10 minutes under the control of Senator Grassley, or his designee, 5 minutes under the control of Senator Durbin, or his designee, and the remaining time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, or their designees; there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled prior to a vote in relation to Grassley Amendment No. 1039, that upon disposition of that amendment, there be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Grassley Amendment No. 998, and that upon disposition of that amendment, there be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Durbin Amendment No. 1034; that the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn; provided further, that upon disposition of the amendments, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified and amended, be agreed to, and Senate vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S5699**

**Water Resources Development Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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, not occur before Thursday, May 10, 2007. **Page S5753**

**Livingston Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, when Senate completes its action on S. 1082, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit; that there be 3 hours for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member

of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, and vote on the confirmation thereon. **Page S5753**

#### Appointments:

**Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–554, appointed Senator Vitter to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation. **Page S5753**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 153), Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S5687–89, S5753**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S5713–14**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5714**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S5675, S5714**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5719–51**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5751–52**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S5752**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5752**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—153) **Page S5689**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5753.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. OIL DEPENDENCE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the policies and funding necessary for reducing United States oil dependence relating to the results of an analysis conducted to assess the economic impact of implementing the Energy Security Leadership Council's recommendations to the Nation, including S. 875, to improve energy security of the

United States through a 50 percent reduction in the oil intensity of the economy of the United States by 2030 and the prudent expansion of secure oil supplies, to be achieved by raising the fuel efficiency of the vehicular transportation fleet, increasing the availability of alternative fuel sources, fostering responsible oil exploration and production, and improving international arrangements to secure the global oil supply, after receiving testimony from Senators Dorgan and Craig; Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; R.M. Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; and Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, (Ret.) USN, former Commander, United States Naval Forces, Europe, and Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, both on behalf of the Energy Security Leadership Council, and Robert F. Wescott, Keybridge Research LLC, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 357, to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D), focusing on enrolling new dual-eligible beneficiaries in prescription drug plans, after receiving testimony from Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, and Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,

Department of Health and Human Services; and Beatrice M. Disman, New York Regional Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration.

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine community integration and recovery, focusing on transforming mental health and substance abuse systems of care, after receiving testimony from Representative Kennedy; Terry L. Cline, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Rodger McDaniel, Wyoming Department of Health, Cheyenne; Lisa Halpern, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Dorchester, Massachusetts; and Terry Lee Allebaugh, Housing for New Hope, Durham, North Carolina.

#### REAL ID ACT: PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES CONCERNS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine privacy and civil liberties concerns, focusing on the REAL ID Act (Public Law 109-13), after receiving testimony from Allen Gilbert, American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont, Montpelier; Jim Harper, CATO Institute, and James Jay Carafano, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Schneier, BT Counterpane, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Janice L. Kephart, 9/11 Security Solutions, LLC, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** public bills, H.R. 2199–2226; 1 private bill, H.R. 2227; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 144–145; and H. Res. 384 were introduced. **Pages H4627–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4628–29**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business

Administration relating to procurement (H. Rept. 110–111, Pt. 3);

H.R. 1505, to designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building”, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–132);

H. Con. Res. 79, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 110–133);

H. Con. Res. 123, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special

Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (H. Rept. 110–134);

H. Res. 352, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week (H. Rept. 110–135);

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of H.R. 1684, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–136); and

H. Res. 383, providing for consideration of H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement (H. Rept. 110–137). **Page H4627**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4555**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H4557**

**Budget Resolution for FY 2008:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, amended, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 307. **Pages H4567–84**

Pursuant to the rule, the House struck all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 21 and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of H. Con. Res. 99 as adopted by the House. **Page H4577**

H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 306, after agreeing to order the previous question on Monday, May 7th. **Page H4567**

**Budget Resolution for FY 2008—Motion to go to Conference:** The House insisted on its amendment and requested a conference on S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012. **Pages H4584–92, H4608**

Agreed to the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 308. **Page H4608**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Spratt, DeLauro, Edwards, Ryan (WI), and Barrett (SC). **Page H4609**

**Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, by voice vote. **Pages H4562–67, H4592–H4607**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in H. Rept. 110–130, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4562**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4609**

H. Res. 377, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 305, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H4566–67**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 7th:

*Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act:* H.R. 1595, amended, to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 309. **Pages H4608–09**

**Supplemental Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement. **Page H4609**

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

*Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown:* H. Con. Res. 117, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown; **Pages H4609–11**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007:* H. Res. 307, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007; **Pages H4611–13**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day:* H. Res. 291, to support the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; **Pages H4613–16**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States:* H. Con. Res. 105, to support the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who

worked for the right of women to vote in the United States; and **Pages H4616–18**

*Amending the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education:* H.R. 2080, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education. **Pages H4618–19**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m. **Page H4624**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m. **Page H4625**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4629.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4566–67, H4567, H4584, H4608 and H4608–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the welfare of animals in agriculture. Testimony was heard from former Representative Charles W. Stenholm of Texas; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.

### SUPERVISOR MISCLASSIFICATION

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on “Are NLRB and Court Rulings Misclassifying Skilled and Professional Employees as Supervisors?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ALTERNATIVE FUELS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Alternative Fuels: Current Status, Proposals for New Standards, and Related Infrastructure Issues.” Testimony was heard from Robert J. Meyers, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Alexander A. Karsner, Assistant Secretary, En-

ergy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### ROLE OF SECONDARY MARKET IN SUBPRIME MORTGAGE LENDING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Role of the Secondary Market in Subprime Mortgage Lending. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Rural Housing Programs: Review Fiscal Year 2008 Budget and Pending Rural Housing Legislation,” including the following bills: H.R. 1980, Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1982, Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Pamela Patenaude, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Russell T. Davis, Administrator, Rural Development Housing and Community Facilities Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

### JEWISH AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Two Sides of the Same Coin: Jewish and Palestinian Refugees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VOTER CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2007; ELECTION CONTESTS DISMISSED; COMMITTEE FRANKING ALLOCATION RESOLUTION

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 811, amended, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007; and four resolutions dismissing Election contests in the following cases: *Russell v. Brown-Waite* (FL–5); *Gonzalez v. Diaz-Balart* (FL–21); *Curtis v. Feeney* (FL–24); and *Cox v. McCreery* (LA–4).

The Committee also approved a Committee Franking Allocation Resolution.

### ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Antitrust Task Force held a hearing on the findings and recommendations of the Antitrust Modernization Commission, as established by the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Deborah A. Garza, Chair; and Jon Yarowsky, Vice Chair.

### U.S. IMMIGRATION SYSTEM—ROLE OF FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on the Role of Family-Based Immigration in the U.S. Immigration System. Testimony was heard from Representative Gingrey; and public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESS FAIRNESS IN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 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 committee amendment except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, 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. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez, Representative Sestak, Chairman Waxman, Representatives Braley, Welch of Vermont, Wynn, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Chabot, and Sessions.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1684, to authorize appropriations for

the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule considers as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi, Representatives Hastings of Florida, Cardoza, Castor, Sherman, Lipinski, King of New York, Shays, Tom Davis of Virginia, Davis of Tennessee, Hastings of Washington, Royce, Mica, Hayes, Terry, Bilbray, Blackburn, Garrett of New Jersey, and Poe.

### LEVEE/DAM SAFETY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on National Levee Safety and Dam Safety Programs. Testimony was heard from David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator, Mitigation Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Steven L. Stockton, Deputy Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### RAIL SAFETY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Rail Safety Legislation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Kurt W. Hyde, Assistant Inspector General, Surface and Maritime Programs, Office of Inspector General; Mark Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS CEMETERIES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Veterans Cemeteries: Honoring Those Who Served. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; and William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs; BG John W. Nicholson, USA (ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## DOD/VA MEDICAL RECORDS SHARING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Sharing of Electronic Medical Records between Department of Defense and Department of Veterans' Affairs. Testimony was heard from Valerie Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, GAO; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Stephen Jones, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

## INDEPENDENT WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a joint hearing on Independent Workers. Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nilsen, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine farm bill policy proposals relating to farm and energy issues and rural development, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Internal Revenue Service, 3 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold hearings to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to

Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, to hold hearings to examine emerging technologies and practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine climate change relating to national security threats, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine benefits legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine the future of Medicare, focusing on recognizing the need for chronic care coordination, 3 p.m., SD-106.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review the impact of imported contaminated food and feed ingredients and of recent food safety emergencies on food safety and animal health systems, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, on Guantanamo, Panel I, executive, and Panel II, open, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Safety of Our Nation's Drug Supply," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the Economic and Military Support for the U.S. Efforts in Iraq: The Coalition of the Willing, Then and Now, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Assessing the Capabilities and Coordination of Federal Emergency Response Teams," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on the U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act Implementation: Science or Politics? 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, to consider the following bills: H.R.

1870, Contractor Tax Enforcement Act; H.R. 1865, To amend title 31, United States Code, to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of Federal tax refunds; and H.R. 404, Federal Customer Service Enhancement Act, 1 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Making the Grade on the 9/11 Commission Report Card: American Support of Pakistani Education Reform," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled "Maximizing the Value of Broadband Services to Rural Communities," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Future of Air Traffic Control Modernization, 10 am., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, hearing on the Results of the Administration's Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing to examine VA's Long-Term Care Programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology of the Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing on Currency Manipulation, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, hearing entitled "Economics of Dependence on Foreign Oil—Rising Gasoline Prices," 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments, vote on or in relation to certain amendments and then vote on final passage thereon; following which, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and after a period of debate vote on the confirmation thereon.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1873—Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1684—Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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