

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00:15 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:48 a.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, and W. Ross Ashley III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4130–4152; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 252–253; and H. Res. 814–816 were introduced. **Pages H13521–22**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13522–23**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Conference report on H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–439) and

H. Res. 813, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–440); and

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, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–441). **Page H13521**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H13415**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 175 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1079.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Baca motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 1080. **Pages H13427–28**

Resignation of General Counsel: Read a letter from General R. Gennet, in which she announced her resignation as General Counsel to the House of Representatives, effective November 12, 2007.

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Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 1081. **Pages H13417–26, H13428–62**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H13417**

H. Res. 809, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1078, after agreeing

to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1077.

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General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Irvin B. Nathan as General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives, effective November 12, 2007.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13th for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, November 14th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H13425–26, H13426, H13426–27, H13427, H13461–62.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages _____. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION/ PROVISIONAL VOTING

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on Election Day Registration and Provisional Voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ellison and King of Iowa; Tim Moore, State Representative, North Carolina; Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, Minnesota; Neil Albrecht, Assistant Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission, Wisconsin; Mary Kiffmeyer, former Secretary of State, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a conference report rule. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 12 through November 17,
2007

Senate Chamber

Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Dow, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: November 15, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 14, to hold hearings to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on economic and national security implications, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 13, to hold hearings to examine the accuracy of the Federal Trade Commission on the tar and nicotine cigarette rating system, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

November 15, 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: November 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Public Law 95–87), focusing on policy issues 30 years later, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, 10 a.m., SD–366.

November 15, Full Committee, 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: November 13, 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 Finance: November 14, to hold hearings to examine the federal estate tax, focusing on uncertainty in planning under the current law, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 13, to hold hearings to examine international climate change negotiations, focusing on restoring United States leadership, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 15, Full Committee, 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: November 14, business meeting to consider S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, 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, 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, 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, S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and an original bill entitled, "Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007", and any pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

November 15, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions to examine the National Labor Relations Board, focusing on recent decisions and the adjudication process, 10 a.m., 2175-RHOB.

November 15, Full Committee, 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: November 13, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the human capital needs of a United States Customs and Border Protection initiative, focusing on border security, and progress and weaknesses in traveler inspections at our Nation's ports of entry, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1667, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, H.R. 390, to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emanci-

pation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases, 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", S. 2292, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, 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", H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Eskelson Post Office Building", H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office", 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", 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 other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 14, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings 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, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

November 15, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings 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.

November 15, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine speculation in the crude oil market, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 13, to hold hearings to examine the scope of public performance rights, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

November 14, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine accountability for human rights violators in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

November 15, Full Committee, 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 Small Business and Entrepreneurship: November 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration, focusing on preventing loan fraud and improving regulation of lenders, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: November 14, business meeting to mark up pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 13, to hold hearings to examine congressional oversight, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

November 14, Full Committee, meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 4:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

November 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: November 15, 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 Committees

Committee on Appropriations, November 14, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Capitol Visitor Center, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, November 14, hearing on Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

November 15, 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, November 13, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Community, hearing on LIHEAP: Overview and Current Issues, 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 14, full Committee, to mark up the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled “Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation’s Food Supply?—Part IV—Deception in Labeling,” 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 14, hearing on the Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues, 2:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 15, 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, November 13, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Recruit, Hire and Promote Veterans, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

November 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Cover Blown—Did TSA Tip Off Airport Screeners about Covert Testing?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

November 15, Subcommittee Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled “Leveraging Mutual Aid for Effective Emergency Response,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 14, hearing on Establishing Consistent Enforcement Policies in the Context of Online Wagers, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 15, 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, November 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2334, Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness and Indian Peaks Wilderness Expansion Act; H.R. 2632, Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 3287, Tumacacori Highland Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 3513, Copper Salmon Wilderness Act; and H.R. 3682, California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 14, full Committee, 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 3560, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 15, full Committee, 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, November 13, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Opportunities Exist to Improve SES Diversity in Legislative Branch Agencies, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 14, full Committee, hearing on Assessing Whistle Blower Allegations Against the State Department Inspector General, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on the Environmental Risks of and Regulatory Response to Dental Mercury Amalgam, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences, Part 3—Regional and Global Consequences of U.S. Military Action in Iran, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 15, full Committee, hearing on One Year Later: Have TSA Airport Security Checkpoints Improved? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, November 14, to consider H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, November 15, 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, November 14, hearing on Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: New Evidence on the Cost of Small Companies, 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 14, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship, 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, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

November 15, full Committee, hearing on Reducing the Regulatory Burden on Small Business: Improving the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 15, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation and Airport Holiday Travel Preparations, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, November 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing to review Pending MGIB legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, November 14, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Effects of Gap in Health Coverage on Work, Family and Opportunity, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

November 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Trends in Nursing Home Ownership and Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, November 14, hearing entitled "State Leadership Towards a Low-Carbon Energy Future," 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: November 15, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions to examine the National Labor Relations Board, focusing on recent decisions and the adjudication process, 10 a.m., 2175–RHOB.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 13

Senate Chamber

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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