

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate upon reconsideration passed H.R. 2419, Food Conservation and Energy Act, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

House Committees ordered reported 6 measures, including the Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5727–S5769*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3145–3157, and S. Con. Res. 91. **Page S5753**

#### Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 38, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative. **Page S5753**

#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 337, honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict. **Page S5769**

*Honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 91, honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown, of Lake Jackson, Texas, extending gratitude to her and her family, and pledging continuing support for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. **Page S5769**

#### Measures Considered:

**Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Pages S5711–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2008. **Page S5769**

**Food, Conservation, and Energy Act—Veto Message:** By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 151), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S5739–41**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–53) **Page S5751**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

J. V. Schwan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2017. **Page S5769**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5751**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—151)	Page S5741

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5769.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### SHIPMENT OF SENSITIVE MISSILE COMPONENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the report titled "Investigation into the Shipment of Sensitive Missile Components to Taiwan," also known as the "Donald Report" from Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, USN, Director, Office of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, and Deputy Administrator, Office of Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### WILDFIRE SEASON

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the preparedness of federal land management agencies for the 2008 wildfire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Ron Thatcher, National Federation of Federal Employees' Forest Service Council, Libby, Montana; Casey Judd, Federal Wildland Fire Service Association, Inkom, Idaho;

and Deborah Miley, National Wildlife Suppression Association, Lyons, Oregon.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S.J. Res. 38, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative;

An original bill entitled "Iran Sanctions Act of 2008"; and

The nominations of Richard T. Morrison, and David Gustafson, both of Virginia, and Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, and Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

### PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting personal information, focusing on steps the federal government has in place to ensure privacy, after receiving testimony from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Hugo Teufel, III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; and Peter P. Swire, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Bethesda, Maryland.

### IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving energy efficiency, focusing on increasing the use of renewable sources of energy, and reducing the "carbon footprint" of the Capitol complex, after receiving testimony from Terrell G. Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Brendan Owens, United States Green Building Council, and Jean Carroon, National Trust for Historic Preservation Sustainable Preservation Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

### FAIRNESS IN NURSING HOME ARBITRATION ACT

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to examine S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, after receiving testimony from Alison E. Hirschel, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care, East Lansing, Michigan;

Kelley Rice-Schild, Floridean Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living; Stephen J. Ware, Univer-

sity of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence; David W. Kurth, Burlington, Wisconsin; and Kenneth L. Connor, Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 6287–6303; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 373; and H. Res. 1282–1283 were introduced. **Pages H5579–80**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5580–81**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1281, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. **Page H5579**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5485**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative English (PA) moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 2279, to expedite the construction of new refining capacity on closed military installations in the United States (Discharge Petition No. 9).

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

*Amending certain laws relating to Native Americans:* H.R. 5680, amended, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans; **Pages H5490–91**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5491**

*Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely Redress Act of 2008:* H.R. 4179, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an appeal and redress process for individuals wrongly delayed or prohibited from boarding a flight; **Pages H5491–96**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an appeal and redress process for individuals wrongly delayed or prohibited from boarding a flight, or denied a right, benefit, or privilege, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5496**

*Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008:* H.R. 5982, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security, for purposes of transportation security, to conduct a study on how airports can transition to uniform, standards-based, and interoperable biometric identifier systems for

airport workers with unescorted access to secure or sterile areas of an airport; **Pages H5496–98**

*Catching Operational Vulnerabilities by Ensuring Random Testing Act of 2008:* H.R. 5909, amended, to amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to prohibit advance notice to certain individuals, including security screeners, of covert testing of security screening procedures for the purpose of enhancing transportation security at airports; **Pages H5498–H5502**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation’s rail and mass transit lines:* H. Res. 1150, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation’s rail and mass transit lines; **Pages H5502–06**

*National Bombing Prevention Act of 2008:* H.R. 4749, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats; **Pages H5506–10**

*Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act:* H.R. 1333, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Air Force to use Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions; **Pages H5510–13**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5513**

*Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act:* H.R. 2631, amended, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material; **Pages H5513–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes.” **Page H5517**

*Commending the efforts of those who sought to block an international arms transfer destined for Zimbabwe, where the government has unleashed a campaign of violence and intimidation against members of the political opposition:* H. Res. 1270, to commend the efforts of those who sought to block an international arms transfer destined for Zimbabwe, where the government has unleashed a campaign of violence and intimidation against members of the political opposition; **Pages H5520–22**

*Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press:* H. Res. 1127, amended, to condemn the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press; **Pages H5522–26**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic incitement to violence and Holocaust denial in the Arab media and press.” **Pages H5525–26**

*Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms, including scientific and other special permit whaling, coastal whaling, and community-based whaling, and seek to strengthen the conservation and management measures to facilitate the conservation of whale species:* H. Con. Res. 350, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms, including scientific and other special permit whaling, coastal whaling, and community-based whaling, and seek to strengthen the conservation and management measures to facilitate the conservation of whale species; **Pages H5526–30, H5550**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas-and-nays on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 350 to the end that the Chair put the question de novo. **Page H5547**

*Public Housing Disaster Relief Act of 2008:* H.R. 6276, to repeal section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937; and **Pages H5530–33**

*American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act:* Concur in Senate amendment to

H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H5533–35**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Condemning postelection violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis:* H. Res. 1230, amended, to condemn postelection violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis. **Pages H5517–20**

**Presidential Veto Message—Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008:** Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–125). **Page H5535**

Subsequently, the House voted to override the President’s veto of H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 317 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 417 (two-thirds of those present voting to override). **Pages H5535–37**

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 421. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, June 12th. **Pages H5537–42**

Rejected the Gingrey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 420. **Pages H5539–42**

Accepted:

Lampson amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that was debated on June 12th that seeks to exempt NASA from Section 526(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 if the contract does not specifically require the contractor to provide an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional source, the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source, and the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source (by a recorded vote of 429 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 418) and **Pages H5537–38**

Hodes amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–707) that was debated on June 12th that seeks to establish a scholarship program in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord, New

Hampshire who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster.

The scholarship would go to women pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, and engineering (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 419).

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

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H. Res. 1257, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, June 12th.

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all those affected by the flooding in Iowa.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 17th:

*Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”:* H. Res. 1002, amended, to express support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 422.

**Pages H5542–43**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for the designation of a Public Radio Recognition Month.”

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*Commending the Orange County Water District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary:* H. Res. 1199, to commend the Orange County Water District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary;

**Pages H5547, H5550**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on agreeing to H. Res. 1199 to the end that the Chair put the question de novo.

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*Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day:* H. Res. 1219, to celebrate the symbol of the United States flag and to support the goals and ideals of Flag Day;

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*John P. Gallagher Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”;

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*Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”;

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*Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future:* H. Res. 1237, to recognize the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; and

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*Supporting the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States:* H. Res. 1247, amended, to support the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and to celebrate the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on agreeing to H. Res. 1247 to the end that the Chair put the question de novo.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of nuclear material by the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–126).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5485, and H5559.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5536–37, H5537–38, H5538–39, H5541, H5542, and 5542–43. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007; H.R. 2343, Education Begins at Home Act; and H.R. 3036, No Child Left Inside Act of 2007.

### INTERNATIONAL/AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “The 15th Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) and the 11th Replenishment of the African Development Fund (AfSF).” Testimony was heard from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## CAUCASUS: FROZEN CONFLICTS AND CLOSED BORDERS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on The Caucasus: Frozen Conflicts and Closed Borders. Testimony was heard from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

## CAPITOL POLICE RADIO UPGRADES

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Capitol Security held a hearing on the United States Capitol Police Radio Upgrades. Testimony was heard from Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., U.S. Capitol Police; James O. Crane, Commander, Special Operations Division, Metropolitan Police Department; David G. Boyd, Director, Command, Control and Interoperability Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security; and Steve Souder, Director, Department of Public Safety Communications, Fairfax, Virginia.

## ADA RESTORATION ACT; JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3195, amended, ADA Restoration Act of 2007; and H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

## INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on: From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John H. Dunnigan, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, Service, NOAA and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General; former Representative Leon Panetta of California; Carol Shafto, Mayor, City of Alpena, Michigan; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LAND FEE AUTHORITY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing on Paying to Play: Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Mary Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; George

Eskridge, member House of Representatives, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

## AFGHANISTAN'S JUSTICE SYSTEM POLICE FORCE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of the U.S. Efforts to Train and Equip Police and Enhance the Justice Sector in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; the following officials of the Department of State: Frank Ward, Office of Inspector General; David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; MG Bobby Wilkes, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asia, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; and Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

## SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any rule reported on the legislative day of June 19, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4174, amended, Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007; H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008; and, as amended, the Heavy Duty Plug-in-Hybrid Vehicles Research Program.

## S-CORPS STATUS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Finance and Tax held a hearing entitled "S-corps: Recommended Reforms that Promote Parity, Growth and Development for Small Businesses." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MANAGING NEW YORK AIRSPACE CONGESTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Congestion

Management in the New York Airspace. Testimony was heard from Senator Schumer; Representative Shays; D. J. Gribbin, General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation; William DeCota, Director, Aviation Department, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on The Federal Protective Service: An Agency in Need of Rebuilding. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Gary Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, GSA; and a public witness.

#### ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6275, Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.

#### CHANGING CLIMATE PLANNING COMMUNITIES

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Planning Communities for a Changing Climate—Smart Growth, Public Demand and Private Opportunity." Testimony was heard from Steve Hewitt, City Administrator, Greensburg, Kansas; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### COMBATING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Commission concluded a hearing to examine combating sexual exploitation of children, focusing on strengthening international law enforcement cooperation, after receiving testimony from Timothy Williams, Deputy Director, National Central Bureau of Interpol, and James E. Finch, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Shawn Bray, Unit Chief, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Cyber Crimes Center, Department of Homeland Security; Tim Cranton, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; and Ernie Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to mark up approval of fiscal year 2009 302(b) allocations, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2009, and an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine risk management, focusing on its implications for systemic risk, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine cruise ship safety, focusing on potential steps for keeping Americans safe at sea, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act (MINER)(Public Law 109-236), focusing on a two year review, 10 a.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 hearings to examine management challenges facing the Federal Protective Service, focusing on a recent report from the Government Accountability Office, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar legislation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an original bill to address law and order in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

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

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to mark up Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 12 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to mark up Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 9 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* hearing on Hidden Tragedy: Underreporting of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, 10:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Breeding, Drugs, and Breakdowns: The State of Thoroughbred Horseracing and the Welfare of the Thoroughbred Racehorse," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions: An Overview," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "Affordable Housing and Preservation and Protection of Tenants," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and Labor, joint hearing on Restoring America's Leadership through Scholarships for Undergraduates from

Developing Countries: The Uniting Students in America (USA) Proposal, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Genetics and other Human Modification Technologies: Sensible International Regulation of New Kind of Arms Race, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on H.R. 4854, False Claims Act Correction Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, oversight hearing on Utah Navajo Trust Fund, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing on Examining Grantmaking Practices at the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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