# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2207–2212, and S. Res. 354.

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### Measures Reported:

S. 1778, to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–200)

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#### Measures Passed:

Clean Water Act Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act.

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Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2131, Senate companion measure to H.R. 3233 (listed above), and be placed on the calendar.

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#### Measures Considered:

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

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Adopted:

Harkin (for Feingold/Collins) Amendment No. 3353, to provide funding for the ADAM Act.

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

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Harkin (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3354 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for a Government Accountability Office report concerning State health care reform initiatives.

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Harkin (for Collins) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for dental workforce programs. Page \$13147

Coburn Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3325), to eliminate wasteful spending by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Withdrawn:

Cornyn Amendment No. 3381 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

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Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. Page \$13139

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

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Page S13139

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

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

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

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Ensign Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. Page S13139

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

Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325), to fund the small business child care grant program. Page S13139

Reed Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration. Page S13139

Allard Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3325), to reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). Page S13139

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require Congress to provide health care for all children in the U.S. before funding special interest pork projects. Pages S13139-41

Brown/Webb Amendment No. 3361 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide information to schools relating to the prevention of violent events and other crisis situations. Pages S13144-46

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3:00 p.m., on Monday, October 22, Pages S13167-68

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Protocol to Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108–8).

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:02 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$13167.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

## House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007.

## Committee Meetings No committee meetings were held.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of October 22 through October 27, 2007

### Senate Chamber

On Monday, October 22, 2007, at 3 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043, Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 24, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine international accounting standards, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and global coverage issues, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 23, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Transportation Board and regulation related to railroads, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Carl B. Kress, of California, and A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of radio, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 25, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine sweatshop conditions in the toy industry in China, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 23, to hold hearings to examine the human impacts of global warming, 10 a.m., SD—406.

October 24, Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, to hold hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

October 25, Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the effectiveness of federal drunk driving programs, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: October 25, to hold hearings to examine small business health insurance, focusing on building a gateway to coverage, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 24, Sub-committee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States role in consolidating peace and democracy in the Great Lakes region, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Eunice S. Reddick, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California,

to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, William H. Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, George E. Pataki, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations; to be immediately followed by an open hearing to examine issues relative to the global fight against HIV/AIDS, 1:45 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 23, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, focusing on our Cold War heroes, 10 a.m., SD–430.

October 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 23, to hold hearings to examine six years after the anthrax attacks, focusing on our preparedness to respond to bioterrorism, 10 a.m., SD–342.

October 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to build an effective terrorist screening system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 25, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine single audits, focusing on a recent study on the potential impacts that implementing certain recommendations could have to help ensure that federal funds are safeguarded, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 24, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 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.

October 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of federally-funded university research in the patent system, 1:30 p.m., SD–226.

October 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1946, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. Res. 347, designating May 2008 as "National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month", S. Res. 346, expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and the nomination of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 24, to hold hearings to examine pending legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 23, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) strategic plan, 2:30 p.m., SDG-50.

October 25, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219

Special Committee on Aging: October 24, to hold hearings to examine hidden 401K fees, focusing on ways that disclosure can increase retirement security, 10:30 a.m., SD–628.

#### **House Committees**

Committee on Agriculture, October 24, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 25, full Committee, hearing to review agriculture disaster conditions across the nation, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, October 23, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Broadband: Connecting Rural America, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Air Force Strategic initiatives, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 24, hearing on the Growing Costs of the Iraq War, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon. October 25, hearing on Surface Transportation: Invest-

ment Needs and the Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 25, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 3582, Fair Home Health Care Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2601, To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to despository institutions, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "NASPER: Why Has the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act Not Been Implemented? 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 23, hearing on H.R. 647, Market to Market Extension Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 24, full Committee, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals on Reforming Mortgage Practices," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 25, hearing entitled "Transparency of Extractive Industries: High Stakes for Resource-Rich Countries, Citizens and International Business," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 23, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1746, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act; H.R. 2705, Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 3320, Support for the Museum of the History of Policy Jews Act of 2007; H. Res. 435, Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America; and H. Res. 550, Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Iran Sanctions and Regional Security, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 24, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Policy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on The Six Party Process: Progress and Perils in North Korea's Denuclearization, 3 p.m., 2320 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 24, Subcommittee on Border Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, joint hearing entitled "The Future of Border Security: Can SBInet Succeed?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 22, Sub-committee on Elections, to continue hearings on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to vote by Mail or Absentee, 5:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

October 23, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Voter Registration and List Maintenance, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

October 24, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Library of Congress: Current Issues in Library Management, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 23, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on Allegations of Selective Prosecution: The Erosion of Public Confidence in Our Federal Justice System, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Genocide and the Rule of Law, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3010, Arbitration Fairness Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Organized Retail Theft Prevention: Fostering a Comprehensive Public-Private Response, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 23, to continue mark up of H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 816, Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act; H.R. 1311, Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act; H.R. 1922, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007; and H.R. 2246, To validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads; 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 24, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1187, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 1907, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; and H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 496, Tumalo Water Conservation Project Act of 2007; H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; H.R. 3437, Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007; and H.R. 3739, To amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 23, hearing on the Health and Environment Impacts of Uranium Contamination in the Navajo Nation; followed by a business meeting, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Information, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Cybersecurity: A Review of Public and Private Sector Efforts to Secure Our Nation's Internet Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 24, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Upholding the Spirit of CRA: Do CRA Rating Accurately Reflect Bank Practices? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 25, full Committee, hearing on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 22, to consider the following: H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 1011, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007; and H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on GAO's Report on the Status of NOAA's Geostationary Weather Satellite Program, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Status of NASA Crew Exploration Vehicle and Crew Launch Vehicle Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 24, full Committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 1834, National Ocean Exploration Program Act; H.R. 2406, To authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to increase its efforts in support of the integration of the healthcare information enterprise in the United States; and H.R. 3877, Mine Communications Technology Innovation Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 25, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Radiological Response: Assessing Environmental and Clinical Laboratory Capabilities, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 24, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing on Pension Parity: Addressing the Inequities between Retirement Plan Options for Small and Large Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 25, full Committee, hearing on Health Insurer Consolidations, The Impact on Small Business, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 23, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Highway Bridge Inspection, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 24, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation and the Environment: Noise, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 25, full Committee, hearing on The Impact of Railroad Injury, Accident, and Discipline Policies on the Safety of America's Railroads, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 24, Sub-committee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Sharing Electronic Medical Records between Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 25, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on VETS DVOP/LVER Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, October 24, hearing on The Gas Is Greener on the Other Side: the Future of Biofuels, 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 2 p.m., Monday, October 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:30 p.m., Monday, October 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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