

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6981–S7088*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3297–3308, S. Res. 617–619, and S. Con. Res. 94. **Page S7030**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 3301, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 110–428)

S. 2657, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–429)  
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#### Measures Passed:

**Clean Boating Act:** Senate passed S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel. **Pages S6981–83**

**Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency:** Senate passed S. 3298, to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels. **Pages S6581–83**

**Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Integration of the Armed Forces:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces. **Pages S7078–79**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3295, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administra-

tive patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7079**

#### Measures Considered:

**Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities.  
**Pages S6985–97, S6997–S7025**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6993**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, and that the time during the adjournment count post-cloture; provided further, that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the first half of the time and the Majority controlling the final half; and that the time from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. be equally divided and controlled by the two Leaders, or their designees, in 30 minute alternating blocks of time, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the next 30 minutes. **Page S7087**

#### House Messages:

**Block Burmese JADE Act:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 3890, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7079–84**

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

Transmitting certification that the export of certain materials and equipment for production of nutritional supplements is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry and will not measurably improve missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-58)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Glenn T. Suddaby, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. Pages S7084-87, S7088

Cathy Seibel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Pages S7084-87, S7088

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

25 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy.

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**Measures Read the First Time:** Page S7029

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—183) Page S6993

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7087.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary, General Norton A. Schwartz, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, who was introduced by Senator Stevens, and General Duncan J. McNabb, for reappointment to the grade of general

and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, who was introduced by Senator Conrad, all of the United States Air Force, Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,981 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### GLOBAL WARMING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global warming, focusing on an update on the science of climate change and its implications, after receiving testimony from Roy W. Spencer, University of Alabama in Huntsville; Kevin E. Trenberth, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado; and Jason Burnett, Washington, D.C.

### INDIAN GOVERNMENTS AND TAX CODE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Indian governments and the tax code, focusing on maximizing tax incentives for economic development, after receiving testimony from Dante Desiderio, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Donald Laverdure, Crow Nation Executive Branch, Crow Agency, Montana; and Wayne Shammel, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Roseburg, Oregon.

### ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways for the United States to gain energy security, focusing on the importation and exportation of oil, development of new energy resources, and ways for the United States to be less dependent on foreign oil, including S. 3303, to require automobile manufacturers to ensure that not less than 80 percent of the automobiles manufactured or sold in the United States by each manufacturer operate on fuel mixtures containing 85 percent ethanol, 85 percent methanol, or biodiesel, after receiving testimony from T. Boone Pickens, BP Capital Management, Dallas, Texas; Gal Luft, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security (IAGS), and Geoffrey Anderson, Smart Growth America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Joseph Dagher, University of Maine, Orono.

### PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine improving worker performance relating to a review

of pay-for-performance systems in the federal government, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Richard A. Spires, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Gale Rossides, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director, Human Capital, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Bradley Bunn, Program Executive Officer, National Security Personnel System, Department of Defense; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Carol A.

Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Jonathan D. Breul, IBM Center for The Business of Government, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles H. Fay, Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, Piscataway, New Jersey.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 6559–6573; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 393–394; and H. Res. 1360–1361, 1364–1365 were introduced. **Pages H6824–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6825–26**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5531, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to advanced spectroscopic portal monitors, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–764);

H.R. 5949, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel (H. Rept. 110–765);

H. Res. 1362, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5501) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–766);

H. Res. 1363, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3221) to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–767). **Pages H6815, H6823–24**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6735**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6736**

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

*Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008:* S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal, State, and Local law enforcement officers—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6736–40**

*Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2008:* H.R. 6531, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck; **Pages H6740–41**

*Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American female to earn this honor:* H. Res. 1241, amended, to congratulate Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American female to earn this honor; **Pages H6742–44**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon her serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American to earn this honor, and encouraging the Coast Guard Academy to seek and enroll diverse candidates in the cadet corps." **Page H6744**

*Aviation Safety Enhancement Act of 2008:* H.R. 6493, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 512; **Pages H6744–49, H6793**

*Clean Boating Act of 2008:* S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address

certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6749–52**

*Clarifying the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and requiring the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels:* S. 3298, to clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6752–56**

*Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008:* S. 294, amended, to reauthorize Amtrak; **Pages H6756–73**

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and congratulating the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet “fit to fight”:* H. Res. 1139, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and to congratulate the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet “fit to fight”; **Pages H6773–75**

*Money Service Business Act of 2008:* H.R. 4049, amended, to amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business; **Pages H6775–77**

*Recognizing the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month:* H. Con. Res. 364, to recognize the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month; **Pages H6777–80**

*Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day:* H. Res. 1311, to express support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 513; **Pages H6781–83, H6794**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day:* H. Res. 1202, to support the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 514; **Pages H6783–84, H6795**

*Expressing support of the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month:* H. Res. 1128,

to express support of the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month; **Pages H6784–85**

*Stan Lundine Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6226, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the “Stan Lundine Post Office Building”; and **Pages H6785–86**

*Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act:* H.R. 5235, amended, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. **Page H6786**

*Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008:* Agreed by unanimous consent that the House insist upon its amendment to S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and request a conference with the Senate thereon. **Pages H6788–93**

Agreed to the Heller (NV) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by voice vote. **Pages H6788–93**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Corrine Brown (FL), Cummings, Capuano, Bishop (NY), Napolitano, Lipinski, Braley (IA), Arcuri, Mica, Petri, LaTourette, Brown (SC), Shuster, Mario Diaz-Balart (FL), and Westmoreland. **Page H6802**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 105 and 305 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Wu, and Gingrey. **Page H6803**

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

*National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008:* H.R. 6545, to require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a national intelligence assessment on national security and energy security issues. **Pages H6796–S6801**

**Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors—Reappointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Mr. Thomas A. Fuentes of Lake Forest, California to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors. **Page H6801**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted certification to Congress that the export to the People’s Republic of China of certain listed items is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–135). **Pages H6795–96**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H6736, H6741, and H6749.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2766, S. 3298, S. 901, and S. Con. Res. 94 were held at the desk; S. 3294 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H6822**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6793, H6794, and H6795. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ARMY MEDICAL ACTION PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Army Medical Action Plan: Is it Working? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, U.S. Army; LTG Robert Wilson, USA, U.S. Army Installation Management Command; MG David A. Rubenstein, USA, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army; and BG Gary H. Cheek, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, Warrior Care and Transition.

### BUSINESS-EDUCATION SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Innovation in Education through Business and Education STEM Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Phil Mickelson, Professional Golfer; Sally Ride, first American woman in space; and public witnesses.

### STATE'S FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn." Testimony was heard from Robert Tannenwald, Vice President and Director, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

### PROTECTING CONSUMERS THROUGH FORBEARANCE PROCEDURES ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Issues in Telecommunications Competition," and on H.R. 3914, Protecting Consumers

through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5501, THE TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a nonrecord vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008." The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lee and Ros-Lehtinen.

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3221, THE AMERICAN HOUSING RESCUE AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment numbered one with the text of the House amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides two hours of debate on the motion, with 80 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that upon adoption of the motion specified in the first section of the rule, the House shall be considered to have receded from any

remaining amendments or disagreements. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank of Massachusetts, Representatives Neal, Waters, Kaptur, Bachus and Garrett of New Jersey.

### D.C.'S UNION STATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Union Station: A Comprehensive hearing on the Private Management, the Public Space, and the Intermodal Uses Present and Future. Testimony was heard from Emeka Moneme, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### KAZAKHSTAN'S FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Kazakhstan's preparation for its future chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010, focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the OSCE region, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Askar Tazhiev, Embassy of Kazakhstan, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrea Berg, Human Rights Watch, Berlin, Germany.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D915)

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110-280)

H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110-281)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* to hold oversight hearing to examine the adequacy of defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the status of existing federal programs

targeted at reducing gasoline demand, focusing on additional proposals for near-term gasoline demand reductions, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Midwest floods, focusing on ways to determine what happened and how to improve managing risk and responses in the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule set forth as requirements contained in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State Health Official Letter 08-003, dated May 7, 2008, from such Center, and S.J. Res. 41, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, all of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families, to continue hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part II), 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine information sharing, focusing on connecting the dots at the Federal, State, and Local levels, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all of the District of Columbia, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine courting big business, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on corporate misconduct and laws regulating corporations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, and Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on responding to the needs of returning United States National Guard and Reserve members, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine person-centered care, focusing on reforming services and bringing elderly citizens back to the heart of society, 11 a.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the short- and long-term costs of hunger in America, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the state of health care in rural areas and the role of federal programs in addressing rural health care needs, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on the Comptroller General's progress report on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell Review, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 6357, PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on China on the Eve of the Olympics, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing and briefing on Possible Extension of the UN Mandate for Iraq: Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, to mark up the following bills, H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 6159, Deafy Glade Exchange Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; and H.R. 5335, To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes, 12:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, To consider the following measures: the Over-Classification Reduction Act; and the Controlled Unclassified Information Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations—Part 2," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on A National Water Initiative: Coordinating and Improving Federal Research on Water, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Impact of Predators in Long-Term Care on Small Business Operators," 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, hearing entitled "Immediate Relief from High Oil Prices: Deploying the Strategic Petroleum Reserve," 9:15 a.m., 210 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine skyrocketing household costs and falling home prices, focusing on ways to help American families out of this crisis, 10 a.m., SD-608.

## Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 23

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 23

## Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act.

## House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3221—American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3999—The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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