

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7579–S7708

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3353–3362, S. Res. 629–631, and S. Con. Res. 96. **Pages S7629–30**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 618, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks.

S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1515, to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7628**

Measures Passed:

College Opportunity and Affordability Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, agreed to Durbin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 5250, in the nature of a substitute, and after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1642, Senate companion measure, the bill was then passed. **Page S7591**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Clin-

ton, Obama, Sanders, Brown, Enzi, Gregg, Alexander, Burr, Isakson, Murkowski, Hatch, Roberts, Allard, and Coburn. **Page S7591**

Measures Considered:

Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3335, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Page S7594**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7594**

Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act: Senate resumed 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. **Page S7594**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7595**

Free Flow of Information Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media. **Pages S7595–S7619**

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 30, 2008; provided further, that the hour prior to the cloture vote be equally divided and controlled by the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the final 20 minutes under the control of the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes prior to the vote, and with 10 minutes of majority time under the control of Senator Leahy; and that upon use or yielding back of time Senate then vote on the

motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7704**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—190) **Page S7595**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7704.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

REGULATORY AND OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the insurance industry, focusing on the current regulatory and oversight structure, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Goldman, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, Trenton, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Alessandro Iuppa, Zurich North America, on behalf of the American Insurance Association, and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.; John Pearson, Baltimore Life Insurance Company, Owings Mills, Maryland, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; George A. Steadman, Rutherford Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Tom Minkler, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Keene, New Hampshire, on be-

half of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; and Richard M. Bouhan, National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices, Ltd., Kansas City, Missouri.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), focusing on a recent court decision and its implications, after receiving testimony from Brian McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Jared Snyder, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Christopher Korleski, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Eric B. Svenson, Jr., Public Service Enterprise Group, and John D. Walke, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and William H. Spence, PPL Corporation, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

U.S. TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States trade policy, focusing on perspectives from former United States Trade Representatives, after receiving testimony from former United States Senator William E. Brock, Brock Offices, Annapolis, Maryland; and Mickey Kantor, Mayer Brown, Carla A. Hills, Hills and Company, and Charlene Barshefsky, Wilmer Hale, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 3263, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people;

S. 3052, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients;

S. Res. 618, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks;

CCW Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (the “CCW Protocol V”) (Treaty Doc. 109–10(C)), with one understanding and one declaration;

The Amendment to Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (the “CCW Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. 109–10(B)), with one declaration;

The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Convention) concluded on May 14, 1954, and entered into force on August 7, 1956 with accompanying report from the Department of State (Treaty Doc. 106–01(A)), with four understandings and one declaration;

The Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol) and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (Treaty Doc. 105–01(B)), with one reservation, one understanding, and one declaration;

Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) Additional to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects (Treaty Doc. 105–1(C)) with one understanding and one declaration;

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (the “Convention”), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on April 13, 2005, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on September 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110–04), with one reservation, four understandings, and one declaration;

Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (the “Amendment”). A conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted on October 28, 1979, adopted the Amendment on July 8, 2005, at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna (Treaty Doc. 110–06), with one reservation, three understandings, and one declaration;

Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (the “2005 SUA Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 110–08), with one reservation, five understandings, and one declaration;

The Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed

Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (the “2005 Fixed Platforms Protocol”) (together, “the Protocols”), adopted by the International Maritime Organization Diplomatic Conference in London on October 14, 2005, and signed by the United States of America on February 17, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110–08), with one reservation, four understandings, and one declaration;

Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109–14), with one condition and one declaration made with respect to each treaty;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc. 109–15), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc. 109–16), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc. 109–17), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the “Extradition Treaty” or the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–11), with one declaration;

The Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the “Protocol”), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–11), with one declaration;

Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the “Extradition Treaty” or the “Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110–12), with one declaration;

The Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the “MLA Agreement”), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–12), with one declaration;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With

Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-18), with a declaration;

Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109-13), with one declaration made with respect to each treaty;

Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-12), with one declaration;

Treaty between the United States of America and Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on July 28, 2006, at Kuala Lumpur (Treaty Doc. 109-22), with one declaration;

1992 Partial Revision of the Radio Regulations (Geneva, 1979), with appendices, signed by the United States at Malaga-Torremolinos on March 3, 1992 (the "1992 Partial Revision"), together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference for Dealing with Frequency Allocations in Certain Parts of the Spectrum (WARC-92) (Treaty Doc. 107-17), with four declarations and reservations;

1995 Revision of the Radio Regulations, with appendices, signed by the United States at Geneva on November 17, 1995 (the "1995 Revision"), together with declarations and reservations of the United States as contained in the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-95) (Treaty Doc. 108-28), with five declarations and reservations;

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 110-13), with two declarations;

1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (the "London Convention"), done in London on November 7, 1996. The Protocol was

signed by the United States on March 31, 1998, and entered into force on March 24, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110-05), with two declarations and one understanding;

Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (the "Protocol") to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, with Annexes, done at Oranjestad, Aruba, on October 6, 1999, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-01), with two declarations;

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-15), with one declaration and one condition,

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C (Treaty Doc. 110-17), with one declaration; and

The nominations of Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, 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 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Arab Emirates, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, 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, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, all of the Department of State, and John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, Julius E. Coles, of Georgia, Morgan W. Davis, of California, and John W. Leslie, Jr., of Connecticut, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Patrick J. Durkin,

of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Peter Robert Kann, of New Jersey, and Michael Meehan, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

PAYROLL TAX ABUSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the magnitude of outstanding payroll tax debt, focusing on the policies and procedures that are used to collect unpaid payroll taxes, after receiving testimony from Steven J. Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; and Linda Stiff, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

OSHA

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), focusing on protecting workers from dangerous dust at the workplace, after receiving testimony from Senator Chambliss; Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Administration; John S. Bresland, Chairman CEO, United

States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; Amy Beasley Spencer, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts; Richard W. Prugh, Chilworth Technology, Inc., Plainsboro, New Jersey; and Graham Harris Graham, Imperial Sugar Company, Sugarland, Texas.

MUSIC AND RADIO IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine music and radio in the 21st century, focusing on assuring fair rates and rules across various platform—frameworks on which applications may be run, including S. 256, to harmonize rate setting standards for copyright licenses under section 112 and 114 of title 17, United States Code, S. 2500, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and S. 1353, to nullify the determinations of the Copyright Royalty Judges with respect to webcasting, to modify the basis for making such a determination, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Corker; John L. Simson, SoundExchange, Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey S. Harleston, Geffen Records, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of the Recording Industry Association of America; Joe Kennedy, Pandora Media, Inc., Oakland, California; John Ondrasik, Los Angeles, California; and Matt Nathanson, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 6625–6650; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 397; and H. Res. 1381–1383, 1385–1387, were introduced. **Pages H7306–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7307–09**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6083, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–784);

H.R. 6221, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the

acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–785);

H.R. 6445, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–786);

Conference Report on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission (H. Rept. 110–787);

H.R. 6309, to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level and establish additional requirements for certain lead hazard screens, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–788);

H.R. 5892, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors (H. Rept. 110–789);

H.R. 3849, to provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–790);

H.R. 4828, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–791);

H.R. 2933, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–792);

H.R. 3299, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–793);

H.R. 1575, to reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–794);

H.R. 3094, to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the National Park Centennial Fund, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–795);

H.R. 160, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–796);

H.R. 6176, to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas (H. Rept. 110–797);

H.R. 3336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the State of Colorado, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–798);

H.R. 5751, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Can-

yon National Monument in the State of Arizona (H. Rept. 110–799); and

H. Res. 1384, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–800).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Carson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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

Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 6340, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the “Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

Pages H7174–75, H7267

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the ‘Charles L. Brieant, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse’.”

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Requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States: H.R. 2490, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a pilot program for the mobile biometric identification in the maritime environment of aliens unlawfully attempting to enter the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 3 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 534;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security.”

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Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act: H.R. 6098, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities;

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Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2008: H.R. 6388, amended, to provide additional authorities to the Comptroller General of the United States; **Pages H7192–94**

Amending title 44, United States Code, to require each agency to include a contact telephone number in its collection of information: H.R. 6113, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require each agency to include a contact telephone number in its collection of information, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 535; **Pages H7218–20, H7268–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 44, United States Code, to require each agency to include contact information for the agency in its collection of information.”. **Page H7268**

Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African-Americans: H. Res. 194, amended, to apologize for the enslavement and racial segregation of African-Americans; **Pages H7224–27, H7267**

Amending title 18, United States Code, to prohibit operation by any means or embarking in any submersible or semi-submersible vessel that is without nationality and that is navigating or has navigated into, through or from waters beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea of a single country or a lateral limit of that country’s territorial sea with an adjacent country: H.R. 6295, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit operation by any means or embarking in any submersible or semi-submersible vessel that is without nationality and that is navigating or has navigated into, through or from waters beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea of a single country or a lateral limit of that country’s territorial sea with an adjacent country; **Pages H7237–40**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To enhance drug trafficking interdiction by creating a Federal felony relating to operating or embarking in a submersible or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage.”. **Page H7240**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2192, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 398 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 536; **Pages H7244–45, H7269**

Congratulating University of Florida Quarterback Timothy “Tim” Tebow for winning the Heisman Trophy and honoring both his athletic and academic achievements: H. Res. 901, to con-

gratulate University of Florida Quarterback Timothy “Tim” Tebow for winning the Heisman Trophy and honoring both his athletic and academic achievements; **Pages H7265–67**

Establishing an earned import allowance program under Public Law 109–53: H.R. 6560, amended, to establish an earned import allowance program under Public Law 109–53; and **Pages H7272–76**

Hubbard Act: H.R. 6580, to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to funeral trusts. **Pages H7276–80**

College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and agreed to a conference. **Page H7269**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), Hinojosa, Tierney, Wu, Bishop (NY), Altmire, Yarmuth, Courtney, Andrews, Scott (VA), Davis (CA), Davis (IL), Hirono, Keller (FL), Petri, McMorris Rodgers, Foxx, Kuhl (NY), Walberg, Castle, Souder, Ehlers, Biggert, and McKeon. **Page H7280**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 951 and 952 of the House bill, and secs. 951 and 952 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Waters, and Gohmert. **Page H7280**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 961 and 962 of the House bill, and sec. 804 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Baird, and Neugebauer. **Page H7280**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2008: H.R. 5170, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security;

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Homeland Security Network Defense and Accountability Act of 2008: H.R. 5983, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the information security of the Department of Homeland Security;

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Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008: H.R. 5531, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to advanced spectroscopic portal monitors;

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Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2008: H.R. 4806, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information;

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Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008: H.R. 6193, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer policies, procedures, and programs to promote the implementation of the Controlled Unclassified Information Framework applicable to unclassified information that is homeland security information, terrorism information, weapons of mass destruction information and other information within the scope of the information sharing environment established under section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (6 U.S.C. 485);

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Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2008: H.R. 3815, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products;

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Reducing Information Control Designations Act: H.R. 6576, amended, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations;

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Providing that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically: H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be

given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nation's domestic apple industry: H. Res. 1143, to support the goals and ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nation's domestic apple industry;

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Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building";

Pages H7221–22

Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office";

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Recognizing the significance of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and the greatness of America in her ability to admit and remedy past mistakes: H. Res. 1357, amended, to recognize the significance of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and the greatness of America in her ability to admit and remedy past mistakes;

Pages H7227–31

Authorizing funding for the National Advocacy Center: H.R. 6083, amended, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center;

Pages H7232–33

Amending 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 administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges: 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 administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges;

Pages H7233–35

Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security: H. Res. 1324, to request that

the President focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and coordinate certain Federal efforts to participate in National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August each year, including by supporting local efforts and community watch groups and by supporting local officials, to promote community safety and help provide homeland security;

Pages H7235–37

United States Parole Commission Extension Act of 2008: S. 3294, to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission;

Page H7237

Amending title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled: H.R. 6445, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled;

Pages H7240–44

United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008: H.R. 4255, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee;

Pages H7246–48

Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008: H.R. 6225, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer

Pages H7248–53

Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008: H.R. 6221, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans;

Pages H7253–55

Amending title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009: H.R. 674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009;

Pages H7255–56

Veterans Disability Benefits Claims Modernization Act of 2008: H.R. 5892, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely

delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month: H. Res. 1288, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month;

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Congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship: H. Res. 1151, to congratulate the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship;

Pages H7269–71

Recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth: H. Res. 1332, to recognize the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and to encourage employers to increase employment of former foster youth; and

Pages H7271–72

Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2008: H.R. 6309, amended, to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level and establish additional requirements for certain lead hazard screens.

Pages H7280–81

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he reported that he has issued an Executive Order expanding the scope of the national emergency declared with respect to Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–138).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7172 and H7248.

Senate Referrals: S. 3352 was held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7309–30.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7267–68, H7268, and H7269. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF SOCIAL WORK

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing

on Caring for the Vulnerable: The State of Social Work in America. Testimony was heard from Adina Fuller, Social Worker, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

CREDIT SCORING MODELS/CREDIT SCORES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "What Borrowers Need to Know About Credit Scoring Models and Credit Scores." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEBANON UPDATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Update on the Situation in Lebanon. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State and former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6599), the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII by July 30 and except pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Each amendment so printed may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee and shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Filner and Crenshaw.

Joint Meetings

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965.

AZERBAIJAN: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights and democratization in Azerbaijan, focusing on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe's numerous concerns, including freedom of the media, political prisoners and the conduct of elections, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Yashar Aliyev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Chris Walker, Freedom House, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue consideration of pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War, S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, S. 3113, to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for

off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service, S. 3148, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 3158, to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3226, to rename the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in the State of Kentucky as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park", S. 3247, to provide for the designation of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park in the State of Michigan, and H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 3:15 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2583, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony, H.R. 404, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies, S. 3328, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority, S. 3241, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building", 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", 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", H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building", H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building", H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building", H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building", H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building",

an original bill entitled, "Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2008", and the nominations of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine planning for post-catastrophe housing needs, focusing on if the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an effective strategy for housing large numbers of citizens displaced by a disaster, 12 noon, SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine hiring at the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. J. Res. 45, expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine S. 3212, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for auditable, independent verification of ballots, to ensure the security of voting systems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to mark up an original bill to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review electricity reliability in rural America, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review legal and technological capacity for full traceability in fresh produce, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, to mark up the Defense Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Non-governmental Perspective 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment and Pensions, hearing on the Proposed Delta/Northwest Airline Merger: The Impact on Workers, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6308, Municipal Bond Fairness Act; H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008; H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008; H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008; and H.R.

840, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled “Examining Issues Related to Tactilely Distinguishable Currency,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Reassessing the Threat: The Future of Al Qaeda and Its Implications for Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up the following bills: H. R. 6339, Federal Employees Deserve to Volunteer on the Elections Act of 2008; and H.R. 6474, To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to carry out a series of demonstration projects to promote the use of innovative technologies in reducing energy consumption and promoting energy efficiency and cost savings in the House of Representatives, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: a resolution and report finding Karl Rove in contempt for failure to appear pursuant to subpoena and recommending to the House of Representatives that Mr. Rove be cited for contempt of Congress; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6577, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008; H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act of 2008; H.R. 6064, National Silver Act; H.R. 6503, Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008; H.R. 6353, Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 5167, Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act; H.R. 2140, Internet Gambling Study Act; H.R. 6088, National Domestic Violence Volunteer Attorney Network Act; and H.R. 4779, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States

Code, “Public Contracts;” and private relief bills, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Deficient Electrical Systems at U.S. Facilities in Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing entitled “Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census—Part 2,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act, 4 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on NASA at 50: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities and Challenges, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled “Regulatory Burdens on Small Firms: What Rules Need Reform?” 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Credit Crunch: A Hearing on the Effects on Federal Leasing and Construction, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters—Part II: Chesapeake Bay, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive briefing on Congressional Notifications, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Security Clearance Reform, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “What’s Cooking with Gas: the Role of Natural Gas in Energy Independence and Global Warming Solutions,” 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine ways to solve the energy crisis, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2035, Free Flow of Information Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 30

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 6456—To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State; (2) H. Con. Res. 361—Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; (3) H. Res. 1266—Congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance; (4) H. Res. 1279—Recognizing the Special Olympics' 40th anniversary; (5) H. Res. 1370—Calling on the Govern-

ment of the People's Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens; (6) H. Res. 1369—Recognizing nongovernmental organizations working to bring just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians; (7) H. Con. Res. 374—Supporting the spirit of peace and desire for unity displayed in the letter from 138 leading Muslim scholars, and in the Pope's response; (8) H. Con. Res. 358—Commending the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard; (9) H. Res. 415—Honoring Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War; (10) H. Res. 1248—Recognizing the service of the USS *Farenholt* and her men who served our Nation with valor and bravery in the South Pacific during World War II; (11) H. Res. 1316—Honoring the service of the Navy and Coast Guard veterans who served on the Landing Ship Tank (LST) amphibious landing craft during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, Operation Desert Storm, and global operations through 2002; (12) H. Con. Res. 296—Expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as "National Heat Stroke Awareness Month"; (13) H. Res. 896—Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month Act; (14) H.R. 3957—The Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; and (15) H.R. 2339—The Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007. Consideration of H.R. 6599—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Subject to a Rule).

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