

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12831–S12884

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2158–2164, and S. Res. 345–346. **Page S12863**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, October 9, during the adjournment: S. 805, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–192)

S. 968, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–193)

H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture. (S. Rept. No. 110–194) **Page S12863**

Reported on Monday, October 15: S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya. (S. Rept. No. 110–195)

S. 2020, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the “Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 110–196)

S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

Fire Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, supporting the work of firefighters to educate and protect the Nation’s communities, and the goals

and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, October 7–13, 2007, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association. **Page S12853**

National Teen Driver Safety Week: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12853**

Measures Considered:

Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S12835–53, S12853–58

Adopted:

Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 3309, to provide that certain funds be available for the development of educational activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related to the civilian space program. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 3251, to provide funds for the National Research Council study on acidification of the oceans as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for Levin) Amendment No. 3275, to require the FBI to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the length of time taken by the FBI to conduct background checks. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for McCaskill/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3247, to require the Departments, agencies and commissions to establish and maintain on their website homepages a direct link to the websites of their Inspectors General. **Pages S12844–45**

Mikulski (for Obama/Durbin) Amendment No. 3234, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee

makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Page S12845**

Mikulski (for Pryor) Amendment No. 3263, to establish a pilot program for digital and wireless networks to advance online higher education opportunities for minority students. **Pages S12845–46**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3271, of a perfecting nature. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3272, relative to the review of IT and 2010 Census-related activities at the Bureau of the Census. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3273, of a perfecting nature. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3288, to provide transparency and accountability in funding for conferences and meetings of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Pages S12846–47**

Mikulski (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3318, to provide additional transparency and accountability in funding for conferences and meetings of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S12847**

By 85 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 364), Brown Modified Amendment No. 3260, to prohibit the use of any funds made available in this Act in a manner that is inconsistent with the trade remedy laws of the United States. **Pages S12835, S12839, S12849–50**

Casey (for Biden) Modified Amendment No. 3256, to appropriate an additional \$110,000,000 for community-oriented policing services and to provide a full offset for such amount. **Pages S12835, S12852**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 3310, to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Page S12852**

Mikulski (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3239, to clarify that student loan repayment assistance does not violate section 209 of title 18, United States Code, relating to Federal salary. **Page S12852**

Pending:

Inouye Amendment No. 3214, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies. **Page S12835**

Bingaman/Smith Amendment No. 3208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine. **Pages S12842–44**

Vitter Amendment No. 3277, to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. **Pages S12850–52**

Thune Amendment No. 3317, to provide, in a fiscally responsible manner, additional funding for United States attorneys to prosecute violent crimes in Indian country. **Page S12854**

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

Mikulski Amendment No. 3233, to provide additional funding for the Office on Violence Against Women, previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S12839**

Mikulski (for Reid) Amendment No. 3225, to require an analysis of the methods for collecting data regarding the status of the United States economy and a determination of whether the current data results in an overstatement of United States economic growth, domestic manufacturing output, and productivity, previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S12840**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. **Page S12884**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108–8) (Ex. Rept. 110–1). **Page S12863**

Messages from the House: **Page S12862**

Measures Referred: **Pages S12862–63**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S12863**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12863–66**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S12866–74**

Additional Statements: **Pages S12861–62**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12874–84**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—364) **Page S12850**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12884.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3825–3836; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 234; and H. Res. 738–740, 743–745, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 2);

H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–375);

H.R. 507, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–376);

H.R. 970, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–377);

H.R. 1727, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–378);

H.R. 2295, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–379);

H.R. 2868, to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges (H. Rept. 110–380);

H.R. 1567, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–381, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 741, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 734) expressing the sense of the

House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq (H. Rept. 110–382); and

H. Res. 742, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2102) 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 (H. Rept. 110–383).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history: H. Res. 624, amended, to congratulate the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history;

Pages H11498–H11501

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history, and for other purposes.”

Page H11501

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Government of Syria’s continued interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon: H. Res. 738, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Government of Syria’s continued interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 375 yeas to 5 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 961;

Pages H11501–04, H11531

Expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber: H. Con. Res. 25, to express the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber;

Pages H11504–07

Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and nay vote of 383 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 962; **Pages H11507–08, H11531–32**

Nate DeTample Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTample Post Office Building”;

Pages H11508–09

Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3572, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”;

Pages H11509–10

Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act: H.R. 20, amended, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 963;

Pages H11511–13, H11532–33

Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act: H.R. 1727, amended, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 133, to support the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week;

Pages H11519–21

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Cancer Research Month: H. Res. 448, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Cancer Research Month;

Pages H11521–22

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Diamond-Blackfan Anemia: H. Res. 524, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Diamond-Blackfan Anemia;

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Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2007: H.R. 970, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan; and

Pages H11526–27

Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007: H.R. 507, amended, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children.

Pages H11527–30

Recess: The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Pages H11510–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:49 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11530**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, October 16th:

ALS Registry Act: H.R. 2295, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry and **Pages H11513–16**

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 182, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and to support the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week. **Pages H11522–24**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11531, H11531–32, and H11532–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY—CAN THE FDA ASSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: On October 11, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation’s Food Supply?—Part III.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David W. K. Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection; Margaret O’K. Glavin, Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs, both with the FDA; and Richard Raymond, M.D., Under Secretary for Food Safety, Food Safety and Inspection Service; Martin F. Martin, Analyst in Asian Trade and Finance Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for one hour of debate on H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Boucher or his designee. The amendment shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in this report except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. 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 Boucher, Smith of Texas and Pence.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 734, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waxman and Representative Tom Davis of Virginia.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Thursday, October 11, 2007, Commission concluded a hearing to examine United States and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) efforts to combat human trafficking for forced labor purposes, after receiving testimony from Mark P. Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Charlotte M. Ponticelli, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor for International Affairs; Michael E. Feinberg, Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Eva Biaudet, OSCE Special Representative, Helsinki, Finland; Roger Plant, Spe-

cial Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, Geneva, Switzerland; and Kevin Bales, Free the Slaves, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1309)

S. 1983, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees. Signed on October 9, 2007. (Public Law 110-94)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) efforts and progress on H.R. 1, "Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007", 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed briefings to examine issues relative to security in the Persian Gulf, 11:45 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act (Public Law 109-347) one year after its enactment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial and business management at the Department of Defense, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

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

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 15 through October 20, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, October 16, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3093, Commerce and Justice, and Science 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 17, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007”, an original bill entitled “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007”, and an original bill entitled “Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) efforts and progress on H.R. 1, “Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 18, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 17, Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, to hold oversight hearings to examine the federal Superfund Program’s activities to protect public health, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine lead and children’s health, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 16, to hold closed briefings to examine issues relative to security in the Persian Gulf, 11:45 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 16, to hold hearings to examine the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act (Public Law 109-347) one year after its enactment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 16, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial and business management at the Department of Defense, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: October 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President’s Commission on Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 18, Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 18, hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on incentives, benefits, and medical care for federal civilian employees deployed to combat zones, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 18, hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 18, to mark up the following bills: H.R., 3796, Early Warning and Health Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 16, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition—Part 2,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on U.S.-Russia Economic Relationship: Implications of the Yukos Affair, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on The Impacts of Late Housing Payments on Tenants and Owners in the Project-Based Rental Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 17, Subcommittee on Asia, Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Crisis in Burma: Can the U.S. Bring about a Peaceful Resolution? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Aviation Security: Are We Truly Protected?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 17, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The Cyber Threat To Control Systems: Stronger Regulations Are Necessary To Secure the Electric Grid," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, full Committee, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Failures: TWIC Examined," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 16, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to Vote by Mail or Absentee, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

October 17, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 3690, U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007, followed by an oversight hearing on The Capitol Visitor Center: the Visitor Experience, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 16, hearing on Jena 6 and the Role of Federal Intervention in Hate Crimes and Race-Related Violence in Public Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 17, full Committee, hearing on Sex Crimes and the Internet, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 18, Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and their Patients, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1497, Legal Timber Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 16, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 2498, To provide for

a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 18, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 16, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, Census and District of Columbia, hearing on Doing Time: Are DC Prisoners Being Adequately Prepared for Re-Entry? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 16, to consider H.R. 3773, RESTORE Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 16, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3776, Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007, and H.R. 3775, Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Disappearing Polar Bears and Permafrost: Is a Global Warming Tipping Point Embedded in the Ice? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Women in Academic Science and Engineering, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 17, hearing entitled "Small Business Energy Priorities," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing on SGR formula, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 16, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Railroad-Owned Solid Waste Transload Facilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, October 18, hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities," 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3093, Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Act.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, October 16

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3678—Internet Tax Freedom Act

Amendments Act of 2007; (2) H. Res. 725—Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act; (3) H. Res. 549—Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program; (4) H. Res. 716—Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; (5) H. Con. Res. 225—Honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities; (6) H. Res. 736—Honoring the 60th anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in the breaking of the sound barrier; and (7) H. Con. Res. 222—Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007. Consideration of H.R. 2102—Free Flow of Information Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule) and H. Res. 734—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq (Subject to a Rule).

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