

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1927, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages (See next issue.)

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1985–2015, S.J. Res. 17, S. Res. 299–305, and S. Con. Res. 43. (See next issue.)

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 110–141)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 110–145)

S. 428, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–142)

S. 1163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–143)

S. 1300, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–144)

S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer’s disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1183, 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 in the nature of a substitute. (See next issue.)

Measures Passed:

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: By 60 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 309), Senate passed S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information, by the order of the Senate of Friday, August 3, 2007, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Adopted:

McConnell/Bond Amendment No. 2649, to provide a sunset provision. (See next issue.)

Minneapolis Bridge Emergency Funds: Senate passed H.R. 3311, to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: (See next issue.)

Coleman (for Bond) Amendment No. 2654, to improve expanded eligibility for transit and travel information services. (See next issue.)

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. (See next issue.)

State of Idaho Agriculture College: Senate passed H.R. 3006, to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, clearing the measure for the President. (See next issue.)

Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office: Senate passed S. 1772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the “Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office”. (See next issue.)

Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post: Senate passed S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the “Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office”. (See next issue.)

Claude Ramsey Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the “Claude Ramsey Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

SSgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “SSgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Staff Sergeant Marvin “Rex” Young Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin “Rex” Young Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Rachel Carson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1434, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the “Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Leonard W. Herman Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the “Leonard W. Herman Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Willye B. White Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

George B. Lewis Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the “George B. Lewis Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the “Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the “Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Major Scott Nisely Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2563, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisely Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2570, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Buck Owens Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Buck Owens Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the “Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Native American \$1 Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins

in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2653, in the nature of a substitute.

(See next issue.)

Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Reid (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2650, in the nature of a substitute.

(See next issue.)

Reid (for Bond) Amendment No. 2651 (to Amendment No. 2650), to strike the title relating to energy emergencies.

(See next issue.)

Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2652 (to Amendment No. 2652), to require appropriate reporting regarding the number of full-time employees for either the Office of Disaster Assistance or the Disaster Cadre of the Small Business Administration, to provide appropriate assistance in the event of a catastrophic national disaster.

(See next issue.)

Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

(See next issue.)

Congratulating Poet Laureate Charles Simic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States of America by the Library of Congress.

(See next issue.)

OPEN Government Act: Senate passed S. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

(See next issue.)

Reid (for Kyl/Leahy) Amendment No. 2655, of a perfecting nature.

(See next issue.)

Measures Considered:

Protect America Bill: By 43 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 310), Senate rejected S. 2011, entitled "The Protect America Act of 2007", and under the order of the Senate of Friday, August 3, 2007, the bill having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative, the vote on passage was vitiated, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

(See next issue.)

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees be authorized to file legislative and executive reports on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

(See next issue.)

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

Nussle Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jim Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; that there be three hours for debate—two hours equally divided and controlled for debate between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget, and one hour controlled by Senator Sanders; provided further, that Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

(See next issue.)

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the provisions of Rule 31, section 5 notwithstanding, all nominations remain in status quo, except the nomination of Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 308), Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. (Prior to this action, Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration.)

Bradford P. Campbell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2013.

James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

David W. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. (See next issue.)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

Routine lists in the Navy. (See next issue.)

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

(See next issue.)

Messages from the House: (See next issue.)

Measures Referred: (See next issue.)

Measures Placed on the Calendar: (See next issue.)

Enrolled Bills Presented: (See next issue.)

Executive Communications: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: (See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: (See next issue.)

Authorities for Committees to Meet: (See next issue.)

Text of H.R. 976 as Previously Passed: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—310) (See next issue.)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 43, at 11:08 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page (See next issue.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the treatment of detainees from certain members of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 96 public bills, H.R. 3355–3450; 1 private bill, H.R. 3451; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48; H. Con. Res. 202; and H. Res. 609–612, 616–621; were introduced. **Pages H9704–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9710–12**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2786, to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans (H. Rept. 110–295);

H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–296, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2635, to reduce the Federal Government's contribution to global warming through measures that promote efficiency in the Federal Government's management and operations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–297, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 613, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–298);

H. Res. 614, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–299);

H. Res. 615, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2776) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation (H. Rept. 110–300);

H.R. 1933, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–301);

H.R. 2773, to enhance research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of biofuels related technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–302);

H.R. 2774, to support the research, development, and commercial application of solar energy technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–303);

H.R. 3236, to promote greater energy efficiency (H. Rept. 110–304, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3237, to facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid (H. Rept. 110–305, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3238, to promote the development of renewable fuels infrastructure (H. Rept. 110–306, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3239, to promote advanced plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components (H. Rept. 110–307, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3240, to enhance availability of critical energy information (H. Rept. 110–308); and

H.R. 3241, to clarify the amount of loans to be guaranteed under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H. Rept. 110–309, Pt. 1). **Page H9704**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Murtha to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9659**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 820. **Pages H9659, H9681–82**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw H. Res. 609, relating to a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H9659–61**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m. **Page H9663**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:46 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. **Page H9671**

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the vote on the Wilson (NM) motion to adjourn. **Pages H9668–71**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hoekstra motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 180 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 817. **Page H9672**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 600, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 818. **Pages H9663–68, H9671–75**

Agreed to the Hastings (FL) amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H9674–75**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Authorizing additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota that collapsed on August 1, 2007: H.R. 3311, amended, to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007 and to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 819. **Pages H9675–81**

Privileged Resolution: On a division of the question of H. Res. 611, relating to a question of the

privileges of the House, the House agreed to the resolution by voice vote. Subsequently, the House failed to agree to the preamble by voice vote.

Pages H9682–85

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance: H.R. 3356, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 207 noes, Roll No. 821. Pages H9685–95

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 612, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 178 nays, with 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 822.

Pages H9695–96

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Castor motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 270 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 823.

Pages H9697–98

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9671.

Senate Referrals: S. 1983 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and S. 775 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9672, H9675, H9681, H9681–82, H9695, H9696, and H9697.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9696–97.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GAO DISTRICT WORK PERIOD REQUESTS

Committee on House Administration: Election Task Force met and adopted a motion that the Chairman be authorized and directed to consult the Task Force by teleconference or other appropriate means to consider any GAO request received during the district work period and determined by the Chairman to require Task Force concurrence. For the purpose of consultation, as described in this motion, all members of the Task Force must be in simultaneous contact.

Prior to this action, the Task Force met to receive a GAO briefing on the status of the Investigation into the FL–13th Congressional District Contested Election. The Task Force was briefed by Naba Barkakati, Senior Level Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering Applied Research and Methods, GAO.

PRIVATE RELIEF BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law met and approved a motion to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 0, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3221, the “New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act,” and the bill H.R. 2776, the “Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007”.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3221 under a structured rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides two hours of general debate with 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of each of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and waives all points of order against such amendments except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3221 with or without instructions.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2776 under a closed rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides that the substitute amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of

order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2776 with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that, in the engrossment of H.R. 3221, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2776, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3221. Upon such engrossment, H.R. 2776 shall be laid on the table. Finally, the rule provides that, during consideration in the House of H.R. 3221 or H.R. 2776, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of either bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of Saturday, August 4, 2007 relating to the following measures: (1) A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes; and (2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain rules reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any rules reported through the legislative day of Monday, August 6, 2007 providing for consideration of the following: (1) The bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; and (2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1129)

H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. Signed on August 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-53)

H.R. 2429, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces. Signed on August 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-54)

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 p.m., Tuesday, September 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Saturday, August 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act; following which, at 2:30 p.m. Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation thereon.

House Chamber

Program for Saturday: To be announced.

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