

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7709–S7804*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3363–3369, and S. Res. 632–635. **Page S7780**

#### Measures Reported:

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”.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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”.

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”. **Pages S7779–80**

#### Measures Passed:

**Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Senate passed S. 2617, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities

and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7795–97**

**Former Vice President Protection Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5938, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7797–98**

Pryor (for Leahy/Specter) Amendment No. 5257, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft. **Pages S7797–98**

**Minority Party Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 635, making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress. **Page S7798**

#### Measures Considered:

**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 S7710–22, S7722–59**

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

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7721**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7721**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7759**

**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 S7722**

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**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S7759–68**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, August 1, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2008; provided further, that the time from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. be controlled in alternating 30-minute blocks of time between the Majority and Republican sides, with the Republican side controlling the first 30 minutes. **Page S7798**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–61) **Pages S7774–75**

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

James A. Slutz, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S7775**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—192) **Pages S7721, S7722**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7798.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee announced the following subcommittee changes:

**Subcommittee on Defense:** Senators Inouye (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Cochran, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison.

*Senator Byrd, as chairman of the Committee, and Senator Cochran, as ranking minority member of the Committee, are ex officio members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.*

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, receiving testimony from General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, Department of Defense.

## LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin, Clinton, and Dole; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Warren Judge, North Carolina Board of Commissioners, Dare County; Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on behalf of sundry organizations; Coline Jenkins, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, Greenwich, Connecticut; and William H. Braunlich, Monroe County Historical Society, Monroe County, Michigan.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 404, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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";

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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"; 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.

#### FEMA

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine planning for post-catastrophe housing needs, focusing on whether the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an effective strategy for housing large numbers of citizens displaced by a disaster, after receiving testimony from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Administrator, and David Garratt, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Disaster Assistance, both of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security; and Jan C. Opper, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disaster Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery:* Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Carper, Pryor, Domenici, and Stevens.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine hiring at the Department of Justice, focusing on an investigation into the hiring of attorneys for key career positions throughout the Department, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

#### GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S.J. Res. 45, expressing the con-

sent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin, after receiving testimony from Senator Voinovich; Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Madison, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Mayor George Heartwell, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Cities Initiative; Kay L. Nelson, Northwest Indiana Forum, Portage, on behalf of the Business and Environmental Stakeholders of the State of Indiana; and Cameron Davis, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

#### HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Todd Rokita, Indiana Secretary of State, Indianapolis, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; Barbara R. Arnwine, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Jim Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities, both of Washington, D.C.; Juan E. Gilbert, Auburn University Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, Auburn, Alabama; and Doug Lewis, National Association of Election Officials—The Election Center, Houston, Texas.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3362, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs.

#### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 6651–6683; and 6 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 398–399; and H. Res. 1390–1393, were introduced. **Pages H7627–29**

Additional Cosponsors:

**Pages H7629–30**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2339, to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–801);

H.R. 3957, to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–802);

Conference report on H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 110–803);

H.R. 6432, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–804);

H.R. 6433, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–805);

H.R. 2851, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–806, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1388, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1338) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex (H. Rept. 110–807);

H. Res. 1389, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 110–808);

H.R. 6575, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations to prevent the overclassification of information (H. Rept. 110–809); and

H.R. 6576, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations regarding the use of information control designations (H. Rept. 110–810).  
**Pages H7353–H7517, H7626–27**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Peter E. Hyman, Temple Sholom, Broomall, Pennsylvania.  
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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Bachmann moved to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Science and Technology from the consideration of H.R. 6107, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will re-

sult in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 15).

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Porter moved to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Science and Technology, and the Committee on the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 6108, to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 16).

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

*Providing for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State:* H.R. 6456, amended, to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State;  
**Page H7336**

*Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope:* H. Con. Res. 361, to commemorate Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope;  
**Pages H7336–38**

*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:* H. Res. 1266, amended, to congratulate 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;  
**Pages H7338–40**

*Recognizing the Special Olympics' 40th anniversary:* H. Res. 1279, to recognize the Special Olympics' 40th anniversary;  
**Pages H7340–42**

*Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens, to cease repression of Tibetan and Uighur citizens, and to end its support for the Governments of Sudan and Burma to ensure that the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness:* H. Res. 1370, amended, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens, to cease repression of Tibetan and Uighur citizens, and to end its support for the Governments of Sudan and Burma to ensure that the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of

419 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 539;

**Pages H7342–47, H7518–19**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens, to cease repression of Tibetan and Uighur people, and to end its support for the Governments of Sudan and Burma to ensure that the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness.”

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*Expressing support for the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and calling upon United Nations Member States and the international community to contribute the resources necessary to ensure the success of UNAMID:*

H. Res. 1351, amended, to express support for the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and to call upon United Nations Member States and the international community to contribute the resources necessary to ensure the success of UNAMID;

**Pages H7347–50**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Expressing support for the United Nations/African Union Hybrid operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and calling upon United Nations Member States and the international community to contribute the resources necessary to ensure the success of UNAMID, including troops and essential tactical and utility helicopters.”

**Page H7350**

*Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965:* S. 3352, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H7352–53**

*Expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as “National Heat Stroke Awareness Month” to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke:* H. Con. Res. 296, amended, to express support for the designation of August 2008 as “National Heat Stroke Awareness Month” to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke;

**Pages H7531–33**

*Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for primary lateral sclerosis, supporting the goals and ideals of the Hardy Brown Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month:* H. Res. 896, amended, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for primary lateral sclerosis, supporting the goals and ideals of the Hardy Brown Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month;

**Pages H7533–34**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes,

and an eventual cure for primary lateral sclerosis, supporting the goals and ideals of Primary Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month, and for other purposes.”

**Page H7534**

*Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2008:* H.R. 6432, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program;

**Pages H7534–41**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes.”

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*Michelle’s Law:* H.R. 2851, amended, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage;

**Pages H7541–46**

*Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act:* H.R. 1108, amended, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 326 yeas to 102 nays, Roll No. 542;

**Pages H7546–77, H7587**

*Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008:* Conference report to accompany 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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 543.

**Pages H7577–86, H7587–88**

Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4040 be extended by 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled.

*Commending the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States:* H. Con. Res. 358, amended, to commend the members of the Nevada Army National Guard and Air National Guard for their service to the State of Nevada and the United States;

**Pages H7596–99**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Commending the members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard and the Nevada Reserve members of the Armed Forces for their dedicated, unselfish, and professional service, commitment, and sacrifices to the State of Nevada and the United States during

more than five years of deployments to and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.”

Pages H7598–99

*Honoring Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War:* H. Res. 415, amended, to honor Edward Day Cohota, Joseph L. Pierce, and other veterans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who fought in the United States Civil War;

Pages H7599–H7600

*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:* H. Res. 1248, amended, to recognize 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;

Pages H7600–01

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the service of the USS *Farenholt* and her crew who served the United States with valor and bravery in the South Pacific during World War II.”

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*Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act:* H.R. 3957, amended, to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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*Produced Water Utilization Act of 2008:* H.R. 2339, amended, to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources.

Pages H7606–08

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 398, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 537.

Pages H7517–18

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

*Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008:* H.R. 6604, amended, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 276 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 540.

Pages H7519–30

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 29th:

*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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 429 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 538;

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*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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 541;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, and for other purposes.”

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*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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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to Advanced Spectroscopic Portal monitors, and for other purposes.”

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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);

**Page H7596**

**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; **Page H7596**

**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; **Page H7596**

**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; and

**Page H7596**

**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. **Page H7596**

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

**Condemning the persecution of Baha'is in Iran:** H. Res. 1008, amended, to condemn the persecution of Baha'is in Iran; **Pages H7350–52**

**Employee Verification Amendment Act of 2008:** H.R. 6633, to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries; and **Pages H7588–96**

**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 and recognizing the essential role played by LST amphibious craft during these conflicts:** H. Res. 1316, to honor 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 and to recognize the essential role

played by LST amphibious craft during these conflicts. **Pages H7601–04**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency and related measures declared with respect to Lebanon are to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–140).

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7630–31.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7517–18, H7518, H7518–19, H7530, H7531, H7587, and H7587–88. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### RURAL ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review electricity reliability in rural America. Testimony was heard from Jim Andrew, Administrator, Rural Development Electric Programs, USDA; Cynthia A. Marlette, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Former Representative Glenn English of Oklahoma; Jim Nichols, former Minnesota State Senator and former Secretary of Agriculture, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

### FRESH PRODUCE TRACEABILITY

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture held a hearing to review legal and technological capacity for full traceability in fresh produce. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeGette and Putnam; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David W.K. Acheson, M.D., Associate Commissioner, Food Protection, FDA; and Lonnie J. King, Director, D.V.M., National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases, Center for Disease Control; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.



## SUPREME COURT—GUANTANAMO DECISION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Non-governmental Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## RISING FOOD PRICES

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LABOR IMPACT PROPOSED DELTA/NORTHWEST AIRLINE MERGER

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment and Pensions held a hearing on the Proposed Delta/Northwest Airline Merger: The Impact on Workers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 6308, Municipal Bond Fairness Act; H.R. 5772, Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008.

## TACTILELY DISTINGUISHABLE CURRENCY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology held a hearing entitled "Examining Issues Related to Tactilely Distinguishable Currency." Testimony was heard from Larry R. Felix, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## FUTURE OF AL-QAIDA

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Reassessing the Threat: The Future of Al Qaeda and Its Implications for Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review." Testimony was heard from Alan Cohn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Strategic Plans, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 6339, amended, Federal

Employees Deserve to Volunteer on the Elections Act of 2008; 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; H.R. 6475, Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008; H.R. 6589, amended, Charles H.W. Meehan Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act; H.R. 998, amended, Civil Rights History Project Act of 2007; H.R. 6625, amended, Veterans Voting Support Act; H.R. 6627, Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6608, House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008; and H. Res. 1207, amended, Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically.

The Committee also approved the following Committee Resolutions: an amendment to Regulations of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to shared employees; and a resolution adopting amendments to the Committee's implementing Regulations for Student Loan Repayment.

## CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION KARL ROVE; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported 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.

The Committee also ordered reported 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. 6064, amended, National Silver Act; H.R. 6503, Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008; H.R. 5167, amended, Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act; and H.R. 4479, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts;" and private relief bills.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

## U.S. FACILITIES IN IRAQ—DEFICIENT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Deficient Electrical Systems at U.S. Facilities in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Senator Casey; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charlie E. Williams, Jr., Director, Defense Contract Management Agency; Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command,

U.S. Army; and Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General; Keith Ernst, former Director, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

### CENSUS BUDGET ISSUES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census—Part 2.” Testimony was heard from Steven H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Kenneth Prewitt, former Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and Marvin Raines, former Associate Director, Field Operations, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

### PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1338, the “Paycheck Fairness Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California, Representatives DeLauro, Bean, and McKeon.

### HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4137, the Higher Education Opportunity Act and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California and Representative McKeon.

### NASA’S PAST AND FUTURE

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on NASA at 50: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities and Challenges. Testimony was heard from former Senator John Glenn of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled “Burdens on Small Firms: What Rules Need Reform?” Testimony was heard from Susan E. Dudley, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Chris Wagner, Deputy Commissioner, Small Business/Self Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### CREDIT CRUNCH: EFFECTS ON FEDERAL LEASING/CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Credit Crunch: A Hearing on the Effects on Federal Leasing and Construction. Testimony was heard from David Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA, and public witnesses.

### RESTORING AMERICA’S GREAT WATERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters—Part II: Chesapeake Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sarbanes and Wittman of Virginia; from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Wade Najjum, Assistant Inspector General; Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; William Matuszeski, former Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, EPA; W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr., former Secretary of Natural Resources, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Congressional Notifications. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Security Clearance Reform. Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE—ROLE OF NATURAL GAS

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “What’s Cooking with Gas: the Role of Natural Gas in Energy Independence and Global Warming Solutions.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ENERGY CRISIS

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to solve the energy crisis, focusing on reducing dependence on foreign oil, creating new energy resources, and strengthening the nation’s economy, after receiving testimony from Ian Bowles, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston, Massachusetts; Dan W. Reicher, Google.org, Mountain View, California; Jonathan Koomey, Stanford University, Stanford, California; and Mark P. Mills, Digital Power Capital, Arlington, Virginia.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D938)

H.R. 1553, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–285)

H.R. 3890, to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–286)

H.J. Res. 93, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–287)

S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel. Signed on July 29, 2008. (Public Law 110–288)

H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. Signed on July 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–289)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the North Korean Six-Party Talks and implementation activities; to be immediately followed by closed session to examine certain intelligence matters in S–407, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation’s transmission grid, focusing on the implementation of the transmission provisions of the Energy Policy Act (Public Law 109–58), including reliability, siting, and infrastructure investment, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, S. 3109, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, S. 24, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate, S. 150, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate, S. 1911, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion, S. 1933, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems, S. 2549, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations, S. 642, to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States, S. 199, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in

rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska, S. 2994, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern; and certain pending General Services Administration resolutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine health benefits in the tax code, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine ways to define the military's role towards foreign policy, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of information technology planning in the federal government, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine reliance on smart power, focusing on reforming the foreign assistance bureaucracy, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian health service management, focusing on lost property, wasteful spending and document fabrication, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Su-

preme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice, S. 2052, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, H.R. 5235, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission, S. 3166, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose criminal penalties on individuals who assist aliens who have engaged in genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killings to enter the United States, S. Res. 620, designating the week of September 14-20, 2008, as National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week, to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, S. Res. 622, designating the week beginning September 7, 2008, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", and S. Res. 624, designating August 2008 as "National Truancy Prevention Month", 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine consolidation in the Pennsylvania health insurance industry, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

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

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine aging in rural America, focusing on preserving elderly citizens access to health care, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services,* to continue hearings on Implications of the Supreme Court's Boumediene Decision for Detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Administration Perspectives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on A New U.S. Grand Strategy (Part 2), 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Navy Destroyer Acquisition Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Workforce Projects, hearing on The Growing Income Gap in the American Middle Class, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 6594, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Recent Salmonella Outbreak: Lessons Learned and Consequences to Industry and Public Health," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to continue markup of H.R. 6078, Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2008; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5244, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008; and H.R. 840, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Foreign Aid and the Fight Against Terrorism and Proliferation: Leveraging Foreign Aid to Achieve U.S. Policy Goals, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Energy in the Americas, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5884, Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2008, 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, to consider a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to compel the testimony of Christopher Coates, 12 p.m., followed by a hearing on H.R. 5607, State Secret Protection Act of 2008, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; and H.R. 6597, Animal Cruelty Statistics Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6020, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families, and for other purposes; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based immigrant visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family- and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; and H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; and to request information on a private relief measure, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, oversight hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, hearing on Oversight of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Cost and Confidentiality: The Unforeseen Challenges of Electronic Health Records in Small Specialty Practices, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following; the Disaster Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Enhancement Act of 2008; H.R. 6460, Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6364, Puget Sound Recovery Act of 2008; a measure to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress; H.R. 5788, Halting Airplane Noise to Give Us Peace Act of 2008; H.R. 6627, Smith-

sonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008; S.J. Res 35, a Joint resolution to amend Public Law 108-331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona; H.R. 6524, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota, and for other purposes; H.R. 6370, Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act of 2008; S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse;" S. 3009, To designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building;" S. 2403, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., Federal Courthouse;" H.R. 4131, To designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway;" a resolution honoring the heritage of the United States Coast Guard; H. Res. 1224, Commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary; H. Res. 1376, Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Okeechobee Hurricane of September 1928 and its associated tragic loss of life; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Billions Spent on "Miscellaneous" Expenditures: Inadequate Controls at the VA, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Racial Disproportionality in Foster Care, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Revisions to Executive Order 12333, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, hearing entitled "Renewing America's Future: Energy Visions of Tomorrow, Today," 1:30 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness to examine ways to ensure the delivery of donated goods to survivors of catastrophes, 1 p.m., 311, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 31

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 6599—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1338—Paycheck Fairness Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4137—College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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