

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3547–S3658

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 957–974, S. Res. 117–120, and S. Con. Res. 23. **Pages S3607–08**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 110–36).

S. 965, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. (S. Rept. No. 110–37). **Page S3607**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 119, to authorize testimony by a former detailee of the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S3647**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, designating March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day. **Pages S3647–48**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3547–S3603, S3648–55**

Adopted:

Baucus/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 504, to affirm the Senate’s commitment to the reauthorization of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. **Pages S3561–62**

Grassley Amendment No. 502, to ensure the appropriate use of funds provided for the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S3564**

Carper/Coburn Amendment No. 538, to reduce the deficit by recovering improper payments. **Page S3576**

Lincoln Amendment No. 542, to provide the Veterans Benefits Administration with additional resources and staff to more effectively meet their in-

creasing workload and to address the unacceptably large claims backlog that continues to cause undue hardships for veterans and their families across the country. **Pages S3572–74, S3576**

Bayh/Snowe Amendment No. 526, to make permanent the tuition tax deduction and is fully offset by closing a portion of the tax gap through enhanced information reporting requirements. **Pages S3582–83**

Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 517, to provide for extension of the deduction for State and local sales taxes in a deficit-neutral manner. **Pages S3583–84**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 97), Conrad Amendment No. 598, to create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for extending certain energy tax incentives. **Pages S3586–87**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 89), DeMint Amendment No. 489, to establish a reserve fund for Social Security reform. **Pages S3560–61**

By 33 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 90), Allard Amendment No. 491, to pay down the Federal debt and eliminate government waste by reducing spending on programs rated ineffective by the Program Assessment Rating Tool. **Page S3561**

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 91), Cornyn Amendment No. 511, to provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the reauthorization of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that will cover kids first. **Pages S3562–63**

By 23 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 92), Cornyn/Gregg Modified Amendment No. 525, to provide for reconciliation instructions of \$33.8 billion to make provider payments more accurate, to improve Medicare Part B income relation provisions, expand those provisions to Medicare Part D and reduce the deficit. **Pages S3548–51, S3557, S3563**

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 93), Gregg (for Ensign) Amendment No. 472, to require wealthy Medicare beneficiaries to pay a greater share of their Medicare Part D premiums. **Pages S3551–54, S3555–60, S3584**

By 38 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 94), Sanders/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 545, to restore the top marginal tax rate to pre-2001 levels on taxable

income in excess of \$1 million and use the increased revenue to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Act. **Pages S3564–66, S3583, S3584–85**

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 95), Enzi Amendment No. 497, to establish a 60-vote point of order for legislation that creates unfunded mandates on small business concerns.

Pages S3566–69, S3585

By 29 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 96), Thomas Amendment No. 498, to strike the reserve funds.

Pages S3575–76, S3585–86

By 42 yeas and 53 nays (Vote No. 98), Coleman Amendment No. 577, to provide budget levels to extend through 2012 the production tax credit for electricity produced from renewable resources, the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, and energy tax provisions for energy efficient buildings and power plants.

Pages S3569–70, S3587–88

Withdrawn:

Grassley/Dorgan Amendment No. 464, to limit farm payments to \$250,000 per person per year and apply the savings to renewable energy/rural development, conservation, and nutrition. **Pages S3574–75**

Pending:

Kyl/Thune Amendment No. 583, to reform the death tax by setting the exemption at \$5 million per estate, indexed for inflation, and the top death tax rate at no more than 35% beginning in 2010, to avoid subjecting an estimated 119,200 families, family businesses, and family farms to the death tax each and every year, to promote continued economic growth and job creation, and to make the enhanced teacher deduction permanent.

Pages S3570–72, S3577–82

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007; that there be 30 minutes remaining for debate, equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Budget Committee; that when the voting sequence begins, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote in the sequence.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the “Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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Gale W. McGee Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 219, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the “Gale W. McGee Post Office”.

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Lane Evans Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building”.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Public Health Service.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S3561, S3563, S3584, S3585, S3586, S3587, S3588**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:42 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3647.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for Air Force military construction, housing, and base realignment

and closure, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, both of the Department of Defense; William C. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics; Major General Charles V. Ickes, II, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brigadier General Charles D. Ethredge, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 965) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States Southern Command, Northern Command, and Joint Forces Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command, and Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; and General Lance L. Smith, USAF, Commander, United States Joint Forces Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation.

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine detention and judicial capacity in Iraq from Joseph Benkert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Security Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, USMC, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and James McAtamney, Counsel to Deputy Attorney General for National Security Affairs, Department of Justice.

MORTGAGE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine causes and consequences relating to mortgage market turmoil, after receiving testimony from Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Emory W. Rushton, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Chief National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Scott M. Polakoff,

Deputy Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Roger T. Cole, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Joseph A. Smith, Jr., North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, Raleigh, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Laurent Bossard, WMC Mortgage, Burbank, California; Sandor E. Samuels, Countrywide Financial Corporation, Calabasas, California; Brendan McDonagh, HSBC—North America, Prospect Heights, Illinois; Janis Bowdler, National Council of La Raza, Washington, D.C.; L. Andrew Pollock, First Franklin Financial Corporation, San Jose, California; Irv Ackelsberg, Langer and Grogan, P.C., and Jennie Haliburton, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Al Ynigues, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

FAA MODERNIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modernization, focusing on developing and deploying the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) while providing operational and safety enhancements, after receiving testimony from Robert Sturgell, Deputy Administrator, and Charles Leader, Director, Joint Planning and Development Office, both of the Federal Aviation Administration; Susan Fleming, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Karen Lee, UPS Airlines, Louisville, Kentucky.

THE FUTURE OF COAL REPORT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine the “Future of Coal” report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving testimony from John M. Deutch and Ernest J. Moniz, both of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Bryan Hannegan, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine “Keeping America’s Promise” relating to health care and child welfare services for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Venne, Crow Tribe of Indians, Crow Agency, Montana, on behalf of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and Council of Large Land Based Tribes; Valerie Davidson, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; and Linda Holt,

Suquamish Tribal Council, on behalf of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, and Connie Bear King, National Indian Child Welfare, both of Portland, Oregon.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine deconstructing reconstruction, focusing on problems, challenges, and the way forward in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; David M. Satterfield, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State and Coordinator for Iraq; Major General Ronald L. Johnson, Deputy Chief of Engineers/Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers; and Mark S. Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD/OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to review the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of

the Special Counsel, focusing on the safeguarding of the merit systems principles in preparation for the consideration of the reauthorization of the two agencies, after receiving testimony from Neil McPhie, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board; and Scott J. Bloch, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

INDIAN COUNTRY HOUSING ISSUES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, including loan guarantee and community development programs, after receiving testimony from Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Jon Perez, Behavioral Health Consultant, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; George Rivera, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Paul Lumley, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.; and Juel Burnette, Wells Fargo Native American Housing Initiatives, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee approved the issuance of subpoenas to Karl Rove, Harriet E. Miers, and William Kelley pursuant to the investigation into the replacement of U.S. Attorneys.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1638–1661; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 97–98; and H. Res. 262 were introduced.

Pages H2955–56

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2956–57

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1401, to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–65, Pt. 1).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 160 noes, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 184.

Pages H2823, H2874–75

District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007: H.R. 1433, amended, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H2838–60

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–63 shall be considered as adopted.

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Representative Smith (TX) moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

Pages H2860–63

H. Res. 260, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 180, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 179.

Pages H2825–37

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 1591, amended, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Consideration is expected to continue Friday, March 23rd.

Pages H2875–H2931

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–64 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 261, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 182, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H2863–74

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, March 21st:

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 66, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 181.

Pages H2837–38

Native American Methamphetamine Enforcement and Treatment Act of 2007: H.R. 545, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 183.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2836–37, H2837, H2837–38, H2873–74, H2874, and H2874–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Conditions and Trends in Rural Communities. Testimony was heard from Katherine Smith, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing and on the DEA/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA; and Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Nuclear Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from Will Tobey, Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on SBA. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Presten, Administrator, SBA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Minerals Management Service/Office of Surface Mining. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service; and Brent T. Wahlquist, Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress and Open World: Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James Billington, Librarian of Congress; Jo

Ann Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer, and a public witness.

TRANSPORTATION, AND HUD AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was heard from Marion Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

DOD AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on Department of Defense Aircraft Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David G. Ahern, Director, Portfolio Systems Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; James P. Woolsey, Assistant Director, Cost Analysis and Research Division, Institute for Defense Analyses; BG Stephen Mundt, USA, Director, Army Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Army; William Balderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Naval Air Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; RADM Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, Headquarters, U.S. Navy; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Carrol H. Chandler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans, and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and LTG Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

BP—TEXAS CITY DISASTER AND WORKER SAFETY

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on the BP—Texas City Disaster and Worker Safety. Testimony was heard from Carolyn W. Merritt, Chair, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness held a hearing on The Higher Education Act: Approaches to College Preparation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL SOLID WASTE IMPORTATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2007; GENETIC INFORMATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported H.R. 518, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007.

The Committee began mark-up of H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

SAFETY OF DRUG SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on The Adequacy of FDA Efforts To Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply, Part II. Testimony was heard from Andrew C. Von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia G. Crosse, Director, Public Health and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Innovations in Interoperability." Testimony was heard from John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OIL DEPENDENCE AND FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Oil Dependence. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUINEA—PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Prospects for Peace in Guinea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Walter North, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Africa Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

EUROPEAN OPINION OF U.S. POLICIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Europe held a joint hearing on Polling Data on European Opinion of

American Policies, Values and People. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVER-CLASSIFICATION/INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Over-classification and Pseudo-classification: The Impact on Information Sharing." Testimony was heard from J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; Chief Cathy L. Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department; Michael P. Downing, Assistant Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism/Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on Changing Tides: Exploring the Current State of Civil Rights Enforcement within the Department of Justice and an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT ACT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on Reforming Section 115 of the Copyright Act for the Digital Age. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress.

PUERTO RICO MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007; and H.R. 1230, Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Thomas, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 50, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 465, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1205, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007.

D.C. COLLEGE ACCESS ACT EXTENSION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on NOAA Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

FAA'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on FAA's Research and Development Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Victoria Cox, Air Traffic Organization Vice President for Operations Planning, FAA, Department of Transportation; R. John Hansman, Co-Chair, FAA's Research Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

HIDDEN TAX ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The New Hidden Tax on Small Business." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing to review FAA's Operational and Safety Program. Testimony was heard from Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Warren Kroeppel, General Manager, LaGuardia Airport, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EDUCATION BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Education Benefits for National Guard and Reserve members. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; MG Terry L. Scherling, USAF, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau; and MG William D. Wofford, USA, State Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED REFUGEES ASSISTANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Refugees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Alternative Minimum Tax. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold hearing on Counterintelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 345)

H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse”. Signed on March 21, 2007 (Public Law 110–13)

H.R. 544, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Sante Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse”. Signed on March 21, 2007 (Public Law 110–14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Second Report to Congress by the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request and the status of space activities, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Impact of NCLB on English Language Learners, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the Role of Public Investment in Promoting Economic Growth, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Foreign Ownership: Discussion of Challenges Posed by Foreign Ownership To Using Critical Infrastructure,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, to continue hearings on Election Reform, H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, March 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 21, Budget Resolution.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, March 23

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H.R. 1591—Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.



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