

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9857–S10049

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1878. **Page S9916**

Measures Reported:

S. 1698, to provide that no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by any Act for contributions for international organizations may be made available to support the United Nations Human Rights Council, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–137) **Page S9916**

Measures Passed:

Wounded Warrior Assistance Act: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1538, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9857–60**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 2402, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9858**

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1716, to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10045**

Military Salute: Senate passed S. 1877, to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag. **Page S10045**

Authorizing Printing of Documents: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 190, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", the document-sized, annotated version of the United

States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page S10045–46**

Measures Considered:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9869–S9910**

Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 2388 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, which was adopted on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. **Page S9869**

Murray (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2386 (to Amendment No. 2383), to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passage offense. **Page S9908**

Murray (for Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 2387 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit sexual abuse of prisoners held in custody at the direction of or under an agreement with the Federal Government. **Page S9908**

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2430 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for the control and management of *Arundo donax*, commonly known as "Carrizo cane". **Pages S9908–09**

Murray (for McCaskill) Modified Amendment No. 2425 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security establish and maintain on the website of the Department of Homeland Security a link to the website for the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S9909**

Murray (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that all contracts of the Department of Homeland Security that provide award fees link such fees to successful acquisition outcomes. **Page S9909**

Pending:

Byrd/Cochran Amendment No. 2383, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9869**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2468 (to Amendment No. 2383), to state the policy of the United States

Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror and in protecting the United States Homeland and to appropriate additional sums for that purpose.

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Grassley/Inhofe Amendment No. 2444 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that none of the funds made available under this Act may be expended until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that all new hires by the Department of Homeland Security are verified through the basic pilot program authorized under section 401 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 or may be available to enter into a contract with a person, employer, or other entity that does not participate in such basic pilot program.

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Cochran (for Alexander/Collins) Amendment No. 2405 (to Amendment No. 2383), to make \$300,000,000 available for grants to States to carry out the REAL ID Act of 2005.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2416 (to Amendment No. 2383), to evaluate identification card technologies to determine the most appropriate technology for ensuring the optimal security, efficiency, privacy and cost of passport cards.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2461 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the amount provided for aviation security direction and enforcement.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2447 (to Amendment No. 2383), to reserve \$40,000,000 of the amounts appropriated for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to support the implementation of the Securing the Cities initiative at the level requested in the President's budget.

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Schumer/Hutchison Amendment No. 2448 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the domestic supply of nurses and physical therapists.

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Dole Amendment No. 2462 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that not less than \$5,400,000 of the amount appropriated to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement be used to facilitate agreements described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Dole Amendment No. 2449 (to Amendment No. 2383), to set aside \$75,000,000 of the funds appropriated for training, exercise, technical assistance, and other programs under the heading State and local programs for training consistent with section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Cochran (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2476 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of

Homeland Security to establish reasonable regulations relating to stored quantities of propane.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate sustained the ruling of the Chair that there was no defense of germaneness for the Graham Amendment No. 2412, to ensure control over the United States borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment constituted legislation under Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was sustained and the amendment thus fell.

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Subsequently, Gregg Amendment No. 2415 (to Amendment No. 2412), to change the enactment date, fell when Graham Amendment No. 2412 (listed above) was ruled out of order.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2007.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Text of S. 1642 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—277) **Page S9896**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S110046.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine United States trade relations with China, after receiving testimony from David Spooner, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; James P. Hoffa, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Scott N. Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing, and Robert S. Nichols, Financial Services Forum, all of Washington, D.C.; and M. Brian O'Shaughnessy, Revere Copper Products, Inc., Rome, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 471, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, with amendments;

S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, with an amendment;

S. 645, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals;

S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 722, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1089, to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1203, to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy;

S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission;

H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies;

H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in

honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives;

H.R. 407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon;

H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina;

H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988;

H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States"; and

The nominations of Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary, all of the Department of Energy, and James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Murkowski, Craig, Burr, DeMint, Corker, Sessions, Bunning and Martinez.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Burr, Murkowski, Corker, Barrasso, Sessions, Smith and Martinez.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests: Senators Craig, Murkowski, Burr, DeMint, Barrasso, Sessions, Smith and Bunning.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Corker, Craig, DeMint, Barrasso, Smith and Bunning.

EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice programs, after receiving testimony from Representative Solis; Granta Y. Nakayama, Assistant Ad-

ministrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and Wade T. Najjum, Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; South Carolina State Representative Harold Mitchell, Spartanburg; Robert D. Bullard, Clark Atlanta University Environmental Justice Resource Center, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael W. Steinberg, Business Network for Environmental Justice, Washington, D.C.; Peggy M. Shepard, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, New York, New York; and Beverly Wright, Dillard University Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENHANCING THE PEACE CORPS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine S. 732, to empower Peace Corps volunteers, after receiving testimony from Ronald A. Tschetter, Director, H. David Kotz, Inspector General, Kate Raftery, County Director, Eastern Caribbean, and Chuck Ludlam, and Paula Hirschhoff, both Volunteers, all of the Peace Corps; Kevin F.F. Quigley, National Peace Corps Association, and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nicole Fiol, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

PAKISTAN'S FUTURE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Pakistan's future, focusing on the challenges of building a democracy, after receiving testimony from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Teresita C. Schaffer, Center for Strategic and International Studies South Asia Program, and Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Samina Ahmed, International Crisis Group, Islamabad, Pakistan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

POSTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109–435), after receiving testimony from William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO, John F. Hegarty, National Postal Mail Handlers Union, William H. Young, National Association of Letter Carriers, Louis Atkins, National Association of Postal Supervisors, and Dale Goff, Jr., National Association of Postmasters of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donnie Pitts, National Rural Letter Carriers Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

The nominations of Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, David C. Geary, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, and Miguel Campaneria, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

BALLOT INTEGRITY ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1487, to amend

the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require an individual, durable, voter-verified paper record under title III of such Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Clinton; Deborah L. Markowitz, Vermont Secretary of State, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; George N. Gilbert, Guilford County Board of Elections, Greensboro, North Carolina; Wendy Noren, Boone County, Columbia, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Michael I. Shamos, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Ray Martinez, Pew Center on the States, Austin, Texas; Doug Lewis, Election Center, Houston, Texas; and Mary Wilson, League of Women Voters, and Tanya Clay House, People for the American Way, both of Washington, D.C.

GULF COAST DISASTER LOANS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Gulf Coast disaster loans, focusing on the future of the disaster assistance program, challenges the Small Business Administration (SBA) experienced in providing victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes with timely assistance, factors that contributed to these challenges, and steps the SBA has taken since the Gulf Coast hurricanes to enhance its disaster preparedness, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, Gale B. Martin, former Loan Officer, and Steven C. Preston, Administrator, all of the Small Business Administration; and William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

VA HEALTH CARE FUNDING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding, after receiving testimony from Representative Chris Smith; Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kenneth W. Kizer, Medsphere Systems Corporation, Aliso Viejo, California; Uwe E. Reinhardt, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, on behalf of the Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform, and J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced will be found in the next issue.

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–240, Pt. 2);

Conference report on H.R. 1, a bill to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (H. Rept. 110–259); and

H. Res. 567, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (H. Rept. 110–260).

(See next issue.)

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, Believers' Christian Fellowship Church, New York, New York.

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

Limiting the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq: H.R. 2929, to limit the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 717 and

Pages H8405–11, H8418–19

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 1868, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H8411–12

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 23rd:

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York: H. Res. 345, to com-

memorate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 718. Page H8419

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 24th:

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes: H. Con. Res. 187, to express the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 26 nays, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 719.

Pages H8419–20

Water Resources Development Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and agreed to a conference. Page H8420

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Tauscher, Baird, Higgins, Mitchell, Kagen, McNERNEY, Mica, Duncan, Ehlers, Baker, Brown (SC), and Boozman. Pages H

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2014, 2023, and 6009 of the House bill, and secs. 3023, 5008, and 5016 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rahall, Napolitano, and McMorris Rodgers. Pages H

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume Thursday, July 26th.

Pages H8412–28, H8420–66, H8467–96

Agreed to:

Bordallo amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that redirects \$500,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Pages H8440–41

Biggert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys, by \$750,000 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$5.5 million; **Pages H8449–50**

Capito amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 722); **Pages H8435–37, H8463–64**

Shimkus amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 87 noes, Roll No. 723); **Pages H8437–39, H8464–65**

Zoe Lofgren (CA) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by \$55 million (by a recorded vote of 388 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 725);

Pages H8443–47, H8465–66

Lampson amendment that prohibits funds from being used for business-class or first-class airline travel by employees of the Department of Commerce; **Page H8480**

Poe amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the judgement of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in the case of *United States v. Ignacio Ramos, Et Al.* decided March 8, 2006 or the sentences imposed;

Pages H8484–91

Drake amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; **Page H8491**

Capito amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 402(e)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; **Pages H8491–92**

Capito amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office on Violence Against Women by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 727); **Pages H8456–58, H8492**

Etheridge amendment that increases funding for the Office of Justice Programs by \$1,747,111 (by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 728); **Pages H8458–61, H8492–93**

Inslee amendment that adds a new section relating to funding for the Office on Violence Against Women—Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 18 noes, Roll No. 730); **Pages H8470–71, H8494**

Poe amendment that strikes “\$625 million” and inserts “\$635 million” on page 75, line 24 and inserts language relating to funding for the Department of Commerce, Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses account (by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 34 noes, Roll No. 731); and

Pages H8477–78, H8494–95

Reichert amendment that inserts language relating to funding for the Office on Violence Against Women—Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs for the court training and improvements program authorized by section 105 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 732).

Pages H8478–80, H8495–96

Rejected:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$6 million (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 720);

Pages H8433–34, H8462–63

Sessions amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Development Administration by \$100 million and increase funding for the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$6 million (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 721);

Pages H8434–35, H8463

English (PA) amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$2 million and increase funding for the International Trade Commission by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 724); **Pages H84409, H8465**

King (IA) amendment that sought to redirect \$1 million in funding within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (by a recorded vote of 19 ayes to 389 noes, with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 726);

Pages H8451–53, H8467–68

Sessions amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to strike section 213 (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 729); and

Pages H8469–70, H8493–94

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 733).

Pages H8482–84, H8496

Withdrawn:

Mack amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$21,100,000; **Page H8442**

Jindal amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$2 million; **Pages H8442–43**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Science Foundation, Education and Human Resources, by \$2 million; **Pages H8447–49**

Weiner amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services by \$75 million; **Pages H8450–51**

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have inserted language relating to funding for annuity protection for Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; **Pages H8454–55**

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$34 million in funding within the Office of Justice Programs; **Page H8458**

Chabot amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services for programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence by \$15 million; **Pages H8461–62**

Lipinski amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Office of Justice Programs—State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; **Pages H8471–72**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added language relating to funding for Minority University Research and Education Programs; **Pages H8472–74**

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; **Pages H8474–77**

Boswell amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Office of Justice Programs—community oriented policing services; **Pages H8480–81**

Gingrey amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds by the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to pay the compensation of employees of the BATFE to test and examine firearms without written and published testing standards; and **Pages H8481–82**

Sali amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for victim service programs for victims of trafficking. **Page H8482**

Point of Order sustained against:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$16 million and **Pages H8441–42**

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to insert language relating to funding for a housing allowance pilot program for Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages H8453–54**

H. Res. 562, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 716.

Pages H8412–18

Oath of Office—Tenth Congressional District of Georgia: Representative-elect Paul Broun presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Sonny Perdue, Governor, State of Georgia, indicating that, according to the official returns of the Special Election held on July 17, 2007, the Honorable Paul Broun was elected Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, State of Georgia. **Page H8466**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Paul Broun, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H8466**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 566, electing Representative Broun (GA) to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Science and Technology. **Page H8605**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Courtney and Shays. **Pages H8605–06**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair read a letter from Representative Oberstar, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, in which he appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Michaud, Hirono, and Mica. **Page H8606**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 8401.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 42 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

(See next issue.)

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages —.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8417–18, H8418–19, H8419, H8419–20, H8462–63, H8463, H8463–64, H8464–65, H8465, H8465–66, H8467–68, H8492, H8492–93, HJ8493–94, H8494, H8494–95, H8495–96, H8496. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:53 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND AL-QAEDA

Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a joint hearing on Implications of the National Intelligence Estimate regarding Al-Qaeda. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Clapper, Under Secretary, Intelligence; Mary Beth Long, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs (Acting); and Pete Verga, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense (Acting); and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Michael Leiter, Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center and Director, Interagency Task Force on Homeland Threats; and Edward Gistaro, National Intelligence Officer, Transnational Threats.

ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future, Part 3. Testimony was heard from COL Paul Hughes, USA (ret.), Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute of Peace; MG Paul D. Eaton, USA (ret.), former Commander, Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, Iraq; and public witnesses.

RENEWING STATUTORY PAYGO

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Perspectives on Renewing Statutory PAYGO. Testimony

was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Improving Federal Consumer Protection in Financial Services—Consumer and Industry Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIR HOUSING LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Rooting Out Discrimination in Mortgage Lending: Using HMDA as a Tool for Fair Lending Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sandra Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Montrice Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Calvin R. Hagins, Director, Compliance Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; David M. Marquis, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPE DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held as hearing on Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing the Democratic Transition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-MARSHALL ISLANDS FREE ASSOCIATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Overview of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Are Changes Needed? Testimony was heard from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Department of State: Steven McGann, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Francis A. Donovan, Director, Office of East Asia Affairs, Bureau of Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and

David B. Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Department of Homeland Security Federal Advisory Committees.” Testimony was heard from Doug Hoelscher, Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Committees, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Flaak, Director, Committee Management Secretariat Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA; the former officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jeff Gaynor, Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, Emergency Response Senior Advisory, Committee and Critical Infrastructure Task Force; and Randy Beardsworth, former Assistant Secretary, Strategic Plans; and public witnesses.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Adopted a resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find that former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten be cited for contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas issued by the Committee.

The Committee also ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1943, Stop AIDS In Prison Act of 2007; and H.R. 1199, Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007.

SURFACE RECLAMATION ACT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Surfacing Reclamation Act of 1977: A 30th Anniversary Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior: Glenda H. Owens, Deputy Director; and Earl Bandy, Chief, Applicant Violator System Office; Stephanie R. Timmermeyer, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection, State of West Virginia; John F. Husted, Deputy Chief, Division of Mineral Resources Management, Department of Natural Resources, State of Ohio; John Corra, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

HOT FUELS STANDARDS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on ExxonMobil and Shell Answer Questions about Hot

Fuels Double Standards. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLINICAL LAB SERVICES BIDDING

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Competitive Bidding for Clinical Lab Services: Where’s it Heading and What Small Businesses Can Expect.” Testimony was heard from Timothy P. Love, Director, Office of Research, Development and Information, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

VA MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Held a hearing on PTSD and Personality Disorders: Challenges for the VA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Tracie Shea, Psychologist, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Providence, Rhode Island; Ira R. Katz, Deputy Chief PCS Officer, Mental Health, Veterans Health Administration; and COL Bruce Crow, USA, Chief, Department of Behavioral Medicine, Brooke Army Medical Center and Clinical Psychology Consultant to the Army Surgeon General; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

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

CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE BILL (H.R. 1) TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORIST ATTACKS UPON THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson (MS).

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the national foreclosure crisis, focusing on subprime mortgage fallout, after receiving testimony from James Rokakis, Cuyahoga County,

and Anthony Brancatelli, City Council, both of Cleveland, Ohio; Kenneth D. Wade, Neighbor Works America, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Anderson, Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, Slavic Village, Ohio; and Audrey Sweet, Maple Heights, Ohio.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine preparation taken for digital television transition, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to continue hearings to examine the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 300, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, S. 1258, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities, S. 1477, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, and H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the case for the California waiver, including an update from the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and other pending calendar business, 3 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine extraordinary rendition, extraterritorial detention, and treatment of detainees, focusing on restoring our moral credibility and strengthening our diplomatic standing, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Human Rights Council,

focusing on its shortcomings and prospects for reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, an original bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Act", and the nomination of Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Upholding the Principle of Habeas Corpus for Detainees, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on the Workforce Investment Act: Ideas to Improve the Workforce Development System, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the S-Miner Act (H.R. 2768) and the Miner Health Improvement Enhancement Act of 2007 (H.R. 2769), 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; H.R. 2295, ALS Registry Act; H. R. 507, Vision Car for Kids Act of 2007; and the Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act of 2007, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following: H.R. 3002, Native American Economic Development and Infrastructure for Housing Act of 2007; H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007; the HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of

2007; H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007; H.R. 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007; and H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Is the Millennium Challenge Corporation Overstating Its Impact: The Case of Vanuatu, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on Export Controls: Are We Protecting Security and Facilitating Exports? 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Frequent Traveler Programs: Balancing Security and Commerce at our Land Borders," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Private Sector Information Sharing: What is It, Who Does It, and What's working at DHS?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigations, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Internet Tax Freedom Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 767, Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3058, Public Land Communities

Transition Assistance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Iraq Embassy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the Postal Service: Planning for the 21st Century, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census Workforce, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to continue hearings on Globalization of R&D and Innovation, Part II: the University Response, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing to examine the impact that the flooding has had on small businesses in Beaver County, PA and to review SBA's response in meeting the needs of those affected by the floods, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Contract Bundling Oversight, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Gulf War Exposures, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on National Drug Intelligence Center, 1:15 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Russia Counterintelligence, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2638, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3093—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

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