

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5461–S5534

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3111–3118, S. Res. 591, and S. Con. Res. 89. **Pages S5523–24**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC. **Page S5530**

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina. **Page S5530**

Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed 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. **Page S5530**

Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 497, to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion. **Page S5530**

More Water, More Energy, and Less Waste Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water

produced in connection with development of energy resources. **Page S5530**

Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988. **Page S5530**

American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project. **Page S5530**

Minidoka National Historic Site Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington. **Page S5530**

Contract Renegotiation: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 235, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District. **Page S5530**

Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System. **Page S5530**

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Energy Technology Transfer Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and

commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies. **Page S5530**

Former Representative Jim Weaver: Senate indefinitely postponed 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. **Page S5530**

Alaska Water Resources Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1114, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska. **Page S5530**

Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 658, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 839, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized. **Page S5530**

Wild Sky Wilderness Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness. **Page S5530**

New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1904, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. **Page S5530**

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1388, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail. **Page S5530**

Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadrcentennial Commemoration Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1520, to establish the Champlain Quadrcentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission. **Page S5530**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. **Page S5530**

Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District. **Page S5530**

Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project. **Page S5530**

Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 299, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park. **Page S5530**

Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement. **Page S5530**

Bob Hope Memorial Library: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library". **Page S5530**

Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard. **Page S5530**

Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Exchange Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska. **Page S5530**

Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1021, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Lower Republican River Basin Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed 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. **Page S5530**

Grand Canyon National Park: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park. **Page S5530**

National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Amendments Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1239, to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to authorize additional funding to carry out the Act. **Page S5530**

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir. **Page S5530**

Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program. **Page S5530**

Bureau of Reclamation Site Security Costs Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities. **Page S5530**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 3079, to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page S5530**

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1922, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System. **Page S5530**

National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States: Senate indefinitely postponed 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". **Page S5530**

Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. **Page S5530**

New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. **Page S5530**

North Unit Irrigation District Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 266, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District. **Page S5530**

Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 265, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon. **Page S5530**

Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 264, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon. **Page S5530**

Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 263, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy. **Page S5530**

Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain

buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

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Alaska Water Resources Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 200, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska.

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Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 220, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

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Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail: Senate indefinitely postponed 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.

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National Heritage Areas and National Heritage Corridors Technical Corrections Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas.

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Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 797, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

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Juab County Surface and Ground Water Study and Development Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1110, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah.

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Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

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Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 175, to provide for

a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

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Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York.

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Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

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Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission.

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Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area.

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National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2179, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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Natural Resource Projects and Programs Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2180, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

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National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2483, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2616, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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Coastal Heritage Trail: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey.

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Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1143, to

designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System. **Page S5530**

Acadia National Park Improvement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park. **Page S5530**

Wolf House Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition. **Page S5530**

National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States: Senate indefinitely postponed S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States.” **Page S5530**

Measures Considered:

Consumer-First Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Pages S5472–S5517**

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 3 p.m.; that the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees; provided further, that the final 40 minutes prior to the vote be controlled as follows: 10 minutes each for Senators Grassley, Baucus, McConnell, and Reid, or their designees, in that order. **Pages S5530–34**

Messages from the House: **Page S5522**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5530.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPYWARE IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact and policy implications of spyware on consumers and businesses, including S. 1625, to protect against the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, after receiving testimony from Eileen Harrington, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Arthur A. Butler, Ater Wynne LLP, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions; Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Benjamin Edelman, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Vincent Weafer, Symantec Corporation, Culver City, California, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance.

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sovereign wealth funds, government investment funds, funding by foreign currency reserves, but managed separately from official currency reserves, focusing on foreign policy consequences in an era of new money, after receiving testimony from Jagdish Bhagwati, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Daniel W. Drezner, Tufts University Fletcher School, Boston,

Massachusetts; and David Marchick, Carlyle Group, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING AMERICANS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the effect on consumers and consideration for the efforts of Congress, focusing on the Supreme Court's treatment of laws that protect the health, safety, jobs, and retirement of Americans, receiving testimony from Andy R. Anderson, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Richard M. Cooper, Williams and Connolly, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Lawless, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign; Bridget

Robb, Gwynedd, Pennsylvania; and Maureen Kurtek, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, and Cathy Seibel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Kiyoo A. Matsumoto, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6233–6248; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 371; and H. Res. 1262–1264, 1266–1268 were introduced. **Pages H5327–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5328–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–708, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5811, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–709); and

H. Res. 1265, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5749) to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation (H. Rept. 110–710). **Page H5327**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John I. Caples, Jr., Jesus Name Apostolic Church, Waukegan, Illinois. **Page H5217**

Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 6003, to reauthorize Amtrak, by a yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 104 nays, Roll No. 400. **Pages H5222–65**

Rejected the Davis (KY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back

to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 399. **Pages H5263–65**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5233**

On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 127 noes, Roll No. 398, agreed to the Davis (VA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that authorizes the Transportation Secretary to make grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to finance in part the capital and preventive maintenance projects included in the Capital Improvement Program approved by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority; and prohibits funds to the Transit Authority unless the Authority ensures its rail customers have access to any services provided by any licensed wireless provider that notifies the Authority of its intent to offer services to the public (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by voice vote). **Pages H5249–54, H5261–63**

Accepted:

Oberstar manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that provides that none of the funds may be used to employ workers in violation of section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality

Act; requires the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on ways to streamline compliance with National Historic Preservation Act requirements for federally funded railroad infrastructure projects; inserts provisions regarding the Northeast Corridor; requires studies regarding the expansion of the South Central High-Speed Rail Corridor to Memphis and to far south Texas; requires proposals for building station stops for the proposed high-speed rail system in the Northeast Corridor; authorizes intercity passenger rail grants to be used for bicycle access into rolling stock and provides bicycle racks in trains; and makes technical corrections to the bill;

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Smith (WA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that requires Amtrak to engage in good faith discussions, with commuter rail entities and public transportation authorities operating on the same trackage owned by a rail carrier as Amtrak, with respect to routing and timing of trains to efficiently move a maximal number of commuters, intercity, and passenger rail passengers, particularly during peak times of commuter usage. Also requires such discussion with respect to the expansion and enhancement of commuter rail and regional rail public transportation service;

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McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that adds to the passenger rail system comparison study a request to study train horn technology, with an emphasis on reducing train horn noise and its effect on local communities;

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Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that expresses support for commuter rail service between New Haven, CT, and Springfield, MA and encourages Amtrak to cooperate with state Departments of Transportation to expand commuter rail service on that line. Also provides that Amtrak shall report to Congress and the Transportation Departments of Connecticut and Massachusetts on the total cost of uncompleted infrastructure maintenance on the rail line between New Haven and Springfield; and

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Patrick Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that requires Amtrak, within one year of enactment, to report to Congress on the results of an evaluation of passenger rail between Cornwells Heights, PA, and New York City, NY, and between Princeton Junction, NJ, and New York City, NY, to determine whether to expand passenger rail service by increasing the frequency of stops or reducing commuter ticket prices for this route.

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Rejected:

Sessions amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that sought to prohibit funds from being

used for the long distance Amtrak route with the highest cost per seat/mile according to Amtrak's March 2008 monthly performance report unless the Secretary has transmitted a waiver for this route or a portion of it because the Secretary considers it critical to homeland security (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 397).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1253, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 10th.

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 1258, impeaching George W. Bush, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors, to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 401.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 10th:

Expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II: H. Res. 1235, to express support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and to recognize the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 402.

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

Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008: H.R. 5749, amended, to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 403.

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies: H. Res. 977, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 6 nays, with 6 voting "present", Roll No. 404.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Wolf announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H5280–87**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 1263, directing the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to take timely action to ensure that all Members, committees, and offices of the House are alerted of the dangers of electronic attacks on the computers and information systems used in carrying out their official duties and are fully briefed on how to protect themselves, their official records, and their communications from electronic security breaches, to the Committee on House Administration by voice vote. **Page H5287**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House began consideration of H. Res. 1257, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H5287–94**

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

Authorizing the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects: S. 2146, amended, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects and **Pages H5294–96**

Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008: H.R. 1553, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers. **Pages H5296–H5300**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5267.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5261, H5262–63, H5264–65, H5265, H5266, H5266–67, H5279, H5280. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 2343, Education Begins at Home Act. Testimony was heard from Laura A. Ditka, Deputy District Attorney and Chief of Child Abuse Unit, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

GREEN ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Michael Freedberg, Director, Division of Affordable Housing Technology Research, Co-Chair, HUD Energy Task Force; and Patrick J. Lawler, Chief Economist and Associate Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Research, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; and public witnesses.

REPORT—THE DECLINE IN AMERICA'S REPUTATION: WHY?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight approved a Subcommittee Report on The Decline in America's Reputation: Why?

The Subcommittee also held a hearing and Review of the Subcommittee Report: The Decline in America's Reputation: Why? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the New Challenge: China in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3815, Homeland Security Open Source Information Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 4806, Reducing Over-Classification Act of 2007; H.R. 6048, Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhance of Homeland Security Act, and H.R. 6193, Improving Public Access to Documents Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 6193, Improving Public Access to Documents Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DHS AND THE NEXT MAJOR CATASTROPHE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Ready to Lead? DHS and the Next Major Catastrophe." Testimony was heard from Wayne Parent, Deputy Director, Office of Operations Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; James M. Walker, Jr., Director, Department of Homeland Security, State of Alabama; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4044, National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Act of 2008; H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act; H.R. 5352, Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008; and H.R. 5057, Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008.

PERFORMANCE RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 4789, Performance Rights Act. Testimony was heard from Nancy Sinatra, and other public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3981, amended, Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act; H.R. 4199, amended, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; H.R. 2964, amended, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5741, amended, Shark Conservation Act of 2008; H.R. 1423, amended, Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act; H.R. 3702, Montana Cemetery Act of 2007; H.R. 5710, Eastern

New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act; and H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008.

CENSUS 2010

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a joint hearing on 2010 Census: Assessing the Census Bureau's Progress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce: Steven H. Murdock, Director; and Arnold A. Jackson, Associate Director, Decennial Census; the following officials of the GAO: David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; and Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues; and public witnesses.

SECOND GENERATION BIOFUELS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship held a hearing on Second Generation Biofuels: The New Frontier for Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITY STAFFING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Air Traffic Control Facility Staffing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

REBUILDING VESSELS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Rebuilding Vessels Under the Jones Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship; and Patricia J. Williams, Director, National Vessel Documentation Center; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MATTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2818, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Committee also held a hearing on Implementing the Wounded Warrior Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; ADM Patrick W. Dunne, USN, Acting Under Secretary, Benefits and Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—MEXICAN BORDER VIOLENCE

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

FUTURE OF OIL

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Future of Oil." Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administrator, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the condition of our nation's infrastructure, focusing on perspectives from our nation's mayors, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine supply chain security, focusing on the secure freight initiative and the implementation of 100 percent scanning, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the relationship between United States fuels policy and food prices, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Trade Preference programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine energy from Central Asia to Europe, focusing on oil, oligarchs, and opportunity, 2:30 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 addressing the United States-Pakistan strategic relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2979, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, S. 2892, to promote the prosecution and enforcement of frauds against the United States by suspending the statute of limitations during times when Congress has authorized the use of military force, H.R. 3480, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, S. Res. 576, designating August 2008 as "Digital Television Transition Awareness Month", and the nominations of Helene N. White, of Michigan, and Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5533, Chemical Facilities Act of 2008; and H.R. 5577, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to meet to vote on the issuance of subpoenas for records in connection with the Subcommittee's ongoing investigation regarding the safety of the Nation's food supply, 9:45 a.m.; followed by a hearing entitled "American Lives Still at Risk: When Will FDA's Food Protection Plan Be Fully Funded and Implemented?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Russia, Iran, and Nuclear Weapons: Implications of the Proposed U.S.-Russia Agreement, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the

Enforcement of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigrations, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Need for Green Cards for Highly Skilled Workers, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Spinningraw Into Black Gold: Enhanced Oil Recovery Using Carbon Dioxide, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Associations Between the United States and the Republic of Palau, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up a Committee report entitled “Jack Abramoff’s Contacts with White House Officials”; and to mark up the following: H. Res. 984, Expressing the support for the designation of July 26, 2008, as National Day of the Cowboy; H. Res. 1002, Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as Public Radio Recognition Month; H. Res. 1029, Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country; H. Res. 1219, Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day; H. Res. 1237, Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future; H. Res. 1245, Congratulating the Detroit Red Wings for winning the 2008 Stanley Cup Hockey Championship; H. Con. Res. 195, Expressing the sense of Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established; a resolution Expressing support for the designation of Gospel Music Heritage Month and honoring gospel music for its valuable contributions to American culture; H.R. 4010, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Mississippi, as the “Minnie Cox Post Office Building”; H.R. 5506, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building”; H.R. 5975, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office”; 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. 6092, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremeat, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor 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”; and S. 171, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on Toxic Communities: How EPA’s IRIS Program Fails the Public, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Electronic Payments Tax Reporting: Another Tax Burden for Small Businesses”, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Commercial Vessel, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1197, Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007; H.R. 3008, Rural Veterans Services Outreach and Training Act; H.R. 3070, Disabled Veterans’ Caregiver Compensation Act; H.R. 3795, You Were There, You Get Care Act of 2007; H.R. 4274, Gold Star Parents Annuity Act of 2007; H.R. 5155, Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008; H.R. 5448, Full Faith in Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 5454, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis for purposes of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 5709, Veterans Disability Fairness Act; H.R. 5954, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans for presumptions of service connection for purposes of benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs for diseases associated with service in the Armed Forces and exposure to biological, chemical, or other toxic agents as part of Project 112, and for other purposes; H.R. 5985, Compensation for Combat Veterans Act; and H.R. 6032, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson’s Disease, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on DOD Programs, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Global Change National Intelligence Assessment, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the future costs of funding the war in Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m. Thursday, June 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3101, Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 3 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 6063—National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 5749—Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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