

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11687–S11774

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2068–2071, and S. Res. 321–322. **Page S11751**

Measures Passed:

Peace Corps: Senate passed H.R. 3528, to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11773–74**

Honoring General George Sears Greene: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, honoring the lifetime achievements of General George Sears Greene on the occasion of the 100th anniversary rededication of the monument in his honor. **Page S11774**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11688–S11739**

Withdrawn:

By 56 yeas and 44 nays (Vote No. 341), Webb Amendment No. 2909 (to Amendment No. 2011), to specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11699–S11735**

By 55 yeas and 45 nays (Vote No. 342), McCain/Graham Amendment No. 2918 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on Department of Defense policy regarding dwell time. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11732, S11735–36**

Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Pages S11688–99**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11688**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S11688**

Cornyn Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and the integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Forces. **Pages S11736–39**

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

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 340), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (listed above). **Page S11697**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 20, 2007. **Page S11774**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—342) **Pages S11697, S11735, S11736**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; and

An original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007."

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, Trenton, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Glenn Basseaux, Carencro, Louisiana; Joe S. Freeman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities; Christopher M. Westhoff, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the Water Infrastructure Network; and Nancy K. Stoner, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, and Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EVERGLADES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations, after receiving testimony from Gerald C. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Todd Willens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF INDIAN TRIBES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Senators Dole and Levin; Representative McIntyre; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; James Ernest Goins, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; John Sinclair, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Great Falls; Ann Denson Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; and Ron Yob, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan, Grand Rapids.

MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the "material support to terrorist organizations" bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted, after receiving testimony from Paul Rosenzweig, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; Anwen Hughes, Human Rights First Refugee Protection Program, New York, New York; and Thomas G. Wenski, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Orlando, Florida.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar, Alexander, and Lieberman; Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro, Des Moines; Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; William G. Mayer, Northeastern University,

Boston, Massachusetts; and Richard L. Hasen, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WITHIN VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of affairs for information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert T. Howard, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Paul A. Tibbits, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Development, Office of Information and Technology, Stephen M. Lucas, Director, Tampa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Health Administration, and Kim Graves, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, and Gregory Wishusen, Director, Information Security Issues, both of the Govern-

ment Accountability Office; and John Glaser, Partners Healthcare, Boston, Massachusetts.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparing for the digital television transition, focusing on how senior citizens will be affected, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information Administration, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Nelda Barnett, AARP, Owensboro, Kentucky; and Amina Fazlullah, United States Public Interest Research Group, Marcellus Alexander, Jr., National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), and Sandy Markwood, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3579–3606; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 215; and H. Res. 663, 665–666 were introduced. **Pages H10624–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10625–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3539, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend financing for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–334, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 664, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2881) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system (H. Rept. 110–335); and

H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases and to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–336). **Page H10624**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard Estrada, Executive Director, Jovenes, Inc., Los Angeles, California. **Page H10513**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 878. **Pages H10513, H10524**

Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2761, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, by a yea-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 884. **Pages H10516–51**

Rejected the Dreier motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back promptly without the changes made by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–333, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 883. **Pages H10549–51**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–333, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10516–17**

Accepted:

Frank (MA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–333) that clarifies the certification process for acts of NBCR (nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological) terrorism; applies the reset mechanism to the NBCR deductible, and

provides that the Consumer Price Index will be used to adjust for inflation the dollar amounts used in TRIA. The amendment also makes technical and conforming changes (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 881). **Pages H10544–45, H10547–48**

Rejected:

Pearce amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–333) that sought to raise the deductible set at 5% above \$1,000,000,000 by 1% each program year, rather than by .5% as the bill is written (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 882). **Pages H10545–47, H10548–49**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H10551**

H. Res. 660, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 880, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 879. **Pages H10524–26**

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

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices and enhancing the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs: H.R. 3580, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices and to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 885. **Pages H10551–99**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10513.

Senate Referral: S. 558 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Education and Labor. **Page H10623**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10524, H10524–25, H10525, H10547–48, H10548–49, H10550, H10551, H10599. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RE-EMPOWERMENT OF SKILLED AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES AND CONSTRUCTION TRADESWORKERS ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1644, Re-Empowerment of Skilled and Professional Employees and Construction Tradesworkers (RESPECT) Act.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM LEADED-TAINTED IMPORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Protecting Children From Lead-Tainted Imports.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner; and public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Issues in Emergency Communications: A Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Public Safety Act of 2007.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLITICAL AND MILITARY EFFORTS IN IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Assessment of the Administration’s September Report on the Status of U.S. Political and Military Efforts in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Senator Graham and Richard C. Holbrooke, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Department of State.

U.S.-BRAZIL RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee, as amended, H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategy relations between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs. And recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S.-Brazil Relations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full

Committee action H.R. 3564, Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Research, Library of Congress: Mort Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law; and Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DIVERSIFYING NATIVE ECONOMIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Diversifying Native Economies. Testimony was heard from Robert Middleton, Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Department of the Interior; William H. Largent, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs, SBA; Katherine V. Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2881, FAA, Reauthorization Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2881 with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, during consideration in the House of H.R. 2881, the Chair may postpone further consideration until at time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Costello, Lipinski, Lampson, Payne, Klein of Florida, Petri, Poe, Shays, Garrett and Neugebauer.

BRIDGE SAFETY

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Bridge Safety: Next Steps to Protect the Nation's Critical Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Dennis Judycki, Associate Administrator, Research, Development and Technology, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

SBA'S CONTRACTING PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's contracting programs. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

CRUISE SHIP SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Cruise Ship Security Practices and Procedures. Testimony was heard from RADM Wayne Justice, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Response, USCG, Department of Homeland Security; Salvador Hernandez, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBER CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the findings of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors: Donna E. Shalala, Co-Chair; and Bob Dole, Co-Chair.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Unemployment Insurance to Reduce Barriers for

Jobless Workers. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; Lynette Hammond, Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade, State of Virginia; 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.

Joint Meetings

SUBPRIME LENDING DISASTER AND THE THREAT TO THE BROADER ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the evolution of an economic crisis, focusing on the subprime lending disaster and the threat to the broader economy, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Robert J. Shiller, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and Martin Eakes, Center for Responsible Lending, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine 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, S. 2034, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1608 and H.R. 815, bills to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard, S. 1740, to amend the Act of February 22, 1889, and the Act of July 2, 1862, to provide for the management of public land trust funds in the State of North Dakota, S. 1802, to adjust the boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in the State of Idaho, S. 1939, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1940, to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, and General Services Administration resolutions, 9:55 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the condition of our nation's bridges, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine a review of bank treatment of social security benefits, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider original bills entitled, "American Infrastructure Investment and Improvement Act", "The Habitat and Land Conservation Act of 2007", and to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 4 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Management and Budget's oversight on ongoing information systems projects, focusing on the efficacy of the management practices used by agencies to ensure the success of the projects, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities for women entrepreneurs, focusing on the future of women's small business programs, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

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 Accountability During Contingency Operations: Preventing and Fighting Corruption in Contracting and Establishing and Maintaining Appropriate Controls on Materiel, 11:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Using Taxpayers' Dollars Most Efficiently: Perspectives on Performance Budgeting, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection to continue hearings entitled "Protecting Children From Lead-Tainted Imports," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Legislative and Regulatory Options for Minimizing and Mitigating Mortgage Foreclosures," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S. Assistance in East Asia and the Pacific: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Ensuring the Health and Safety of Our First Responders in the Wake of Catastrophic Disasters," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Increase Rule, 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, to mark up H.R. 53, Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 193, Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety; H. Res. 303, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month”; H. Res. 605, Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day; H. Res. 641, Acknowledging the importance of understanding the history of the United States of America and recognizing the need to foster civic responsibility in all citizens; H.R. 2089, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 2276, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the “Corporal Christopher E. Eskelson Post Office Building”; H.R. 3233, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the “Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building”; H.R. 3297, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTample Post Office Building”; H.R. 3307, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”; H.R. 3308, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the “Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office”; H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain

Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the “Corporal Stephen B. Bixler Post Office”; H.R. 3382, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 299 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office”; H.R. 3518, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendix Post Office Building”; H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; H.R. 1110, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 3530, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the “Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building”; H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; and a resolution Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars day, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 20, to mark up H.R. 3567, Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on Licensure and Certification of Transitioning Veterans, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on FISA with the DNI, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “Renewable Electricity Standards: Lighting the Way,” 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation by the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2881—FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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