

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13169–S13203

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2213–2215, and S.J. Res. 22. **Page S13193**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting. (S. Rept. No. 110–201)

H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–202)

S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, with amendments. **Page S13193**

Measures Considered:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13172–89**

Adopted:

Dorgan/Conrad Modified Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Pages S13172, S13178–79**

Harkin (for Obama/Durbin) Amendment No. 3331 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3419 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for a study to evaluate the Social Security Administration's plan to

reduce the hearing backlog for disability claims at the Social Security Administration and the Social Security Administration's current and planned initiatives to improve disability process. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Burr/Gregg) Amendment No. 3434 (to Amendment No. 3325), to develop biodefense medical countermeasures by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) in a fiscally responsible manner. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 3405 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for the Government Accountability Office to submit a report to Congress on the process for hiring and managing administrative law judges. **Pages S13178–79**

Harkin (for Durbin/Bunning) Amendment No. 3411 (to Amendment No. 3325), to permit certain amounts to be used for grants to Federal commissions that support museum and library activities. **Pages S13178–79**

By 88 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 382) Menendez/Hutchison Amendment No. 3347 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005. **Pages S13172, S13179–80**

Harkin (for Tester) Amendment No. 3378 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional funding for veterans employment and training for Federal management activities. **Page S13180**

Harkin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3432 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for trauma care. **Page S13180**

Harkin (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3377 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funds for allied health professional programs. **Page S13180**

Brown/Webb Amendment No. 3361 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide information to schools relating to the prevention of violent events and other crisis situations. **Pages S13173, S13183–84**

Harkin (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3325), to express the sense of the Senate that funds be used for the frequent hemodialysis clinical trials at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. **Pages S13183–84**

Harkin (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 3379 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for Community-Based Job Training grants, which strengthen the role of community and technical colleges in training workers. **Pages S13183–84**

Harkin (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 3344 (to Amendment No. 3325), to allocate funds to the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) Clinic in Libby, Montana. **Pages S13183–84**

Rejected:

Allard Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3325), to reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). (By 68 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 381), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S13172, S13174, S13176–78, S13179

Withdrawn on Friday, October 19, 2007:

Cornyn Amendment No. 3381 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for the continuing review of unauthorized Federal programs and agencies and to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful Government spending.

Withdrawn on Monday, October 22, 2007:

Reed Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Pages S13172, S13180**

Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13172**

Vitter Amendment No. 3328 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada. **Page S13172**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require that the Secretary of Labor report to Congress regarding jobs lost and created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S13172, S13174**

Ensign Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico. **Page S13172**

Ensign Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. **Page S13172**

Lautenberg/Snowe Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate. **Page S13172**

Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325), to fund the small business child care grant program. **Page S13172**

Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require Congress to provide health care for all children in the U.S. before funding special interest pork projects. **Page S13172**

Chambliss Modified Amendment No. 3391 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide for a declaration of a public health emergency with respect to Sumter County, Georgia. **Page S13174**

Cardin Amendment No. 3400 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide support to Iraqis and Afghans who arrive in the United States under the Special Immigrant Visa program. **Pages S13181–82**

Landrieu Amendment No. 3446 (to Amendment No. 3325), relative to the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program. **Pages S13182–83**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, and that Senator Enzi be recognized to propose Amendment No. 3437 (to Amendment No. 3325), that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendments be temporarily set aside and that Senator DeMint be recognized to propose Amendment No. 3387 (to Amendment No. 3325), that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendments be temporarily set aside, and Senate resume consideration of Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325) (listed above), that there be 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate resume consideration of Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (to Amendment No. 3325) (listed above), that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled prior to a vote, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate return to Enzi Amendment No. 3437 and vote on or in relation to the amendment, that Senate then resume consideration of DeMint Amendment No. 3387, and vote on or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that Senate then vote on or in relation to Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (listed above), and that Senate then vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 3358 (listed above); provided further, that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote, and that there be no second-degree amendments in order prior to the vote; provided further, that after the first vote, the vote time be limited to 10 minutes per vote. **Page S13189**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, re-appointed the following individual as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Clare Cotton of Massachusetts. **Page S13203**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Richard D. Land of Tennessee, for a term of two years. **Page S13203**

DREAM Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2205, to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children. **Page S13202**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S13202**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to expand the scope of the national emergency relative to the Government of Burma, as received during adjournment of the Senate on October 19, 2007; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-29) **Pages S13191-92**

Executive Communications: **Pages S13192-93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S13193-94**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S13191-S13202**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S13202**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S13202**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—382) **Pages S13179, S13180**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13203.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3911-3926; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 762, were introduced. **Pages H11846-47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11847-48**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio (H. Rept. 110-391);

H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-392);

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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-393);

H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-394, Pt. 1);

H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, with amendments (H. Rept. 110-395);

H.R. 783, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-396);

H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful

nonnative species, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–397);

H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–398);

H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–399);

H.R. 3867, to update and expand the procurement programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–400);

H.R. 3775, to support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–401);

H.R. 3776, to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program by the Secretary of Energy to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in energy storage systems for vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–402);

H. Res. 763, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1011) to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, and to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas (H. Rept. 110–403);

H. Res. 764, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 505) to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (H. Rept. 110–404); and

H. Res. 765, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1483) to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas (H. Rept. 110–405); and

H.R. 3685, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (H. Rept. 110–406, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.
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Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.
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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2007: H.R. 189, amended, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 256 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 983; Pages H11781–85, S11818

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey and for other purposes.”
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Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007: H.R. 830, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; Page H11785

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska.”

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Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio; Page H11786

Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007: H.R. 783, amended, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park;

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Providing for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: H.R. 2094, amended, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission;

Pages H11787–89

Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act: H.R. 523, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 377 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 984;

Pages H11789–90, H11818–19

Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act: H.R. 53, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to

provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school;

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Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act: H.R. 767, amended, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species;

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Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007: H.R. 1205, amended, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000;

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Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act: H.R. 1462, amended, 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;

Pages H11800–02

Providing for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District: H.R. 1337, amended, 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;

Pages H11802–03

Santa Ana River Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2007: H.R. 813, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project;

Pages H11803–04

San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2007: H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority;

Pages H11804–05

Madera Water Supply Enhancement Act: H.R. 1855, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera

Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project;

Pages H11805–06

Supporting the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week: H. Res. 762, to support the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 375 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 985;

Pages H11806–08, H11819–20

Congratulating and commending the Wichita State University women's bowling team for winning the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship: H. Res. 472, to congratulate and commend the Wichita State University women's bowling team for winning the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship;

Pages H11808–09

Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 3564, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011;

Pages H11809–11

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Mendez v. Westminster decision which ended segregation of Mexican and Mexican American students in California schools: H. Res. 721, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Mendez v. Westminster decision which ended segregation of Mexican and Mexican American students in California schools;

Pages H11811–14

Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007: H.R. 3776, amended, to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program by the Secretary of Energy to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in energy storage systems for vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution;

Pages H11814–16

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for research, development, and demonstration programs in advanced energy storage systems for electric drive vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution applications, to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in this field, and to promote the efficient delivery and use of energy.”

Pages H11815–16

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 751, to support the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week; and

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Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007: H.R. 3775, amended, to

support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness. **Pages H11820–22**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the expanded scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997 with respect to Burma, and of additional steps with respect to that national emergency—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–66). **Page H11780**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11817**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Robert Young, III, former Member of Congress. **Page H11819**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H11780 and H11806.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 51 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, S. 2206 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. 1839 was held at the desk. **Page H11843**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11818, H11818–19, and H11819–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VOTING BY MAIL OR ABSENTEE— EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections continued hearings on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to vote by Mail or Absentee. Testimony was heard from Tom Harrison, former Elections Director, State of Texas; and a public witness.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HERITAGE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule

XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Rahall and Representatives Don Young of Alaska, Regula, and Flake.

VIRGINIA RIDGE AND VALLEY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules. Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1011, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Goodlatte. The amendment made in order shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against the amendment except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Rahall and Representative Don Young of Alaska.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Tech rule provide that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Rep. Flake or his designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Rahall, and Representatives Abercrombie, Hirono, Don Young of Alaska, and Flake.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Transportation Board and regulation related to railroads, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Carl B. Kress, of California, and A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the human impacts of global warming, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, focusing on our Cold War heroes, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine six years after the anthrax attacks, focusing on our preparedness to respond to bioterrorism, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) strategic plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Broadband: Connecting Rural America, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2601, To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 647, Market to Market Extension Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2949, Eurasia Foundation Act; H.R. 3887, To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat forced labor; H.R. 3890, To amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities; H.R. 275, Global Online Freedom Act of 2007; H.R. 1746, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act; H.R. 2705, Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 3320, Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007; a measure To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act; a measure Naval Vessel Transfer Act; H. Res. 435, Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America; H. Res. 550, Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia; H. Res. 573, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and Advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan; H. Res. 726, Calling on the President of the United States and the International community to take immediate steps to respond to and prevent the acts of rape and sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur, Sudan, eastern Chad and the Central African Republic; H. Res. 740, Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007; H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; a resolution Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives regarding the violation of the human rights of United Nations Special

Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Sigma Huda and others, by caretaker government of Bangladesh; H. Con. Res. 234, Calling on the government of the People's Republic of China to respect the human rights of North Korean refugees; and H. Con. Res. 236, Recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Iran Sanctions and Regional Security, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Voter Registration and List Maintenance, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, joint hearing on Allegations of Selective Prosecution: The Erosion of Public Confidence in Our Federal Justice System, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Genocide and the Rule of Law, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to continue mark up of H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007; 9 a.m., and to mark up H. R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3043, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act, and vote on or in relation to certain amendments.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

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9 a.m., Tuesday, October 23

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1955—Violent Radicalization and

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