

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12013–S12076

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2087–2093, and S. Res. 330–331. **Page S12054**

Measures Passed:

Childhood Cancer Awareness: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 325, supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S12075–76**

Trade Act of 1974 Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12076**

Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2085, to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S12076**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed 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 S12023, S12024, S12028–46**

Adopted:

Levin (for Isakson) Modified Amendment No. 2952 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the procurement of fire resistant rayon fiber for the production of uniforms from foreign sources. **Page S12034**

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require an annual report on cases reviewed by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. **Page S12034**

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2917 (to Amendment No. 2011), to extend and enhance the authority for temporary lodging expenses for members of the Armed Forces in areas subject to a major disaster declaration or for installations experiencing a sudden increase in personnel levels. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2973 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on the provision of equipment for the National Guard for the defense of the homeland. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Brown) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2011), to expedite the prompt return of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to their loved ones for burial. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Graham/Kerry) Amendment No. 2975 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the status of the application of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a time of war or contingency operation. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Dole) Amendment No. 2951 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require the Secretary of the Navy to make reasonable efforts to notify certain former residents and civilian employees at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, of their potential exposure to certain drinking water contaminants. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2978 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on housing privatization initiatives. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Smith/Wyden) Amendment No. 2956 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate on use by the Air Force of towbarless aircraft ground equipment. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2932 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the provision of contact information on separating members of the Armed Forces to the veterans department or agency of the State in which such members intend to reside after separation. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Hagel/Byrd) Amendment No. 2979 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on the future use of synthetic fuels in military systems. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2943 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the

workforce required to support the nuclear missions of the Navy and the Department of Energy.

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Levin (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2982 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the establishment of special reimbursement rates for the provision of mental health care services under the TRICARE program.

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Levin (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2981 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require an evaluation of the strategic plan for advanced computing of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Johnson) Amendment No. 2158 (to Amendment No. 2011), to ensure the eligibility of certain heavily impacted local educational agencies for impact aid payments under section 8003(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for fiscal year 2008 and succeeding fiscal years.

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Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2977 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for physician and health care professional comparability allowances to improve and enhance the recruitment and retention of medical and health care personnel for the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2011), to implement the recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health.

Pages S12034, S12037–38

Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 2950 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a study and report on the feasibility of including additional elements in the pilot program utilizing an electronic clearinghouse for support of the disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2969 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Military Eye Injuries.

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Levin (for Thune) Amendment No. 3021 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a Comptroller General report on actions by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in response to the decision in *Butterbaugh v. Department of Justice*.

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Levin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 2920 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado.

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Levin (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2929 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report assessing the facilities and operations of the Darnall Army

Medical Center at Fort Hood Military Reservation, Texas.

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Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 2197 (to Amendment No. 2011), to lift the moratorium on improvements at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

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Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 2290 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on funding of the Department of Defense for health care in the budget of the President in any fiscal year in which the Armed Forces are engaged in major military conflict.

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Levin (for Chambliss/Isakson) Amendment No. 2936 (to Amendment No. 2011), to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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Levin/McCain Amendment No. 3007 (to Amendment No. 2011), to clarify the requirement for military construction authorization and the definition of military construction.

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Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2995 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the plans of the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to replace the monument at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

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Levin (for Lautenberg/Menendez) Amendment No. 3029 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a comprehensive review of safety measures and encroachment issues at Warren Grove Gunnery Range, New Jersey.

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Levin (for Hagel) Amendment No. 2980 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the establishment of a scholarship program for civilian mental health professionals.

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Levin (for Kerry/Snowe) Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve the Commercialization Pilot Program for defense contracts.

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Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3024 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve small business programs for veterans.

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Levin (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the Secretary of the Army to use land under the control of the State of Louisiana adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the Baton Rouge airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the purpose of siting an Army Reserve Center and Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Center.

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Levin (for Bennett/Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 3030 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify land management restrictions applicable to Utah national defense lands.

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Levin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3044 (to Amendment No. 2011), to prohibit the use of earmarks for awarding no-bid contracts and non-competitive grants. **Pages S12034, S12042**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12023**

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 S12023**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. **Pages S12023, S12029**

Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. **Pages S12023, S12028–29**

Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2064), to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S12023**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3038, to change the enactment date. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3039 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3040 (to Amendment No. 3039), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Pages S12044–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Page S12023**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Pages S12044–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 26, 2007; provided further, that when Senate resumes consideration of Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Biden and McCain, or their designees, and that Senate vote on

or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that the amendment be subject to a 60 vote affirmative threshold, and that if it does not achieve that threshold, the amendment be withdrawn. **Page S12076**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, when cloture is filed on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, that it be considered to have been filed on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. **Page S12075**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S12076**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S12076**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GULF COAST HOUSING NEEDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain

issues two years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, focusing on housing needs in the Gulf Coast, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; James Perry, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, on behalf of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, James R. Kelly, Providence Community Housing, Emelda Paul, Lafitte Resident Council, and Edgar A.G. Bright, III, Standard Mortgage Corporation, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association, all of New Orleans, Louisiana; Alan Brown, United Methodist Senior Services of Mississippi, Inc., Tupelo, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and Amy Liu, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS SUPPLEMENTAL NUCLEAR COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1756, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas Bussanich, Acting Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Witten T. Philippo, Minister in Assistance to the President, and Jonathan M. Weisgall, Legal Counsel, both of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

GLOBAL WARMING INITIATIVES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine jobs in the renewable energy industries created by global warming initiatives, after receiving testimony from Sigmar Gabriel, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Berlin, Germany; former Representative Richard K. Armeey, FreedomWorks, Jerome Ringo, Apollo Alliance, Kenneth P. Green, American Enterprise Institute, and Carol L. Berrigan, Nuclear Energy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Wayne H. Winegarden, Arduin, Laffer, and Moore Econometrics, Tallahassee, Florida; Vinod Khosla, Klosla Ventures, Menlo Park, California; Daniel M. Kammen, University of California, Berkeley; David Blittersdorf, NRG Systems and Earth Turbines, Hinesburg, Vermont; Mark Culpepper, SunEdison, LLC, Beltsville, Maryland; and Donald D. Gilligan, National Association of Energy Service Companies, Sharon, Massachusetts.

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home and community-based care, focus-

ing on expanding options for long-term care services, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin; Patrick Flood, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Waterbury; Kevin W. Concannon, Iowa Department of Human Services, Des Moines; Robert D. Liston, Montana Fair Housing, Missoula; and Mitch LaPlante, University of California, San Francisco.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, who was introduced by Senator Kyl, and Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

STRENGTHENING FISA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), including S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information, and S. 2011, "The Protect America Act of 2007", after receiving testimony from J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence; James A. Baker, Harvard Law School, former Counsel for Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice, and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, both of Washington, D.C.; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, San Francisco, California; and H. Bryan Cunningham, Morgan and Cunningham LLC, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, and Robert M. Dow, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine research and treatment for Gulf War illnesses, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Kilpatrick, Deputy Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Program, and Colonel Janet Harris, Director, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Department of

the Army, both of the Department of Defense; Joel Kupersmith, Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; James H. Binns, Jr., Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses, Phoenix, Arizona; Julie Mock, Veterans of Modern Warfare, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Meryl Nass, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor, Maine; Lea Steele, Kansas State University, Topeka, on behalf of the Research Advisory Committee

on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; and Roberta White, Boston University School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health, Boston, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3648–3667; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 219; and H. Res. 676, 679–681 were introduced. **Pages H10900–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10901–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3567, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses (H. Rept. 110–347);

H. Res. 677, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–348); and

H. Res. 678, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (H. Rept. 110–349). **Page H10900**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10759**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10759**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Yusuf Saleem, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, DC. **Page H10760**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Dingell and Gilchrest. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives

to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Jackson Lee (Texas); and, in addition, Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Bilirakis. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Cliff Akiyama of California to the Congressional Award Board. **Page H10764**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, September 24th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month": H. Res. 584, to support the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 896; **Page H10774**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 210, to support the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 897; and **Pages H10774–75**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 663, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 898. **Pages H10775–76**

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

Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007: H.R. 1400, amended, to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 895;

Pages H10764–74

Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon: H. Res. 548, amended, to express the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 899;

Pages H10776–78, H10801–02

Global Poverty Act of 2007: H.R. 1302, amended, to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day;

Pages H10778–81

Expressing sympathy to and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown: H. Res. 642, to express sympathy to and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 900;

Pages H10781–82, H10802

Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda: H. Res. 557, amended, to strongly condemn the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 901;

Pages H10782–85, H10802–03

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month: H. Res. 95, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 905;

Pages H10785–86, H10815–16

Calling on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths: H. Res. 25, to call on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths;

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Making permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency: H.R. 3625, to make permanent the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency;

Pages H10789–91

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities: H. Res. 590, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 907;

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Stop AIDS in Prison Act of 2007: H.R. 1943, amended, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons;

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Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research: H. Res. 470, to support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research;

Pages H10796–98

Correcting technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580: H. Con. Res. 217, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3580; and

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Extending the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months: H.R. 3375, amended, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m. **Page H10816**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 265 yeas to 159 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 906, with the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110-346. **Pages H10816-85**

H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 199 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 904, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 903. **Pages H10803-15**

Earlier, agreed to the McGovern motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order raised by Representative Rogers (MI) by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 902. **Page H10804**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10885.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10773, H10774, H10774-75, H10775-76, H10801-02, H10802, H10802-03, H10804, H10814-15, H10815, H10816, H10885, and H10885-86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Safety of Imported Foods. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: David Acheson, M.D., Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection; and Stephen Soloman, D.V.M., Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Regional Operations; the former officials of the FDA: Benjamin England, Counsel to the Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; and Carl R. Nielsen, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs' Division of Import Operations and Policy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch appropriations held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of the Architect: Stephen Ayers Acting Architect; Ken Lauziere, Fire Marshal; and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

FROM IMUS TO INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

PEPFAR REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APEC 2007: ADVANCING U.S. EXPORT TO ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region. Testimony was heard from Patricia Haslach, Senior Official, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Department of State; and Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs; and a public witness.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—ANTITRUST AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy held an oversight hearing on Antitrust Agencies: Department of Justice Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition. Testimony was heard from Deborah

Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; and Thomas O. Barnett, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

MORTGAGE MESS—STRAIGHTENING OUT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Straightening Out the Mortgage Mess: How Can We Protect Home Ownership and Provide Relief to Consumers in Financial Distress? Testimony was heard from Judge Marilyn Morgan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, State of California; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EMPLOYMENT SECTION CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on the Employment Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Asheesh Agarwal, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2405, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act; H.R. 2884, amended, Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act; H.R. 1512, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; and H.R. 1312, Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 2498, To provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner; and H.R. 2535, Tule River Tribe Water Development Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Quint, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Will NIEHS' new priorities protect public health? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGAN DONATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Organ Donation: Utilizing Public Policy and Technology to Strengthen Organ Donor Programs. Testimony was heard from James Burdick, M.D., Director, Division of Transplantation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

POPCORN WORKERS LUNG DISEASE PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, with one member voting present, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2693, Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. 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 Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clause 10 of Rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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 the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments 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 from Chairman Miller and Representatives Woolsey, and Wilson of South Carolina.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.J. Res. 52, Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule also provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the joint resolution to a time designated by the Speaker and tables House Resolution 659. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Revisiting the Industrial Technologies Program (ITP): Achieving Industrial Efficiency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY CHALLENGE—SOCIAL SCIENCES CONTRIBUTION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Contribution of the Social Sciences to the Energy Challenge. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EMANCIPATION HALL—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on H.R. 3515, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jackson of Illinois and Wamp.

RAIL COMPETITION AND SERVICE

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing Rail Competition and Service. Testimony was heard from Senator Dorgan; the following officials of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation: Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; W. Douglas Buttrey, Vice Chairman; and Francis P. Mulvey, Board Member; Kenneth C. Clayton, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

BOARD OF VA ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Board of Veterans' Appeals Adjudication Process and the Appeals Management Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Arnold Russo, Director, Appeals Management Center; and James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VA POLYTRAUMA REHAB CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers: Management Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Elizabeth J. Freeman, Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Operations and Management.

DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL ON U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

EXAMINE WHETHER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS SERVE NEEDS OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Examine Whether Charitable Organizations Serve the Needs of Diverse Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President's supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine offshore tax issues, focusing on reinsurance and hedge funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”, H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”, H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”, H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”, H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 3106 and S. 2023, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”, H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”, and the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, David M. Mason, of Virginia, and Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, all to be Members of the Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine improving internet access to help small business compete in a global economy, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review reauthorization of the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing to receive testimony on Army strategic initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Food and Drug Safety Import Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue mark up of H.R. 3355, Homeowners’ Defense Act of 2007; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3524, HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 946, Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practices Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: S. 1612, International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act; H. Res. 635, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commend Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith; H. Con. Res. 200, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; H.R. 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act; H.R. 2828, to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998; H.R. 3432, 200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007; H. Res. 405, Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus; H. Res. 624, Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history; H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship 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; H. Res. 676, Declaring that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability; and H. Con. Res. 203, Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Beyond the Checklist: Addressing Shortfalls in National Pandemic Influenza Preparedness,” 10 a.m., 2311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Contracting: Removing Hurdles from Minority-Owned Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing “Third Walter Reed Oversight Hearing: Keeping the Nation’s Promise to Our Wounded Soldiers,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007; and H.R. 3567, Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol,

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on meeting the need for Interoperability and Information Security in Health IT, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Small Business Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Possibilities, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airline Delays and Consumer Issues, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Federal Transit Administration's Proposed Rule on the New Starts and Small Starts Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on VA IT Reorganization: How Far Has VA Come? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: a measure To amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iran, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence, briefing entitled "Forgoing A Global Warning: International Perspectives," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 52—Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 2693—Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act (Subject to a Rule).

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