

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2405–2407, and S. Con. Res. 58. **Page S14741**

Measures Reported:

S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14741**

Measures Passed:

United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: By 77 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 413), Senate passed H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14716–19, S14719–28**

Welcoming First Ministers of Northern Ireland: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 58, welcoming First Minister Dr. Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the United States. **Page S14746**

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 376, providing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare a commercial fishery failure for the groundfish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and immediately propose regulations to implement section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S14746–47**

Temporary District Court Judgeships: Senate passed S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships. **Page S14747**

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds. **Pages S14747–48**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2131, 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”. **Page S14748**

Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”. **Page S14748**

Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”. **Page S14748**

Measures Considered:

Temporary Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Pages S14731–33**

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 Thursday, December 6, 2007. **Page S14731**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. **Page S14748**

Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, announced the appointment of Senator Alexander as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Allard. **Page S14746**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2013.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Page S14748**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—413) **Page S14727**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14748.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2332, to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership, with amendments;

S. 1581, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments;

S. 2307, to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, with amendments;

S. 2355, to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, with amendments; and

Promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commission Corps (NOAA).

CREDIT CARD PRACTICES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine credit card practices, focusing on unfair interest rate increases, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Hochschild, Discover Financial Services, Riverwoods, Illinois; Bruce L. Hammonds, Bank of America, Wilmington, Delaware; Ryan Schneider, Capital One Financial Corporation, McLean, Virginia; Janet Hard, Freeland, Michigan; Bonnie Rushing, Naples, Florida; and Millard Glasshof, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NEW MADRID SEISMIC ZONE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine the earthquake zone within the central Mississippi Valley, extending from northeast Arkansas, through southeast Missouri, western Tennessee, western Kentucky to southern Illinois, known as the Madrid Seismic Zone, after receiving testimony from Glenn M. Cannon, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Operations Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; John R. Hayes, Jr., National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; David Applegate, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquakes and Geological Hazards, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), Conway, on behalf of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC); and Callen Hays, Memphis Light, Gas, and Water, Memphis, Tennessee.

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing a comprehensive response to food safety problems, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Joseph Corby, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany; Paul B. Young, Waters Corporation, Newtownards, Northern Ireland; and Michael R. Taylor, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Cal Dooley, Grocery Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine electronic prescribing of controlled substances, addressing health care and law enforcement priorities, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Tony

Trenkle, Director, E-Health and Standards Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura L. Adams, Rhode Island Quality Institute, Swampscott, Massachusetts; Kevin D. Hutchinson, SureScripts, LLC, Alexandria, Virginia; David C. Miller, Compuware Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; and Michael A. Podgurski, Rite Aid Corporation, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4251–4275; 2 private bills, H.R. 4276–4277; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65; H. Con. Res. 264–265; and H. Res. 836–838, 840–843, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H14157–58

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–458);

H.R. 1662, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–459);

H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma (H. Rept. 110–460);

H.R. 2246, to validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–461);

H.R. 3998, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–462);

H.R. 2930, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 to improve the program under such sec-

tion for supportive housing for the elderly, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–463);

H.R. 3873, to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing (H. Rept. 110–464);

H.R. 4043, to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to preserve and expand minority depository institutions (H. Rept. 110–465);

H.R. 4050, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance providing a process for consideration of the flood protections afforded by certain structures for purposes of the national flood insurance program (H. Rept. 110–466);

H.R. 1759, to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–467);

H.R. 2489, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances (H. Rept. 110–468);

H.R. 3079, to amend the Joint Resolution Approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–469, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3690, to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–470, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 839, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–471).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14087**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hastert, wherein he resigned as Representative for the 14th Congressional District of Illinois, effective 10:59 p.m. CST, November 26, 2007. **Page H14088**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Hastert, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H14088**

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

America's Historical and Natural Legacy Study Act: H.R. 3998, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 326 yeas to 79 nays, Roll No. 1123; **Pages H14091–95, H14128–29**

Validating certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads: H.R. 2246, amended, to validate certain conveyances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company of lands located in Reno, Nevada, that were originally conveyed by the United States to facilitate construction of transcontinental railroads; **Page H14095**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada." **Page H14095**

Amending the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities: H.R. 1662, amended, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities; **Pages H14096–97**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes." **Page H14097**

William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2007: H.R. 3887, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and to enhance measures to

combat forced labor, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1124; **Pages H14098–H14122, H14130**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes." **Page H14130**

Excluding from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University: H.R. 4118, amended, to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event, loss of life and limb, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; **Pages H14122–24**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University." **Page H14124**

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 710, with amendments: H. Res. 837, to provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 710, with amendments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 1126. **Pages H14124–26, H14131–32**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:14 p.m. and reconvened at 5:33 p.m. **Page H14126**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H14126–28**

Agreed to the Hoekstra motion to instruct conferees by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 1125. **Pages H14126–28, H14130–31**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Reyes, Hastings (FL), Boswell, Cramer, Eshoo, Holt, Ruppertsberger, Tierney, Thompson (CA), Schakowsky, Langevin, Patrick J. Murphy (PA), Hoekstra, Everett, Gallegly, Wilson (NM), Thornberry, McHugh, Tiahrt, Rogers (MI), and Issa. **Page H14132**

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Representatives Skelton, Spratt, and Hunter. **Page H14132**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H14128**

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

Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies: H. Con. Res. 147, to recognize 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies; **Pages H14089–91**

North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007: H.R. 236, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; and **Pages H14095–96**

McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act: H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma. **Pages H14097–98**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Joseph Minish, former Member of Congress. **Page H14129**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Henry Hyde, former Member of Congress. **Pages H14129–30**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H14089 and H14122.

Senate Referrals: S. 1679 and S. 2290 were held at the desk; S. 2168 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 2110, S. 2174, and S. 2272 were referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; S. Con. Res. 55 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services; and S. Con. Res. 56 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H14151**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14128–29, H14130, H14130–31, and 14131–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1343, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007; H.R. 2915, National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Replacement Programs Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 4230, School-Based Health Clinic Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 2, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolutions reported on the legislative day of Wednesday, December 5, 2007, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and the nominations of John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson, and Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, both to be Members of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, William H. Graves, of Tennessee, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, and Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention Act (Public Law 93-415), focusing on protecting children and communities, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the foreclosure crisis, focusing on helping families save their homes, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the elderly who have been displaced by war, poverty, and persecution abroad, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Provincial Reconstruction Teams—Historical and Current Perspectives on Doctrine and Strategy, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the State of the U.S. Economy and Implications for the Federal Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up a resolution to add a Rule 24 to the Rules of the Committee on Education and Labor to Provide a Process for Taking Depositions, 12 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled

“Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission: Media Ownership,” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Affordable Housing Needs of America’s Low Income Veterans,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on After Annapolis: Next Steps in the Middle East Peace Process, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled “Rebuilding Overfished Fisheries Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act,” 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Executive Pay and the Role of Compensation Consultants, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H. Res. 836, Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iran, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, closed meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, December 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 3526—To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions; (2) H.R. 4043—Preserving and Expanding Minority Depository

Institutions Act; (3) H.R. 2930—Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act; (4) H.R. 3505—Securities Law Technical Corrections Act of 2007; (5) H.R. 4050—Levee-Like Structure Consideration Act of 2007; (6) H.R. 2517—Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007; (7) H.R. 3791—SAFE Act of 2007; (8) H.R. 1759—Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2007; (9) H. Res. 826—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the hanging of nooses is a horrible act when used for the purpose of intimidation and which under certain circumstances can be a criminal act that should be thoroughly investigated by Federal law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted; (10) S. 888—Genocide Accountability Act of 2007 (Sponsored by Senator Durbin/Judiciary Committee); (11) H.R. 3690—U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007; (12) S.J. Res. 8—A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and (13) H. Res. 822—Recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles.

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