

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11919–S11965*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2083–2085, and S. Res. 325. **Page S11952**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 2084, to promote school safety, improved law enforcement. (S. Rept. No. 110–183) **Page S11952**

**Measures Passed:**

**Ukraine Parliamentary Elections:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 320, recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11954**

**Gang Abatement and Prevention Act:** Senate passed S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11954–65**

Casey (for Feinstein/Hatch) Amendment No. 3022, of a perfecting nature. **Page S11965**

**Measures Considered:**

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11919–37**

**Withdrawn:**

By 47 yeas and 47 nays (Vote No. 346), Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11920–25**

**Pending:**

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11920**

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 S11920**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. **Page S11920**

Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. **Pages S11925–37**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General. **Pages S11945–47, S11965**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S11953**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S11953–54**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S11952**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S11954**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S11954**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—346) **Page S11924**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 2:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11965.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill entitled, “American Infrastructure Investment and Improvement Act”;

An original bill entitled, “The Habitat and Land Conservation Act of 2007”;

and  
An original bill to implement the United States–Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

## Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* September 26, 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:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine two years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, focusing on housing needs in the Gulf Coast, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

September 26, Full Committee, 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 27, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine congestion and delays impacting travelers, focusing on possible solutions, 10 a.m., SR–253.

September 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1578, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, S. 1889, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve railroad safety by reducing accidents and to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, S. 1453, to extend the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, S. 1965, to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors, S. J. Res. 17, directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean, and S. Con. Res. 39, supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims, and a promotion list in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 24, to hold hearings to examine scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire activity in the United States, 3 p.m., SD–366.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1208)

H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States. Signed on September 20, 2007. (Public Law 110–82)

S. 377, to establish a United States–Poland parliamentary youth exchange program. Signed on September 20, 2007. (Public Law 110–83)

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 24 through September 29, 2007

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act; following the disposition of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings 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, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 26, Full Committee, 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.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine hard-rock mining on federal lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 148, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 697, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 1476, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System, S. 867 and H.R. 299, bills to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1709 and H.R. 1239, bills to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional staff and oversight of funds to carry out the Act, S. 1808, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 1969, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Estate Grange and other sites related to Alexander Hamilton's life on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands as a unit of the National Park System, and S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine green jobs created by global warming initiatives, 2 p.m., SD-406.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine home and community based care, focusing on expanding options for long-term care, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine offshore tax issues, focusing on reinsurance and hedge funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of national border security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David T. John-

son, 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, and Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (T. Doc.103-39), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 27, to hold hearings to examine pursuing Brown v. Board of Education's promise, focusing on ensuring equal opportunity in public education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* September 26, 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.

September 27, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine cost effective military strategic airlift requirements in the 21st century, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 28, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of Federal Executive Boards in pandemic preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* September 27, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the prevalence of violence against Indian women, 9 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 25, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 26, Full Committee, 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.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine 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, S.J. Res. 13, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding, S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies, S. Con. Res. 45, commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month, S. Res. 258, recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation, S. 1267, 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, and the nomination of James Russell Dedrick, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 27, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the Google-DoubleClick merger and the online advertising industry, focusing on the risks for competition and privacy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* September 26, 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:* September 26, to hold hearings to examine improving internet access to help small business compete in a global economy, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 25, to hold an oversight hearing to examine research and treatment for Gulf War illnesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

September 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 25, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* September 26, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review reauthorization of the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 27, full Committee, hearing to review H.R. 1011, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* September 25, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Safety of Imported Foods, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 26, to mark up H.R. 2826, To amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to restore habeas corpus for individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 26, full Committee, hearing to receive testimony on Army strategic initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Food and Drug Safety Import Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 25, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007; H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007; and 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.

September 27, hearing entitled "DEC Proxy Access Proposals: Implications for Investors," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Role of Credit Rating Agencies in the Structured Finance Market," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* September 25, hearing on PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 26, full Committee, 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; and H. Con. Res. 200, Expressing the

sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Iran Sanctions and Regional Security, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, September 25, to mark up H.R. 2830, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 26, 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.

September 27, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk, hearing entitled "The Way Forward with Fusion Centers: Challenges and Strategies for Change," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 25, Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, oversight hearing on Antitrust Agencies: Department of Justice Antitrust Division and Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Straightening Out the Mortgage Mess: How Can We Protect Home Ownership and Provide Relief to Consumers in Financial Distress? 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Employment Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 27, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2128, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, September 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, 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, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 27, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Aquatic Nuisance Species and Activities of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force," 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 830, Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007; H.R. 2094, To provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; and H.R.

3111, Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, September 25, hearing on Lobbying by the U.S. Department of Transportation Against State Actions to Address Climate Change, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Will NIEHS' new priorities protect public health? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Organ Donation: Utilizing Public Policy and Technology to Strengthen Organ Donor Programs, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Government, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Contracting: Removing Hurdles from Minority-Owned Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 26, 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.

September 27, full Committee, hearing on Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, September 24, to consider the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

September 25, to consider the following: H.R. 2693, Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act; and a measure Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, September 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Revisiting the Industrial Technologies Program (ITP): Achieving Industrial Efficiency, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on the Contribution of the Social Sciences to the Energy Challenge, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 26, full Committee, hearing on meeting the need for Interoperability and Information Security in Health IT, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on the National Security Implications of Climate Change, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 26, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Small Business Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Possibilities, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 27, full Committee, hearing on Management and Authorization legislation, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 25, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Emancipation Hall: A Tribute to the Slaves Who Helped Build the U.S. Capitol, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Rail Competition and Service, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airline Delays and Consumer Issues, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 26, 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.

September 27, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on the John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Transition from FAA to Contractor-Operated Service Stations: Lessons Learned, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, September 25, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the Board of Veterans' Appeals Adjudication Process and the Appeals Management Center, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers: Management Issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 26, full Committee, hearing on VA IT Reorganization: How Far Has VA Come? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Grant and Per Diem Program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, September 25, to consider a measure to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 10:30 a.m., 1100n Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to Examine Whether Charitable Organizations Serve the Needs of Diverse Communities, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee to Investigate the voting Irregularities of August, 2, 2007*, September 27, to meet for organization purposes; to consider an Interim Report, required by H. Res. 611, Raising a question of the privileges of the House, to be filed with the House of Representatives by September 30, 2007, followed by a hearing on Voting in the House of Representatives, 9 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: September 27, to hold hearings to examine human rights defenders in Russia, 10 a.m., 2212RHOB.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

2 p.m., Monday, September 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, September 24

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act and vote on its adoption at 5:45 p.m.

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.



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