Thursday, July 26, 2007

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2638, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act.

The House passed H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10051–S10208

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1879–1894, and S. Res. 281–282. **Page S10148–49**

Measures Reported:

S. 1893, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program. **Page S10148**

Measures Passed:

Department Of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 282), Senate passed H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10058–S10115**

Adopted:

By 89 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 278), Graham Amendment No. 2480 (to Amendment No. 2383), to ensure control over the United States borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws. **Pages S10058–67**

Grassley/Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 2444 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that none of the funds made available under this Act may be expended until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that all new hires by the Department of Homeland Security are verified through the basic pilot program authorized under section 401 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 or may be available to enter into a contract with a person, employer, or other entity that does not participate in the such basic pilot program. **Pages S10058, S10083**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 2461 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the amount provided for aviation security direction and enforcement. **Pages S10058, S10083**

Schumer Amendment No. 2447 (to Amendment No. 2383), to reserve $40,000,000 of the amounts appropriated for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to support the implementation of the Securing the Cities initiative at the level requested in the President's budget. **Page S10083**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 2488 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit U.S. Customs and Border Protection or any agency or office within the Department of Homeland Security from preventing an individual not in the business of importing a prescription drug from importing an FDA-approved prescription drug from Canada. **Page S10067**

Dole Amendment No. 2462 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that not less than $5,400,000 of the amount appropriated to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement be used to facilitate agreements described in section 287 (g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. **Pages S10083, S10091**

Lieberman Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide funds for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program. **Pages S10093–95, S10096–98**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 280), Sanders/Feingold Amendment No. 2498 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit funds made available in this

Act from being used to implement a rule or regulation related to certain petitions for aliens to perform temporary labor in the United States.

Pages S10092–93, S10098–99

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 281), DeMint Amendment No. 2481 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit the use of funds to remove offenses from the list of criminal offenses disqualifying individuals from receiving TWIC cards.

Pages S10091, S10099, S10113–15

Coburn/DeMint Amendment No. 2442 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit funding for no-bid earmarks. **Pages S10095–96, S10100**

Murray (for Kyl/Martinez) Modified Amendment No. 2518 (to Amendment No. 2383), to set aside $60,000,000 of the overall amount appropriated for border security, interior enforcement, and employment verification to be used for employment verification improvements. (Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment be further modified).

Pages S10100, S10105

Salazar Modified Amendment No. 2516 (to Amendment No. 2383), relative to border security requirements for land and maritime borders of the United States. (Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment be further modified). **Pages S1009192, S10100**

Murray (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2527 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to authorize an in-lieu contribution to the Peebles School. **Page S10101**

Murray (for Cochran/Lott) Amendment No. 2469 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that certain hazard mitigation projects shall not be subject to any precertification requirements. **Page S10101**

Murray Modified Amendment No. 2499 (to Amendment No. 2383), to make funds available to procure commercially available technology in order to expand and improve the risk-based approach of the Department of Homeland Security to target and inspect cargo containers under the Secure Freight Initiative and the Global Trade Exchange and to provide an offset. **Page S10101**

Murray (for Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 2475 (to Amendment No. 2383), to develop and implement a Model Ports of Entry program.

Page S10101

Murray (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2513 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require a national strategy and report on closed circuit television systems.

Pages S10101–02

Murray (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2502 (to Amendment No. 2383), to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists. **Page S10102**

Murray (for Cantwell/Snowe) Amendment No. 2514 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prevent procurement of any additional major assets until completion of an Alternatives Analysis, and to prevent the use of funds contained in this act for procurement of a third National Security Cutter until completion of an Alternatives Analysis. **Page S10102**

Murray (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2391 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy and funding plan to implement the recommendations regarding the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games in the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference on H.R. 5441 (109th Congress), the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007. **Page S10102**

Murray (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2466 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide local officials and the Secretary of Homeland Security greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing. **Pages S10102–03**

Murray (for Gregg) Amendment No. 2484 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for greater accountability in grant and contract administration.

Page S10103

Murray (for Collins) Amendment No. 2486 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require an appropriate amount of funding for the Office of Bombing Prevention. **Page S10103**

Murray (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2497 (to Amendment No. 2383), to establish a wild horse and burro adoption program at the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S10083–85, S10103**

Murray (for Martinez) Modified Amendment No. 2404 (to Amendment No. 2383), to establish an international registered traveler program.

Pages S10086–91, S10103–04

Murray (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2478 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for a report on the Performance Accountability and Standards System of the Transportation Security Administration.

Page S10104

Murray (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2438 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study on shared border management. **Page S10105**

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2432 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the authorized level for the border relief grant program for $50,000,000 to $100,000,000. **Page S10105**

Murray (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2451 (to Amendment No. 2383), to conduct a study to determine whether fencing on the southern border can be

constructed for less than an average $3,200,000 per mile. **Pages S10105–06**

Murray (for Isakson) Amendment No. 2495 (to Amendment No. 2383), to restore the credibility of the Federal Government by taking action to enforce immigration laws, to request the President to submit a request to Congress for supplemental appropriations on immigration. **Page S10106**

Murray (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 2500 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require United States Customs and Border Protection to provide information to Congress about the training of its personnel to effectively assist the Food and Drug Administration in monitoring our Nation's food supply. **Page S10106**

Murray (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2507 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require a study on the implementation of the voluntary provision of emergency services program. **Page S10106**

Murray (for Kerry/Kennedy) Amendment No. 2477 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Government Accountability Office to report on the Department's risk-based grant programs. **Page S10106**

Murray (for Obama) Amendment No. 2519 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than $5 million or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee owes no past due Federal tax liability. **Pages S10106–07**

Murray (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2439 (to Amendment No. 2383), to resolve the differences between the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program administered by the Transportation Security Administration and existing State transportation facility access control programs. **Page S10107**

Murray (for Baucus) Amendment No. 2406 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit the use of funds for planning, testing, piloting, or developing a national identification card. **Page S10107**

Murray (for Salazar/Allard) Modified Amendment No. 2417 (to Amendment No. 2383), to clarify that the preparation and implementation of community wildfire protection plans is a fire prevention program. **Page S10107**

Murray (for Levin) Amendment No. 2504 (to Amendment No. 2383), to express the sense of Congress regarding the need to appropriate sufficient funds to increase the number of border patrol officers and agents protecting the northern border pursuant to prior authorizations. **Page S10107**

Murray (for Domenici/Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2383), to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology. **Pages S10107–08**

Murray (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2422 (to Amendment No. 2383), to conduct a study to improve radio communications for law enforcement officers operating along the international borders of the United States. **Page S10108**

Murray (for Collins/Grassley) Amendment No. 2526 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that certain funds shall be made available to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for the fraud risk assessment relating to the H–1B program is submitted to Congress. **Page S10108**

Murray (for Graham) Modified Amendment No. 2445 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require a report on interagency operational centers for port security. **Page S10108**

Murray (for Dodd) Modified Amendment No. 2465 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the amount provided for firefighter assistance, and to provide offsets. **Page S10108**

Murray (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2508 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide funds to modernize the National Fire Incident Reporting System and to encourage the presence of State and local fire department representatives at the National Operations Center. **Pages S10108–09**

Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2509 (to Amendment No. 2383), to mitigate the health risks posed by hazardous chemicals in trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **Page S10109**

Murray (for Kerry/Snowe) Amendment No. 2463 (to Amendment No. 2383), to apply basic contracting laws to the Transportation Security Administration. **Page S10109**

Murray (for Menendez/Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2490 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for a report on regional boundaries for Urban Area Security Initiative regions. **Page S10109**

Murray (for Roberts/Brownback) Amendment No. 2521 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for special rules relating to assistance concerning the Greensburg, Kansas tornado. **Pages S10109–10**

Murray (for Coburn) Modified Amendment No. 2467 (to Amendment No. 2383), to authorize the release of data used to determine eligibility for assistance under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S10110**

Murray (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 2474 (to Amendment No. 2383), to ensure that the Federal Protective Service has adequate personnel. **Pages S10110–13**

Murray (for Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 2522 (to Amendment No. 2383), to include the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University as a member institution if the Secretary of Homeland Security establishes a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence. **Page S10110**

Murray (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2524 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide funding for security associated with the national party conventions. **Page S10110**

Byrd/Cochran Amendment No. 2383, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10058**

Rejected:

Cochran (for Alexander) Modified Amendment No. 2405 (to Amendment No. 2383), to make $300,000,000 available for grants to States to carry out the REAL ID Act of 2005. (By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S10078–83**

Withdrawn:

Schumer/Hutchison Amendment No. 2448 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the domestic supply of nurses and physical therapists. **Pages S10072–74**

Schumer Amendment No. 2416 (to Amendment No. 2383), to evaluate identification card technologies to determine the most appropriate technology for ensuring the optimal security, efficiency, privacy and cost of passport cards. **Page S10083**

Cochran (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2476 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish reasonable regulations relating to stored quantities of propane. **Page S10083**

Martinez Amendment No. 2503 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the issuance and use of social security cards with biometric identifiers for the establishment of employment authorization and identity. **Pages S10085–86**

Martinez Amendment No. 2413 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that all funds for State and local programs be allocated based on risk. **Page S10086**

Cochran/Byrd Amendment No. 2496 (to Amendment No. 2488), to prohibit the use of funds relative to United States Customs and Border Protection. **Pages S10067–68**

Dole Amendment No. 2449 (to Amendment No. 2383), to set aside $75,000,000 of the funds appropriated for training, exercise, technical assistance, and other programs under the heading State and local programs for training consistent with section 287 (g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. **Page S10091**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2525 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require regional evacuation and sheltering plans. **Pages S10096, S10101**

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 2505 (to Amendment No. 2468), relating to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al Qaeda to justice, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10068–72, S10074–77**

Chair sustained a point of order against Landrieu Amendment No. 2468 (to Amendment No. 2383), to state the policy of the United States Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror and in protecting the United States Homeland and to appropriate additional sums for that purpose, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S10077–78**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Cochran, Gregg, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Shelby, Craig, and Alexander. **Page S10115**

Conference Reports:

Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act–Conference Report: By 85 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. **Page S10115–10130**

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

By 26 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 283), rejected a motion to recommit to the conference, with instructions. **Pages S10116–17**

MEASURES CONSIDERED:

Small Business Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses.

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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of July, 26, 2007,

a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2007.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10117**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 30, 2007, and that the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees; provided further that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10117**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia.

Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. **Page S**

Messages from the House: **Page S10148**

Measures Referred: **Page S101148**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S10148**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S10149–51**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S10151–92**

Additional Statements: **Pages S10145–47**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S10192–S10207**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S10207–08**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S10208**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—284) **Pages S10064, S10082, S10099, S10115, S10117**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007 and adjourned at 12:29 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2007, until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10208.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley and Representative Spratt, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparation taken for the digital television transition, after receiving testimony from John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Catherine Seidel, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Nelda Barnett, AARP, and Nancy Zirkin, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alex Nogales, National Hispanic Media Coalition, Los Angeles, California.

RAILROAD SAFETY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine a bill entitled, ''Railroad Safety Enhancement Act'', after receiving testimony from Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and John P. Tolman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Solow, American Public Transportation Association, Los Angeles, California.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 300, to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, S. 1258, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to authorize improvements for the security of dams and other facilities, S. 1477, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, S. 1522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2014, and H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River

Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Perri Benemelis, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix; Marc Thalacker, Three Sisters Irrigation District, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Oregon Water Resources Congress; George Caan, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas, on behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association; Shannon McDaniel, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, Washington, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Gary Kennedy, Mancos Water Conservancy District, Mancos, Colorado.

CALIFORNIA WAIVER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the case for the California waiver, receiving an update from the Environmental Protection Agency, and focusing on S. 1785, to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); and Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1607, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extraordinary rendition, extraterritorial detention, and treatment of detainees, focusing on restoring the United States' moral credibility and strengthening diplomatic standing, after receiving testimony from Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), former Commanding General, Office of Security Transition, Baghdad, Iraq; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Daniel Byman, Georgetown University Center for Peace and Security Studies of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.; and Philip Zelikow, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Human Rights Council, focusing on its shortcomings and prospects for reform, after receiving testimony from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Thomas O. Melia, Freedom House, and Brett D. Schaefer, Heritage Foundation Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peggy Hicks, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Coburn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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: 18 public bills, H.R. 3184–3201; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 193–194; and H. Res. 575–578 were introduced. **(See next issue.)**

Additional Cosponsors: **(See next issue.)**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8621**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 744. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, July 25th.

Pages H8625–75

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 743. **Pages H8673–75**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3093 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 562, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Page H8639**

Agreed to:

Fossella amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Lin, et al. v. United States Department of Justice rendered on July 16, 2007; **Pages H8637–39**

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment relating to funding for the Department of Justice—Office of Justice Programs—state and local law enforcement assistance;

Pages H8643–44

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that redirects $10 million in funding for the Department of Justice;

Pages H8644–45

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in violation of Subtitle A of Title VIII (International Space Station Independent Safety Taskforce) of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005;

Pages H8645–46

King (IA) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to employ workers described in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

Page H8655

Garrett (NJ) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States; **Pages H8663–64**

Pence amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the amendments made by subtitle A of title II of Public Law 107–155 (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 737, after agreeing by unanimous consent to vacate the voice vote taken earlier in the day); and **Pages H8633, H8666**

Upton amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the ''ENERGY STAR'' or ''Federal Energy Management Program'' designation (by a recorded vote of 404 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 738). **Pages H8646–47, H8666–67**

Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for meteorological equipment at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana;

Pages H8628–29

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the National Textile Centers;

Pages H8629–33

Stearns amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the EEOC for litigation expenses incurred in connection with cases commenced after the date of the enactment of this Act against employers on the grounds that such employers require employees to speak English (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 734);

Pages H8625–27, H8664

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine (by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 735);

Pages H8627–28, H8664–65

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the East Coast Shellfish Research Institute at the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Toms River, New Jersey (by a recorded vote of 77 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 736);

Pages H8636–37, H8665–66

Jordan amendment that sought to provide for a 3.0 percent reduction in each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 739);

Pages H8647–50, H8667–68

Price (GA) amendment that sought to reduce by $750,000,000 the total appropriations made in this Act (other than appropriations required to be made by a provision of law) (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 740);

Pages H8650–55, H8668

Musgrave amendment that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in the bill by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 741); and **Pages H8655–59, H8668–69**

Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2007) that sought to reduce the total amount appropriated in the bill by 0.05 percent (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 742). **Pages H865963, H8669–70**

Withdrawn:

Nadler amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding

for the Jessica Gonzales Victims Assistance Program by $5 million; **Pages H8633–34**

Inslee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section relating to funding for litigation of cases involving the enforcement of Federal law on Tribal lands; **Pages H8640–41**

Mack amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the composition and delivery of exigent circumstances letters, that indicate that a grand jury subpoena is forthcoming where none has been convened or where there is no reasonable likelihood that one will be convened, to United States citizens, businesses, banks, firms or any other entity that retains personal identity information about citizens; and **Pages H8641–43**

Conaway amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that stated the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction. **Page H8663**

Point of Order sustained against:

Nadler amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to enforce section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act until the Department of Justice conducts a full review and delivers to Congress a report on the use of National Security Letters to collect information on U.S. persons who are not suspected to be agents of a foreign power as that term is defined in 50 U.S.C. 1801. **Pages H8634–36**

H. Res. 562, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, July 25th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Whitfield motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 745. **Pages H8684–85**

Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. Further consideration is expected to resume Friday, July 27th.

Pages H8676–84, H8685 continued next issue.

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill and modified by the amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–261 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **(See next issue.)**

Agreed to:

Peterson (MN) en bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261: Lucas amendment (No. 4) that makes livestock producers eligible for livestock assistance programs regardless of whether they had Noninsured Crop Disaster coverage; Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 8) that adds a new section for ''Pollinator Protection'' that authorizes research funding to reduce North American pollinator decline and understand Colony Collapse Disorder; Arcuri amendment (No. 9) that expresses the Sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use existing authority when determining the Class I milk price mover to take into account the increased cost of production; Welch (VT) amendment (No. 10) that encourages schools to submit plans for implementation to the Secretary that include locally grown foods; Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 14) that adds the additional point to Subtitle B of the research title that emphasis should be placed on proposals that examine the efficacy of current agriculture policies in promoting the health and welfare of economically disadvantaged populations; Latham amendment (No. 17) that amends the Household Water Well System Program, which makes grants to non-profit organizations to finance the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individually owned household water well systems in rural areas for individuals with low or moderate incomes; Wu amendment (No. 22) that broadens the eligible universities by adding that universities that do work in alternative energy related fields are eligible for the biofuels from biomass internship program; Clay modified amendment (No. 23) that makes grants to eligible entities to assist in purchasing operating organic gardens or greenhouses in urban areas; Israel amendment (No. 24) that eliminates the sale of random source animals for research and prohibits the marketing of medical devices by using live animals in demonstrations to market such devices; Bordallo amendment (No. 26) that authorizes a grants program to assist the land grant institutions in the territories in upgrading facilities and equipment in the agricultural and food sciences; Emanuel amendment (No. 28) directs the USDA to investigate which estates have been receiving payments in the name of dead farmers and recoup payments made in the name of deceased individuals; Hodes amendment (No. 30) that authorizes a grant program for state and local communities and governments known as the Community Wood Energy Program to use low-grade wood biomass in community wood energy systems for state and locally owned businesses; and Shuler amendment (No. 31) that allows non-industrial private forest lands to be eligible for emergency restoration funds if the Secretary determines that insect or disease poses an imminent threat of loss or damage to those lands and **(See next issue.)**

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that strikes five sections from Title V of the bill which expand the lending authority of the Farm Credit System. **(See next issue.)**

Rejected:

Kind amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–261) that sought to to reform the farmer safety net to work better for small farmers at lower cost, reallocate funding to nutrition, conservation, specialty crops and healthy foods, rural development, and programs that benefit socially disadvantaged farmers (by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 747). **(See next issue.)**

H. Res. 574, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 746, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **(See next issue.)**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page 8650.

Senate Referrals: S. 1877 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 1642 and S. 1716 were held at the desk. **(See next issue.)**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages in the next issue of the Record.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8664, H8665, H8665–66, H8666, H8667, H8667–68, H8668, H8669, H8669–70, H8674–75, H8675, H8684–85, H8686. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12.a.m.

Committee Meetings

HABEAS CORPUS FOR DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Upholding the Principle of Habeas Corpus for Detainees. Testimony was heard from the Greg Katsas, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Daniel J. Dell'Orto, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense; Patrick Philbin, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; LTC Stephen E. Abraham, USA Reserves; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on the Workforce Investment Act: Ideas to Improve the Workforce Development System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINERS PROTECTIONS LEGISLATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the S-Miner Act (H.R. 2768) and the Miner Health Improvement Enhancement Act of 2007 (H.R. 2769). Testimony was heard from Kevin Stricklin, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT (CHAMP) ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of H.R. 3162, Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act of 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills, H.R. 3002, Native American Economic Development and Infrastructure for Housing Act of 2007; H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007; and H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.

The Committee began consideration of H.R 2895, National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.

Will continue July 31.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION'S VANUATU IMPACT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Is the Millennium Challenge Corporation Overstating Its Impact: The Case of Vanuatu. Testimony was heard from David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Rodney G. Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on Export Controls: Are We Protecting Security and Facilitating Exports? Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Padilla, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; Beth M. McCormick, Acting Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; Ann Marie Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

FREQUENT TRAVELER PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled ''Frequent Traveler Programs: Balancing Security and Commerce at our Land Borders.'' Testimony was heard from Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Traveler Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

PRIVATE SECTOR INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled ''Private Sector Information Sharing: What is It, Who Does It, and What's working at DHS?'' Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: James M. Chaparro, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Melissa Smislova, Director, Homeland Infrastructure Threat and Risk Analysis Center; and R. James Caverly, Director, Infrastructure Partnerships Division, Infrastructure Protection and Preparedness Directorate; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FBI

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Internet Tax Freedom Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Campbell of California and Eshoo; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Senator Craig; from Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior: John Leshy, former Solicitor General, Department of the Interior; Jennifer Martin, Commissioner, Game and Fish Commission, State of Arizona; J. P. Tangen, former Regional Solicitor, Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

REFUGE ECOLOGY PROTECTION, ASSISTANCE, AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 767, Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act.

PUBLIC LAND COMMUNITIES TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3058, Public Land Communities Transition Assistance Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Hooley; Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Julie Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

U.S. EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN IRAQ

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on U.S. Embassy Construction Project in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles E. Williams, Director, Office of Overseas Building Operations; William Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisitions; Patrick Kennedy, Director, Office of Management Policy; and Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General; and public witnesses

OVERSIGHT—POSTAL SERVICE OUTLOOK

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Postal Service: Planning for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Gordon Milbourn, III, Assistant Inspector General, Audit, Office of Inspector General; William P. Galligan, Senior Vice President, Operations; and John Walker, Director, Rates, Analysis, and Planning, Postal Regulatory Commission.

CENSUS 2019 WORKFORCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on 2010 Census Workforce. Testimony was heard from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GLOBALIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Continued hearings on Globalization of R&D and Innovation, Part II: the University Response. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTRACT BUNDLING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Contract Bundling Oversight. Testimony was heard from Calvin Jenkins, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTC James Blanco, USA, Assistant to the Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Secretary of the Army; and Anthony R. Martoccia, Director, Office of Small Business Programs; Scott F. Denniston, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

GULF WAR EXPOSURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Gulf War Exposures. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Began markup of H.R. 3162, Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on National Drug Intelligence Center. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—RUSSIA COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Russia Counterintelligence. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 3087, To require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq; and H.R. 3159, Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Credit-Based Insurance Scores: Are They Fair?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to request Department of Homeland Security reports on certain private bills; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1119, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 2831, Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; and H.R. 3161, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, 11 a.m., H–313 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through June 30, 2007

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	101	92	..
Time in session	747 hrs., 04′	820 hrs., 22′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	8,756	7,435	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,468	..
Public bills enacted into law	8	31	..
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	..	2	..
Measures passed, total	285	533	818
Senate bills	40	14	..
House bills	39	237	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	11	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	22	49	..
Simple resolutions	171	229	..
Measures reported, total	213	210	423
Senate bills	121	1	..
House bills	25	140	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	5	..
Simple resolutions	56	64	..
Special reports	12	5	..
Conference reports	1	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	171	17	..
Measures introduced, total	2,059	3,707	5,766
Bills	1,749	2,951	..
Joint resolutions	16	46	..
Concurrent resolutions	40	181	..
Simple resolutions	262	529	..
Quorum calls	3	6	..
Yea-and-nay votes	238	291	..
Recorded votes	..	309	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 125 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 217 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through June 30, 2007

Civilian nominations, totaling 312, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	123
Unconfirmed	173
Withdrawn	16

Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,228, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,222
Unconfirmed	6

Air Force nominations, totaling 5,169, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,132
Unconfirmed	37

Army nominations, totaling 1,889, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,814
Unconfirmed	75

Navy nominations, totaling 31,996, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	958
Unconfirmed	1,038

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,327, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,324
Unconfirmed	3

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	12,921
Total confirmed	11,573
Total unconfirmed	1,332
Total withdrawn	16
Total returned to the White House	0

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:00 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 976, Small Business Tax Relief Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 27

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H.R. 2419—Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Bishop, Sanford D., Jr., Ga., E1626
Boyda, Nancy E., Kans., E1621
Brown, Henry E., Jr., S.C., E1625
Capps, Lois, Calif., E1628
Clarke, Yvette D., N.Y., E1631
Conyers, John, Jr., MI E1623
Costa, Jim, Calif., E1632
Duncan, John J., Jr., Tenn., E1625
Ellison, Kieth, Minn., E1631, E1632, E1634
Eshoo, Anna G., Calif., E1630
Fossella, Vito, N.Y., E1631
Frank, Barney, Mass., E1629
Franks, Trent, Ariz., E1626
Gillibrand, Kirsten E., N.Y., E1630
Gillmor, Paul E., Ohio, E1622
Graves, Sam, Mo., E1626
Higgins, Brian, N.Y., E1623
Hoyer, Steny H., Md., E1633
Lamborn, Doug, Colo., E1624
Lampson, Nick, Tex., E1621
Langevin, James R., R.I., E1630
Loebsack, David, Iowa, E1634
Lofgren, Zoe, Calif., E1630
McCaul, Michael T., Tex., E1627
McIntyre, Mike, N.C., E1631
Mack, Connie, Fla., E1625
Maloney, Carolyn B., N.Y., E1632, E1633
Matsui, Doris O., Calif., E1628
Miller, Jeff, Fla., E1626
Moran, James P., Va., E1633
Murphy, Christopher S., Conn., E1625
Pitts, Joseph R., Pa., E1634
Rangel, Charles B., N.Y., E1633
Reynolds, Thomas M., N.Y., E1624
Rogers, Mike, Ala., E1626
Sessions, Pete, Tex., E1631
Sherman, Brad, Calif., E1623
Smith, Adam, Wash., E1628
Smith, Adrian, Nebr., E1625
Thompson, Bennie G., Miss., E1629
Thompson, Mike, Calif., E1630
Tiberi, Patrick J., Ohio, E1632
Udall, Mark, Colo., E1621, E1622, E1624
Van Hollen, Chris, Md., E1627, E1628
Weller, Jerry, Ill., E1627

Congressional Record The *Congressional Record* (USPS 087–390). The Periodicals postage is paid at Washington, D.C. The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed one time. ¶Public access to the *Congressional Record* is available online through *GPO Access*, a service of the Government Printing Office, free of charge to the user. The online database is updated each day the *Congressional Record* is published. The database includes both text and graphics from the beginning of the 103d Congress, 2d session (January 1994) forward. It is available through *GPO Access* at www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess. Customers can also access this information with WAIS client software, via telnet at swais.access.gpo.gov, or dial-in using communications software and a modem at 202–512–1661. Questions or comments regarding this database or *GPO Access* can be directed to the *GPO Access* User Support Team at: E-Mail: gpoaccess@gpo.gov; Phone 1–888–293–6498 (toll-free), 202–512–1530 (D.C. area); Fax: 202–512–1262. The Team's hours of availability are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, except Federal holidays. ¶The *Congressional Record* paper and 24x microfiche edition will be furnished by mail to subscribers, free of postage, at the following prices: paper edition, $252.00 for six months, $503.00 per year, or purchased as follows: less than 200 pages, $10.50; between 200 and 400 pages, $21.00; greater than 400 pages, $31.50, payable in advance; microfiche edition, $146.00 per year, or purchased for $3.00 per issue payable in advance. The semimonthly *Congressional Record Index* may be purchased for the same per issue prices. To place an order for any of these products, visit the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at: bookstore.gpo.gov. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–7954, or phone orders to 866–512–1800 (toll free), 202–512–1800 (D.C. area), or fax to 202–512–2250. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily *Congressional Record* is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the *Congressional Record*.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Superintendent of Documents, *Congressional Record*, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, along with the entire mailing label from the last issue received.