

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3707–3716; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 221; and H. Res. 694–698 were introduced. **Pages H11069–70**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H11070–71**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3648, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–356) and

H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 2). **Page H11069**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11032**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H11032**

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

*Commending the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its great contribution to the appreciation, understanding, and future of the United States Armed Forces, the City of Houston, Texas, and Ellington Field:* H. Res. 691, to commend the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its great contribution to the appreciation, understanding, and future of the United States Armed Forces, the City of Houston, Texas, and Ellington Field; **Pages H11032–34**

*Honoring the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command:* H. Res. 640, amended, to honor the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command; **Pages H11034–36**

*Recognizing the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors:* H.R. 2779, to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors; **Pages H11036–37**

*Commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military*

*unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom:* H. Con. Res. 185, amended, to commend the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 378 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 924; **Pages H11037–40, S11044–45**

Agreed to amend the title to read as follows: “Commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom.”. **Page H11045**

*Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the “Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 925; **Pages H11040–41, S11045–46**

*Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the “Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 926; **Pages H11041–42, S11046**

*Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office Designation Act:* H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office”; and **Pages H11042–43**

*Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3233, 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”. **Pages H11043–44**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11044**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H11032.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11044–45, H11045–46 and H11046. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1289)

H.R. 954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–87)

H.R. 3218, to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as “Cal Ripken Way”. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–88)

H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–89)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine issues and challenges facing current mine safety disasters, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the National Capitol for pandemic preparedness, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine preserving the rule of law in the fight against terrorism, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, time to be announced, room to be announced.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Aid Programs, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Digital Future of the United States: Part VI: The Future of Telecommunications Competition,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled “Systemic Risk: Examining Regulators’ Ability to React to Threats in the Financial System,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Credit-Based Insurance Scores: Are They Fair?” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, hearing on Ethiopia and the State of Democracy: Effects on Human Rights and Humanitarian Conditions in the Ogaden and Somalia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Leveraging Remittances for Families and Communities, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Election Task Force, briefing on the Status of the Investigation into FL–13 Congressional District Contested Election, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the United States Trustee Program: Watchdog or Attack Dog? 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Gang Crime Prevention and the Need to Foster Innovative Solutions at the Federal Level, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing on Private Security Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 928, Improving Government Accountability Act; H.R. 3648, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude dischargers of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3246, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development act of 2007, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Nanotechnology Education, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on United States Fire Administration Reauthorization: Addressing the Priorities of the Nation’s Fire Service, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on The