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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11731**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 981. **Pages H11731, H11733–34**

**Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts:** Representative-elect Niki Tsongas presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on October 16, 2007, the Honorable Niki Tsongas was elected Representative to Congress for the Fifth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Page H11734**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Ms. Niki Tsongas, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Pages H11734–35**

**Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007—Presidential Veto:** The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 273 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 982 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H11735–54**

Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 110–62) and the bill were referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means. **Page H11754**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H11755**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 24th. **Page H11755**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2007—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–65). **Page H11756**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H11733–34 and H11753–54. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY'S STRUCTURAL CHANGES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

### PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; and Robert Perito, Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute for Peace.

### TAX CODE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3796, amended, Early Warning and Health Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007.

### INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RENDITION OF TORTURE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint hearing on Rendition to Torture: The Case of Maher Arar. Testimony was heard from Maher Arar; and public witnesses.

## ANTITRUST LAWS AND COMMUNITY PHARMACIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and their Patients. Testimony was heard from David Wales, Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

## INTERNATIONAL PIRACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Victoria A. Espinel, Assistant U.S. Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

## HARDROCK MINING RECLAMATION ACT

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Began markup of H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007.

Will continue on October 23.

## NORTHERN ROCKIES ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney, Shays, and Rehberg; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## BLACK CARBON AND THE ARCTIC

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SECURE IDENTITY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents. Testimony was heard from Kathy Kraninger, Director, Screening Coordination Office, Department of Homeland Security; Benjamin M. Brink, Assistant Public Printer, Security and Intelligent Documents, GPO; David M. Temoshok, Director, Identity Policy and Management, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA; Bonnie Rutledge, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

## SMALL BUSINESS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported the following bills H.R. 3866, Small Business Programs Act of 2007; and H.R. 3867, Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act.

## CLEAN WATER ACT REVIEW

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act: Successes and Future Challenges Testimony was heard from John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

## UPDATING MONTGOMERY GI BILL

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Updating the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James Bombard, Chairman, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education; and Keith M. Wilson, Director, Education, Veterans Benefit Administration; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas F. Bush, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; and Curtis L. Gilroy, Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; MG Larry Shellito, USA, Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS—RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Care Professionals—Recruitment and Retention. Testimony was heard from William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

## ENERGY AND GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—VOTING IN THE HOUSE—ROSTRUM AND ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

*Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007:* Held a briefing on Voting in the House of Representatives—The Rostrum and the

Electronic Voting System: a Walkthrough by the Clerk of the House. The Committee was briefed by Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House.

## *Joint Meetings*

### PARLIAMENTARY PERSPECTIVE OF EUROPE'S CHALLENGES

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded hearing to examine a parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe, focusing on the ability of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to meet those challenges, which include unresolved conflicts and obstacles to democratic development, after receiving testi-

mony from Goran Lennmarker, Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Stockholm, Sweden.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.