

Procedural Fairness for September 11 Victims Act of 2007: S. 2106, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001—clearing the measure for the President;

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Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and amending the definition of eligible not-for-profit holder: S. 2258, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and to amend the definition of eligible not-for-profit holder—clearing the measure for the President;

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Making permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research: H.R. 1236, amended, to make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.”

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Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3307, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1018;

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Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1019;

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Honoring the first responders and supporting the victims of the Southern California wildfires: H. Res. 778, to honor the first responders and support the victims of the Southern California wildfires, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1020; and

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Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Mass Movement for Soviet Jewish Freedom and the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Sunday Rally for Soviet Jewry on the Mall in Washington, D.C.: H. Res. 759, to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Mass Movement for Soviet Jewish Freedom and the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Sunday Rally for Soviet Jewry on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H12168.

Senate Referrals: S. 2258 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12167–68, H12168–69, H12169, H12187–88, H12188, H12206, H12206–07 and H12207–08. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEAT INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review technologies in the meat industry. Testimony was heard from Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

IRAQ EXAMINATION OF DIPLOMATIC SURGE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Assessing an Effective Diplomatic and Development Program in Iraq: An Examination of the Diplomatic Surge. Testimony was heard from Stuart Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

STABILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Stabilization and Reconstruction Operations: Learning from Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Experience. Testimony was heard from Celeste Ward, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Stability Operations Capabilities, Department of Defense; Ambassador John E. Herbst, Coordinator, Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State; and the following officials of the GAO: Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team; and Janet S. Laurent, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; H.R. 2601, To extending the authority of the Federal

Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the “Do-not-call” registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3541, Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions; H.R. 3403, 911 Modernization and Safety Act of 2007; and H.R. 3919, Broadband Census of America Act of 2007.

INSURANCE REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Additional Perspectives on the Need for Insurance Regulatory Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MINORITY BANKS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Preserving and Expanding Minority Banks.” Testimony was heard from George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision Consumer Protection, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Montrice Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision; and John Walsh, Chief of Staff and Public Affairs, Office of Comptroller of the Currency; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Russia on the Eve of National Elections. Testimony was heard from Strobe Talbott, former Deputy Secretary of State; and a public witness.

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND RENEWAL ENERGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on Renewable Energy and the Global Environment. Testimony was heard from Reno Harnish III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; John Mizroch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; John A. Simon, Executive Vice President, OPIC; Michael W. Yost, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “The SAFE Port Act: Status of Implementation One Year Later.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Maurine Fanguy, Program Director, Transportation Worker Identification Credentials Program, Transportation Security Administration; CAPT Francis Sturm, U.S. Coast Guard; Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection; and Vayl Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE MESS—STRAIGHTENING OUT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on Straightening Out the Mortgage Mess: How Can We Protect Home Ownership and Provide Relief to Consumers in Financial Distress?—Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VOTING CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard John K. Tanner, Chief, Voting Right Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

GENETIC TESTING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Stifling or Stimulating—Role of Gene Patents in Research and Genetic Testing. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 415, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park; H.R. 1286, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act; H.R. 1545, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of Fort San Geronimo and other related resources in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the suitability and feasibility of

their inclusion in the National Park System as part of the San Juan National Historic Site; H.R. 1836, Weir Farm National Historic Site Amendment Act; H.R. 3022, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness Act of 2007; H.R. 3120, Stranahan House, Trading Post and Campsite Historic Preservation Act; H.R. 3265, Harry S Truman Birthplace Study Act; H.R. 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act; H.R. 3616, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007; and H.R. 3821, Battle of Matewan Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skelton, Frank of Massachusetts, Shays, and Emerson; Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Visitor and Resources Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

POSTAL RATES' EFFECT ON BUSINESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Will Increased Postal Rates Put Mailers Out of Business? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: James C. Miller III, Chairman; and John Potter, Postmaster General; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

IRANIAN PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Iran: Reality, Options, and Consequences—Iranian People and Attitudes. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle Eastern Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK RECLAMATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amend-

ments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Herseth Sandlin, Pearce, and Heller.

TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3920, Trade and Globalization Assistance Act of 2007, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.

The rule makes in order the substitute amendment printed in part B of the report if offered by Rep. Jim McCrery (R-LA) or his designee. The rule provides that the substitute amendment shall be considered as read and debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the substitute amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Woolsey, McCrery, and McKeon.

WATER USAGE EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science and Technology; Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Research to Improve Water-Use Efficiency and Conservation: Technologies and Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3495, Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007; H.R. 3986, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 3315, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall; and H.R. 3712, amended, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. and Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse.

RETIREMENT PLAN FEES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Appropriateness of Retirement Plan Fees. Testimony was heard from Bradford P. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; W. Thomas Reeder, Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Andrew J. Donohue, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine S. 2063, to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 334, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the

Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine, united Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the “Convention”), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the “Agreement”), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-39), convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the “proposed Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110-03), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109-19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the “Protocol”), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), and the nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant availability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans’ security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.