

debate equally divided in the usual form, and that at the conclusion or yielding back of time, Senate vote on Senator Coburn's motion to suspend the rules; provided further, that if the motion to suspend is adopted, Senator Coburn's amendment be agreed to and Senate proceed to concur with the further amendment as under the rule, that if Senator Coburn's motion fails Senate vote immediately on the motion to recede and concur with the further amendment as under the rule; provided further, that if the motion to waive is successful, Senate vote on Thursday, November 8, 2007, on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report as if it had been filed on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President pro tempore of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, into the House Chamber for a joint meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). **Page S14024**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14024.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOMESTIC ENERGY INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of the domestic energy industry, focusing on its available workforce to meet our Nation's growing energy needs, after receiving testimony from Emily S. DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Patricia A. Hoffman, Deputy Director of Research and Development, and Acting Chief Operating Officer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Ray Stults, Associate Director for Energy Sciences, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Andra Cornelius, Workforce Florida, Inc., Tallahassee; Norm Szydlowski, Colonial Pipeline Company, Alpharetta, Georgia; James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Utility Department, and Carol L. Berrigan, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, DC; and W. Paul Bowers, Southern Company Generation, Atlanta, Georgia.

PENSIONS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), focusing on policies affecting pensions from employment not covered by Social Security, after receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Barbara D. Bobbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Priya S. Mathur, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento, on behalf of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Lawrence H. Thompson, Urban Institute, Washington, DC; and Margaret Kane, Medford, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General.

VA MEDICAL FACILITIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the hiring practices and quality control in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, after receiving testimony from Gerald Cross, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Peter Almenoff, Director, VA Heartland Network, VISN 15, George O. Maish, Jr.,

Chief of Surgery, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, VA Medical Center, and Kathryn Enchelmayer, Director of Quality Standards, Office of Quality Performance, Veterans' Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Randall B. Williamson, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Depart-

ment of Veterans' Affairs, Springfield; and Steve McCarty, Bedford, Texas.

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: 19 public bills, H.R. 4082–4100; 1 private bill, H.R. 4101; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 246–248; and H. Res. 799–800, 803–805 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1119, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–428);

H.R. 2884, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–429);

H.R. 3887, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and to enhance measures to combat forced labor, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–430, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–431);

H. Res. 801, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3688) to implement the United States-Peru Trade Production Agreement (H. Rept. 110–432);

H. Res. 802, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3355) to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events (H. Rept. 110–433); and

Conference report on H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–434).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H12741

Recess: The House recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H12742

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

Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces: H. Con. Res. 162, amended, to express the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1041; Pages H12750–52, H12798–99

Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007: H.R. 3997, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1042;

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Expressing the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the tragic fire that occurred in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007: H. Res. 787, to express the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the tragic fire that occurred in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007;

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Expressing the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding that occurred across many parts of Ohio in August 2007 and commending the communities, volunteer organizations, churches and emergency