

after general debate. Finally, the rule prohibits further consideration of the bill except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative Hunter.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.

COAST GUARD/NTSB CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board Casualty Investigation Program. Testimony was heard from RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship; Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General, Audits, both with the Department of Homeland Security; and Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, member, National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation.

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 6003, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Testimony was heard from Representative Doggett; and John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury.

BRIEFING—NIE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a follow-up briefing on National Intelligence Estimate. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House adopted versions of S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government

for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D625)

H.R. 6022, to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Signed on May 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–232)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–07), and treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–10), 9:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the skyrocketing price of oil, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; to be followed by a business meeting to consider and vote on the nominations, 2:45 p.m., SR–301, 2 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report: Foundations for Success, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; and

H.R. 758, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Impact of Credit-Based Insurance Scoring on the Availability and Affordability of Insurance,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Impacts on U.S. Foreign Policy and Economic Interests, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the U.S.-Israel-Egypt Trilateral Relationship: Shoring Up the Foundation of Regional Peace, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Diversity at DHS: Keeping Pace or Missing the Mark?” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Implications of Cyber Vulnerabilities on the Resiliency and Security of the Electric Grid,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Assessment of Administrative Compliance with Internal Controls, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on FBI Whistleblowers, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing entitled “The Danger of Deception: Do Endangered Species Have a Chance?” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of

Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia; and H.R. 5451, Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Neighborhoods: the blameless victims of the subprime mortgage crisis, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs of the Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing on Census Data: Special Issues Related to the U.S. Territories, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on EPA’s Restructured IRIS System: Have Polluters and Politics Overwhelmed Science, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment,” 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.