

Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin ‘Rex’ Young Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the “Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office”;

H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the “George B. Lewis Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the “Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building”;

H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”;

H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the “Claude Ramsey Post Office”;

H.R. 1434, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building”;

S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the “Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office”; and

The nominations of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

POST-9/11 AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the under-representation of Americans at the United Nations and its organizations, focusing on ways to build a stronger American diplomatic presence, including staffing shortfalls since the implementation of the Diplomatic Readiness Initiative, and filling gaps in the language proficiency of Foreign Service officers and other staff, after receiving testimony Heather M. Hodges, Acting Director General of the Foreign Service, Director of Human Resources, and James B. Warlick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, both of the Department of State; Jess T. Ford, and Thomas Melito, each a Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; John K. Naland, American Foreign Service Association, and Thomas D. Boyatt, Foreign Affairs Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Deborah Derrick, Better World Campaign, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bingaman and Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3270–3310; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 196–198; and H. Res. 593, 603–605 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9468–69, H9545–46

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report on H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States (H. Rept. 110–289);

H. Res. 599, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–290);

H. Res. 600, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–291);

H. Res. 601, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3159) to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom (H. Rept. 110–292); and

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States (H. Rept. 110–293).

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

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval for the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 780.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Price (GA) motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 779.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Abercrombie motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 154 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 781.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Sessions motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 172 yeas to 246 nays, Roll No. 783.

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Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3162, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the children's health insurance program, to improve beneficiary protections under the Medicare, Medicaid, and the CHIP program, by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 787.

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Rejected the Granger motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a ye-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 786.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 110–285, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 594, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 785, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 784.

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Earlier, the House agreed to consider the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 782.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to Lebanon—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–53).

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

SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2007: H.R. 3248, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 789.

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Water Resources Development Act of 2007: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a ye-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 790.

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H. Res. 597, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, August 2nd, by a ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 788.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9281 and H9302.

Senate Referrals: S. J. Res. 7 and S. J. Res. 8 were referred to the Committee on House Administration and S. Con. Res. 26 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9534.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9285–86, H9286–87, H9287, H9289–90, H9298–99, H9300–01, H9301, H9501–02, H9502–03, H9532, H9532–33, and H9533–34. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CAPITOL POWER PLANT UTILITY TUNNELS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Power Plant Utility Tunnels. Testimony was heard from Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO;