

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).

**Pages H9414–65, H9466, H9543**

**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.

**Pages H9285–86**

**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.

**Pages H9298–99**

**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.

**Pages H9302–H9414, H9471–H9503**

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.

**Pages H9499–H9502**

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.

**Page H9287–98, H9299–H9302**

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

**Pages H9289–90**

**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.

**Pages H9507–22, H9532–33**

**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.

**Pages H9522–32, H9533–34**

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

**Pages H9503–07**

**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.

**Page H9465, H9542**

**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;

Peter Eveleth, General Counsel, Office of Compliance; the following officials of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect; and Paul McMahon, Project Executive; and John Thayer, former Supervisor, Utility Tunnels Maintenance Crew, Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

#### **ARMY-GUARD-RESERVE RECRUITING AND RETENTION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on active Army, Army Guard and Army Reserve recruiting and retention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, U.S. Army; LTG Clyde A. Vaughan, USA, Director, Army National Guard; and MG Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

#### **POST-KATRINA HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Post-Katrina Health Care in the New Orleans Region: Progress and Continuing Concerns—Part II. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Richter, Acting Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Frederick P. Cerise, M.D., Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals, State of Louisiana; Robert L. Neary, Executive-In-Charge, Officer of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ray Nagin, Mayor, New Orleans, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

#### **TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2761, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.

#### **THAILAND-FIJI COUP-RELATED SANCTIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on the Impact of Coup-Related Sanctions on Thailand and Fiji: Helpful or Harmful to U.S. Relations? Testimony was heard from Representative Kirk; and the following officials of the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State: Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia, and Glyn T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands.

#### **SOUTH ASIA POLITICAL CRISES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Polit-

ical Crises in South Asia: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Testimony was heard from Representative Pallone; and the following officials of the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State: Steven R. Mann, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; and John A. Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1413, To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports; H.R. 1717, To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a National Bio and Agro-defense Facility; and H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism, Prevention Act of 2007.

#### **TSA FEDERAL ACQUISITION EXEMPTION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Playing by Its Own Rules: TSA's Exemption from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and How it Impacts Partnerships with the Private Sector." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Elaine Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; and Rick Gunderson, Assistant Administrator, Acquisition, Transportation Security Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **SMITHSONIAN TRANSITION**

*Committee on House Administration:* Held an oversight hearing on The Smithsonian in Transition. Testimony was heard from Representative Matsui; the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary; and A. Sprightley Ryan, Inspector General; and Charles Bowsher, Chairman, Independent Review Committee, and former Comptroller General of the United States.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, the following bills: H.R. 400, as amended, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 2102, as amended, Free Flow of Information Act, and H.R. 3013, Attorney-client Privilege Protection Act of 2007.

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### **PAT TILLMAN FRATRICIDE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on the Tillman Fratricide: What the Leadership of the Defense Department Knew. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld; and the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Richard Myers, USA, former Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff; GEN John P. Abizaid, former Commander, U.S. Central Command; and GEN Bryan Douglas Brown, USA,

former Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT—21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules.* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for the 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. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report be considered as read. Testimony was heard by Chairman Gordon.

#### THE ENSURING MILITARY READINESS THROUGH STABILITY AND PREDICTABILITY DEPLOYMENT POLICY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules.* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate on H.R. 3159, Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. 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 Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Skelton, Representatives Hunter, Tauscher, Sestak, Wolf, Shays, Castle, Gerlach, McCaul, and Dent.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Friday, August 3, 2007 on the following measures:

(1) The bill (H.R. 3087) to require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq; and

(2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.

#### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS, FY 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule. The rule provides for further 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, and for other purposes. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read and that no further debate on any pending amendment shall be in order. The rule provides for further general debate not to exceed 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. No further amendment shall be in order except those printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that each amendment printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the 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. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that after the motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a legislative day, the chair may entertain another such motion on that day only if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or the Majority Leader. It also provides that after a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill has been rejected, the Chair may not entertain another such motion during further consideration of the bill. Testimony was heard by Representative Kingston.

#### DOE'S SAVANNAH RIVER ECOLOGY LABORATORY SUPPORT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued joint hearings on the Department of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary; Jeff Allison, Manager, Savannah River Site; Paul Gilbertson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Engineering and Technology, Office of Environmental Management; and Yvette Colazzo, Assistant Manager, Closure Project, Savannah River Operations Office; and public witnesses.

**PAYING SMALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Prompt Payment for Small Health Care Providers.” 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 measures: H.R. 3246, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; H.R. 3224, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; H.R. 3247, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 3068, Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the “C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse;” and H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the “Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station.”

**MEASURING POVERTY IN AMERICA**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Measuring Poverty in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AVIATION TAXES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Aviation Taxes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar and Mica; Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Joseph Kile, Assistant Director Microeconomic Studies Division, CBO; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—SIGINT**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on SIGINT. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1101)

S. 1868, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Signed on July 31, 2007. (Public Law 110–51)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 2, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on drawdown planning for the United States forces in Iraq, 11:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, Larry Allan Klane, of the District of Columbia, and Elizabeth A. Duke, of Virginia, all to be Members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine reforming key international financial institutions for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., S-120, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1253, to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435), focusing on the services that are provided to customers, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, a bill entitled, “School Safety and Law Enforcement Act”, and the nominations of Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 11:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to follow-up on the notification of