

Supporting first responders in the United States in their efforts to prepare for and respond to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other manmade disasters, and affirming the goals and ideals of National First Responder Appreciation Day; and H.R. 3311, To authorize funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction.

COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Challenges Facing the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CHINA TRADE SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Legislation Related to Trade with China. Testimony was heard from Senator Stabenow; Representatives Davis of Alabama; Hunter, Regula, Knollenberg, Visclosky, Stupak, Ryan of Ohio, Arcuri, and Braley of Iowa; David M. Spooner, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark Sobel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Monetary and Financial Policy, Department of the Treasury; Daniel Brinza, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitor and Enforcement; Daniel Baldwin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY UPDATE ON IRAQ

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Community Update on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—CIA NEW COUNTER TERRORISM ACTIVITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA new Counter Terrorism Activity. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MEDIA FREEDOM: OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine freedom of the media in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Nina Ognianova, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York; Paula Schriefer, Freedom House, Washington, DC; and Fatima Tlisova, Karachay-Cherkess Republic.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1115)

H.J. Res. 44, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. Signed on August 1, 2007. (Public Law 110-52)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding the treatment of detainees, 8 a.m., SR-222.

House

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, to receive a GAO briefing on the status of the Investigation into the FL-13 Congressional District Contested Election, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, meeting to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.