

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; and

An original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007."

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, Trenton, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Glenn Brasseaux, Carencro, Louisiana; Joe S. Freeman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities; Christopher M. Westhoff, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the Water Infrastructure Network; and Nancy K. Stoner, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, and Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EVERGLADES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations, after receiving testimony from Gerald C. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Todd Willens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF INDIAN TRIBES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Senators Dole and Levin; Representative McIntyre; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; James Ernest Goins, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; John Sinclair, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Great Falls; Ann Denson Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; and Ron Yob, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan, Grand Rapids.

MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the "material support to terrorist organizations" bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted, after receiving testimony from Paul Rosenzweig, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; Anwen Hughes, Human Rights First Refugee Protection Program, New York, New York; and Thomas G. Wenski, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Orlando, Florida.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar, Alexander, and Lieberman; Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro, Des Moines; Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; William G. Mayer, Northeastern University,

Boston, Massachusetts; and Richard L. Hasen, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WITHIN VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of affairs for information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert T. Howard, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Paul A. Tibbits, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Development, Office of Information and Technology, Stephen M. Lucas, Director, Tampa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Health Administration, and Kim Graves, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management Information Systems Issues, and Gregory Wishusen, Director, Information Security Issues, both of the Govern-

ment Accountability Office; and John Glaser, Partners Healthcare, Boston, Massachusetts.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION FOR SENIORS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparing for the digital television transition, focusing on how senior citizens will be affected, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information Administration; Nelda Barnett, AARP, Owensboro, Kentucky; and Amina Fazlullah, United States Public Interest Research Group, Marcellus Alexander, Jr., National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), and Sandy Markwood, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3579–3606; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 215; and H. Res. 663, 665–666 were introduced. **Pages H10624–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10625–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3539, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend financing for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–334, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 664, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2881) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, and to provide stable funding for the national aviation system (H. Rept. 110–335); and

H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases and to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–336). **Page H10624**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Richard Estrada, Executive Director, Jovenes, Inc., Los Angeles, California. **Page H10513**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 878. **Pages H10513, H10524**

Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2761, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, by a yea-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 884. **Pages H10516–51**

Rejected the Dreier motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back promptly without the changes made by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–333, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 883. **Pages H10549–51**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–333, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Pages H10516–17**

Accepted:

Frank (MA) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–333) that clarifies the certification process for acts of NBCR (nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological) terrorism; applies the reset mechanism to the NBCR deductible, and