

## CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.J. Res. 52, Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule also provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the joint resolution to a time designated by the Speaker and tables House Resolution 659. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Revisiting the Industrial Technologies Program (ITP): Achieving Industrial Efficiency. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ENERGY CHALLENGE—SOCIAL SCIENCES CONTRIBUTION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the Contribution of the Social Sciences to the Energy Challenge. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EMANCIPATION HALL—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on H.R. 3515, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jackson of Illinois and Wamp.

## RAIL COMPETITION AND SERVICE

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing Rail Competition and Service. Testimony was heard from Senator Dorgan; the following officials of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation: Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; W. Douglas Buttrey, Vice Chairman; and Francis P. Mulvey, Board Member; Kenneth C. Clayton, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## BOARD OF VA ADJUDICATION PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Board of Veterans' Appeals Adjudication Process and the Appeals Management Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Arnold Russo, Director, Appeals Management Center; and James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## VA POLYTRAUMA REHAB CENTERS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers: Management Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Elizabeth J. Freeman, Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and William F. Feeley, Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Operations and Management.

## DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL ON U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

## EXAMINE WHETHER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS SERVE NEEDS OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Examine Whether Charitable Organizations Serve the Needs of Diverse Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President's supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine offshore tax issues, focusing on reinsurance and hedge funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”, H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”, H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”, H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”, H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”, H.R. 3106 and S. 2023, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”, H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”, and the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, David M. Mason, of Virginia, and Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, all to be Members of the Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine improving internet access to help small business compete in a global economy, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review reauthorization of the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing to receive testimony on Army strategic initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Food and Drug Safety Import Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to continue mark up of H.R. 3355, Homeowners’ Defense Act of 2007; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3524, HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 946, Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practices Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* to mark up the following measures: S. 1612, International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act; H. Res. 635, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commend Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith; H. Con. Res. 200, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; H.R. 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act; H.R. 2828, to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998; H.R. 3432, 200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007; H. Res. 405, Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus; H. Res. 624, Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history; H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation; H. Res. 676, Declaring that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability; and H. Con. Res. 203, Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Beyond the Checklist: Addressing Shortfalls in National Pandemic Influenza Preparedness,” 10 a.m., 2311 Cannon.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Federal Contracting: Removing Hurdles from Minority-Owned Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing “Third Walter Reed Oversight Hearing: Keeping the Nation’s Promise to Our Wounded Soldiers,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007; and H.R. 3567, Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol,

*Committee on Science and Technology*, hearing on meeting the need for Interoperability and Information Security in Health IT, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Small Business Renewable Energy Tax Incentive Possibilities, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airline Delays and Consumer Issues, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Federal Transit Administration's Proposed Rule on the New Starts and Small Starts Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, hearing on VA IT Reorganization: How Far Has VA Come? 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following: a measure To amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Iran, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence*, briefing entitled "Forgoing A Global Warning: International Perspectives," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.