

prior to the vote, and that the time be equally divided and controlled between Senators Graham and Inouye, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12451.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the National Flood Insurance Program's financial structure, the extent of compliance with mandatory requirements, the status of map modernization efforts and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s oversight of the program, after receiving testimony from David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator and Federal Insurance Administrator, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Chad Berginnis, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., Donald L. Griffin, Prop-

erty Casualty Insurers Association of America, Des Plaines, Illinois; Gerald E. Galloway, University of Maryland, College Park; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; Mark Davey, Fidelity National Property and Casualty Insurance Group, Jacksonville, Florida; and Vince Malta, Malta and Co., Inc, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson and a Member, and Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member, each of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Also, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William H. Graves, of Tennessee, and Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

PREPARING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FOR A PANDEMIC

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 preparing the national capital region for a pandemic, after receiving testimony from Kevin Yeskey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Christopher T. Geldart, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Colonel Robert P. Mauskapf, USMC (Ret.), Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Richmond; and Darrell L. Darnell, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and challenges facing current mine safety, after receiving testimony from Kevin G. Stricklin, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Department of

Labor; Jeffery Kohler, Associate Director, Mine Safety and Health Research, National Institute of Occupational Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Joseph Osterman, Managing Director, National Transportation Safety Board; Dennis O'Dell, United Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; Robert L. Ferriter, Colorado School of Mines, Golden; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

PRESERVING THE RULE OF LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving the rule of law in the fight against terrorism, after receiving testimony from Jack Landman Goldsmith, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3717–3735; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 222–224; and H. Res. 699–700, 705–708 were introduced. **Pages H11170–71**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11171–72**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1680, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–357);

H. Res. 701, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 928) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General and to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (H. Rept. 110–358);

H. Res. 702, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts (H. Rept. 110–359);

H. Res. 703, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3648) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income (H. Rept. 110–360);

H. Res. 704, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3246) to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation (H. Rept. 110–361);

H.R. 2895, to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United

States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–362); and

H.R. 3002, to establish a demonstration program to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to guarantee obligations issued by Indian tribes to finance community and economic development activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–363). **Page H11170**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11073**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H11074**

United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Miller (FL) to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon. **Page H11078**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 699, electing Representative McCarthy (CA) to the Committee on Financial Services. **Pages H11081–85**

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

Awarding a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.: S. 474, to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.—clearing the measure for the President;

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Expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin: H.