

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, re-appointed the following individual as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Clare Cotton of Massachusetts. **Page S13203**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Richard D. Land of Tennessee, for a term of two years. **Page S13203**

DREAM Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2205, to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children. **Page S13202**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S13202**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order to expand the scope of the national emergency relative to the Government of Burma, as received during adjournment of the Senate on October 19, 2007; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-29) **Pages S13191-92**

Executive Communications: **Pages S13192-93**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S13191-S13202**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S13202**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S13202**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—382) **Pages S13179, S13180**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13203.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3911-3926; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 762, were introduced. **Pages H11846-47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11847-48**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio (H. Rept. 110-391);

H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-392);

H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-393);

H.R. 1205, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-394, Pt. 1);

H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska, with amendments (H. Rept. 110-395);

H.R. 783, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-396);

H.R. 767, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful

nonnative species, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–397);

H.R. 523, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–398);

H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–399);

H.R. 3867, to update and expand the procurement programs of the Small Business Administration (H. Rept. 110–400);

H.R. 3775, to support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–401);

H.R. 3776, to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program by the Secretary of Energy to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in energy storage systems for vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–402);

H. Res. 763, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1011) to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, and to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas (H. Rept. 110–403);

H. Res. 764, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 505) to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (H. Rept. 110–404); and

H. Res. 765, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1483) to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas (H. Rept. 110–405); and

H.R. 3685, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (H. Rept. 110–406, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.
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Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.
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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2007: H.R. 189, amended, to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 256 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 983; Pages H11781–85, S11818

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey and for other purposes.”
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Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Land Exchange Act of 2007: H.R. 830, amended, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska; Page H11785

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska.”

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Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 2197, to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio; Page H11786

Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007: H.R. 783, amended, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park;

Pages H11786–87

Providing for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: H.R. 2094, amended, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission;

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Douglas County, Washington, PUD Conveyance Act: H.R. 523, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wells Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 377 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 984;

Pages H11789–90, H11818–19

Virgin Islands National Park School Lease Act: H.R. 53, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to

provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school;

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Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act: H.R. 767, amended, to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species;

Pages H11791–95

Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007: H.R. 1205, amended, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000;

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Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act: H.R. 1462, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir;

Pages H11800–02

Providing for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District: H.R. 1337, amended, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District;

Pages H11802–03

Santa Ana River Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2007: H.R. 813, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project;

Pages H11803–04

San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2007: H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority;

Pages H11804–05

Madera Water Supply Enhancement Act: H.R. 1855, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera

Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project;

Pages H11805–06

Supporting the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week: H. Res. 762, to support the goals of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 375 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 985;

Pages H11806–08, H11819–20

Congratulating and commending the Wichita State University women's bowling team for winning the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship: H. Res. 472, to congratulate and commend the Wichita State University women's bowling team for winning the 2007 United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship;

Pages H11808–09

Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 3564, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011;

Pages H11809–11

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Mendez v. Westminster decision which ended segregation of Mexican and Mexican American students in California schools: H. Res. 721, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Mendez v. Westminster decision which ended segregation of Mexican and Mexican American students in California schools;

Pages H11811–14

Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007: H.R. 3776, amended, to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program by the Secretary of Energy to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in energy storage systems for vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution;

Pages H11814–16

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for research, development, and demonstration programs in advanced energy storage systems for electric drive vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution applications, to support the ability of the United States to remain globally competitive in this field, and to promote the efficient delivery and use of energy.”

Pages H11815–16

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 751, to support the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week; and

Pages H11816–17

Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007: H.R. 3775, amended, to

support research and development of new industrial processes and technologies that optimize energy efficiency and environmental performance, utilize diverse sources of energy, and increase economic competitiveness. **Pages H11820–22**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the expanded scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997 with respect to Burma, and of additional steps with respect to that national emergency—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–66). **Page H11780**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11817**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Robert Young, III, former Member of Congress. **Page H11819**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H11780 and H11806.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 51 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, S. 2206 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. 1839 was held at the desk. **Page H11843**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11818, H11818–19, and H11819–20. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VOTING BY MAIL OR ABSENTEE— EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections continued hearings on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to vote by Mail or Absentee. Testimony was heard from Tom Harrison, former Elections Director, State of Texas; and a public witness.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HERITAGE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule

XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Rahall and Representatives Don Young of Alaska, Regula, and Flake.

VIRGINIA RIDGE AND VALLEY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules. Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1011, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Goodlatte. The amendment made in order shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against the amendment except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman Rahall and Representative Don Young of Alaska.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 505, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.