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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.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Tech rule provide that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Rep. Flake or his designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Finally, 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 Abercrombie, Hirono, Don Young of Alaska, and Flake.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Transportation Board and regulation related to railroads, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Carl B. Kress, of California, and A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the human impacts of global warming, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, focusing on our Cold War heroes, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine six years after the anthrax attacks, focusing on our preparedness to respond to bioterrorism, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) strategic plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Broadband: Connecting Rural America, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2601, To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees to administer and enforce the provisions relating to the "Do-not-call" registry of the Telemarketing Sales Rule; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; and H.R. 3526, To include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 647, Market to Market Extension Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2949, Eurasia Foundation Act; H.R. 3887, To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat forced labor; H.R. 3890, To amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities; H.R. 275, Global Online Freedom Act of 2007; H.R. 1746, Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act; H.R. 2705, Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 3320, Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007; a measure To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act; a measure Naval Vessel Transfer Act; H. Res. 435, Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America; H. Res. 550, Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia; H. Res. 573, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and Advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan; H. Res. 726, Calling on the President of the United States and the International community to take immediate steps to respond to and prevent the acts of rape and sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur, Sudan, eastern Chad and the Central African Republic; H. Res. 740, Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007; H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; a resolution Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives regarding the violation of the human rights of United Nations Special