

Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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 Friday, November 16, 2007. **Page S14387**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007; that only certain amendments be in order, other than the pending amendments, and that they be subject to second-degree amendments that are relevant to the first-degree amendments to which they are offered; provided further, that all germane first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m., on Thursday, November 15, 2007, however Members do not need to refile any germane amendments already filed. **Pages S14421, S14388–89**

Head Start for School Readiness Act—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 409), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14375–87**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Rule XIV—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when Senate begins the Rule XIV procedure with respect to H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, that it be considered as having been initiated on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. **Page S14393**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 110–3) (Ex. Rept. 110–2);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 109–19) (Ex. Rept. 110–3);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Finland (Treaty Doc. 109–18) (Ex. Rept. 110–4); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 109–20) (Ex. Rept. 110–5). **Pages S14397–98**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—409) **Page S14386**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14422.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND PROXY ACCESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, and Jeff Mahoney, Council of Institutional Investors, both of Washington, D.C.; Anne Simpson, International Corporate Governance Network, London, United Kingdom; and Dennis Johnson, California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on assessing the economic and national security implications, after receiving testimony from David McCormick, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Alan Larson, Covington and Burling, LLP, New York, New York; Edwin M. Truman, Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Patrick Mulloy, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gerald Lyons, Standard Chartered Bank, London, United Kingdom.

FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science

and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Jack A. Kaye, Director, Research Division, Office of Earth Science, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Donald F. Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Cambridge; Braxton C. Davis, Coastal States Organization, and Richard H. Moss, World Wildlife Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter C. Frumhoff, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lynne M. Carter, Adaptation Network, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; and John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, after receiving testimony from Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and Terry Wallace, Principal Associate Director for Science, Technology and Engineering, Los Alamos National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Neil E. Todreas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering, and Matthew Bunn, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Pattabi Seshadri, Boston Consulting Group, Dallas, Texas.

FEDERAL ESTATE TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the federal estate and gift tax rules, focusing on uncertainty in planning under the current law, after receiving testimony from Nevada State Senator Dean Rhoads, Tuscarora; Warren Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway, Omaha, Nebraska; Conrad Teitell, Cummings and Lockwood LLC, Stamford, Connecticut; and Eugene Sukup, Sukup Manufacturing Company, Sheffield, Iowa.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2324, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, with an amendment;

S. 2292, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002, to establish the Office for Bombing Prevention, to address terrorist explosive threats, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1667, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2321, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-347) to reauthorize appropriations;

H.R. 390, to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to State and local entities to establish similar local databases, with an amendment;

H.R. 3571, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term;

S. 2174, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 175 South Monroe Street in Tiffin, Ohio, as the "Paul E. Gillmor Post Office Building";

H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office";

H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the "Nate DeTample Post Office Building";

H.R. 3308, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 East Main Street in Atwood, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal David K. Fribley Post Office";

H.R. 3530, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building";

H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building";

H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office";

S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office";

H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William

Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office”;

S. 2290, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the “Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building”;

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007;

H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building”;

S. 2150 and H.R. 3572, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”;

S. 2107 and H.R. 3307, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”;

H.R. 3518, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1430 South Highway 29 in Cantonment, Florida, as the “Charles H. Hendrix Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

MEDICAID PROVIDERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Medicaid providers, focusing on a recent study conducted by the Government Accountability Office on unpaid taxes, the extent of the problem, and possible solutions, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Linda Stiff, Acting Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Kenneth R. Papaj, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Dennis G. Smith, Director, Centers for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 911, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 901, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Julie Fisher Cummings, of Michigan, Mark D. Gearan, of New York, Tom Osborne, of Nebraska, Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, and Donna N. Williams, of Texas, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and a promotion list in the Public Health Service.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine accountability for human rights violators in the United States, after receiving testimony from Sigal P. Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Marcy M.

Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; David Scheffer, Northwestern University of School of Law Center for International Rights, Chicago, Illinois; Pamela Merchant, Center for Justice and Accountability, San Francisco, California; and Juan Romagoza Arce, La Clinica Del Pueblo, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Management, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2004, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; S. 2142, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities;

S. 2160, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4172–4189; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64; H. Con. Res. 258; and H. Res. 823, 826–827 were introduced. **Pages H13958–59**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13959–60**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 824, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–449) and

H. Res. 825, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3915) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, and to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans (H. Rept. 110–450). **Page H13958**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Deacon Bob Little, St. Helena Catholic Church, St. Helena, California. **Page H13863**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1094.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, November 13th:

Expressing the sympathy and pledging the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico: H. Res. 812, amended, to express the sympathy and to pledge the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1087; **Pages H13873–74**

Support for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007: H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 1088; and **Pages H13874–75**

Condemning the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga: H. Res. 811, to condemn the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1089. **Page H13876**