

A motion was entered to close further debate on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 7, 2007. **Page S14774**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S14803–04.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson, and Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, both to be Members of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and William H. Graves, of Tennessee, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, and Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (Public Law 93–415), focusing on protecting children and communities, after receiving testimony from J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Shay Bilchik, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Washington, D.C.; Deirdre Wilson Garton, Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, Madison, Wisconsin; Anne Marie Ambrose, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Harrisburg; and Richard Miranda, Tucson Police Department, Tucson, Arizona.

### FORECLOSURE CRISIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the foreclosure crisis, focusing on helping families save their homes, including S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline P. Cox, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Thomas B. Bennett, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama; Mark M. Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, Inc., West Chester, Pennsylvania; Joseph R. Mason, Drexel University LeBow College of Business, and Henry J. Sommer, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mark S. Scarberry, American Bankruptcy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Nettie McGee, Chicago, Illinois.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Bob Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### HEALTH AND WELFARE NEEDS OF ELDERLY REFUGEES

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the elderly who have been displaced by war, poverty, and persecution abroad, after receiving testimony from Kelly Ryan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Brent Orrell, Acting Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families, Department

of Health and Human Services; Michael Gabaudan, Regional Representative for the United States of America and the Caribbean, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; C. Richard Parkins, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), on behalf of the Refugee Council USA, and

Khammany Mathavongsy, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center California Projects, both of Washington, D.C.; Maria Teverovsky, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), New York, New York; and Salahuddin Ansary, Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), Portland Oregon.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4278–4298; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 844–845, were introduced. **Pages H14249–50**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H14250–51**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3526, to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions (H. Rept. 110–472, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3526, to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions (H. Rept. 110–472, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 836, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah (H. Rept. 110–473); and

H. Res. 846, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6) an Act to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–474). **Pages H14248–49**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H14159, S14224**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Depart-

ment of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Page H14163**

Agreed to the Tauscher motion to close portions of the conference by a ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 1127. **Pages H14169–70**

Agreed to the Hunter motion to instruct conferees by a ye-and-nay vote of 328 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 1128. **Pages H14163–69, S14170–71**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Taylor, Abercrombie, Reyes, Snyder, Smith (WA), Loretta Sanchez (CA), McIntyre, Tauscher, Brady (PA), Andrews, Davis (CA), Larsen (WA), Cooper, Marshall, Bordallo, Udall (CO), Hunter, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett (MD), McKeon, Thornberry, Jones (NC), Hayes, Akin, Forbes, Wilson (SC), Turner, Kline (MN), and Drake. **Page H14182**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Representatives Boswell, Patrick J. Murphy (PA), and Hoekstra. **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of secs. 561, 562, 675, 953, and 3118 of the House bill, and secs. 561, 562, 564, 565, and 3137 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives George Miller (CA), Courtney, and Walberg. **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 311–313 and 1082 of Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Wynn, and Barton (TX). **Page H14182**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 831, 833, 1022, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206–1208, 1221, 1222, 1231, 1241, 1242, Title XIII, and sec. 3117 of the House bill, and secs. 871, 934, 1011, 1201–1203, 1205, 1211, 1212, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1232, Title XIII, secs.