

previous agreement continue in effect, and that managers amendments cleared by both managers not be counted toward the 20 first-degree amendments; provided further, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 to H.R. 2419, be delayed to occur at a later time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S14838**

#### **Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act House Message—Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 6, 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, notwithstanding the receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives; that the Majority Leader be immediately recognized to move to concur in the House amendment and to file cloture on that motion; that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided on the Majority Leader's motion to be followed by a cloture vote on that motion; provided further, that no other motions or amendments be in order prior to that vote.

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

Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

William E. Smith, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

George W. Venables, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Page S15001**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—415) **Pages S14814, S14838**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15000.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **ARMY CONTRACTING REPORT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations entitled "Urgent Reform Required: Army Expeditionary Contracting", after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Chairman, Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations; and Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Lieutenant General Ross N. Thompson, III, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General Army Material Command, all of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

### **FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the foreign assistance of the United States to Pakistan, focusing on the effectiveness of financial aid, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; James R. Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); and Teresita C. Schaffer, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Lawrence Korb, Center for American

Progress, and Robert M. Hathaway, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; and

The nominations of Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Gregory A. Brower, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, Diane J. Humetewa, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Edmund A. Booth, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 4299–4338; 2 private bills, H.R. 4339–4340; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66–67; H. Con. Res. 266–268; and H. Res. 847–848 and 851–852, were introduced. **Pages H14492–94, H15206–08**

**Additional Cosponsors** **Pages H15208–09**

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

H. Res. 849, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 110–475);

H. Res. 850, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–476);

Conference report on H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–477); and

Conference report on H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 110–478).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Obey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14253**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 5th:

*Securities Law Technical Corrections Act of 2007:* H.R. 3505, amended, to make various technical and clerical amendments to the Federal securi-

ties laws, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1135 and **Page H14259**

*Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act of 2007:* H.R. 4253, to improve and expand small business assistance programs for veterans of the armed forces and military reservists, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 1138. **Pages H14269–70**

**Call of the House:** On the Call of the House, 380 Members reported their presence, Roll No. 1139.

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**Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act of 2007:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments with amendments, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–474, to H.R. 6, 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, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 1140. **Pages H14270–H14444**

Pursuant to the rule, the title is amended so as to read: “To move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the 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.”. **Page H14315**

H. Res. 846, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 1137, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 1136. **Pages H14255–59, H14260–69**