

Reid Amendment No. 3842 (to Amendment No. 3841), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid Amendment No. 3841 was ruled out of order.

**Special Postage Stamp:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 4 years, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15568**

**FHA Modernization Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of S. 2338, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, that the only first-degree amendments in order be the following: Senators Dodd and Shelby amendment relating to a moratorium and Coburn amendment relating to reverse mortgages, and that debate on Coburn Amendment be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled in the usual form; provided further, that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled on the bill, and that following the use or yielding back of time Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S15568**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Gregory A. Brower, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Edmund A. Booth, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S15577**

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**Record Votes:** Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—431) **Pages S15385, S15389, S15418, S15420, S15420–21, S15432, S15450**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15577.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FINANCIAL LITERACY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine educating consumers, protecting investors, and avoiding scams, focusing on financial literacy during the holiday season, after receiving testimony from Karen Tyler, North Dakota Securities Department, Bismarck, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; Nancy Smith, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Julie Cripe, OmniBank, North America, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Bankers Association Education Foundation; and H. Art Taylor, Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, Arlington, Virginia.

### FCC

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, and Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein, Deborah Taylor Tate, and Robert M. McDowell, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

### OREGON AND WASHINGTON FORESTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine forest restoration and hazardous fuels reduction efforts in the forests of Oregon and Washington, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Jim Caswell, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Russell C. Vaagen, Vaagen Bros. Lumber, Inc., Colville, Washington, on behalf of the Northeast

Washington Forestry Coalition; Matt Donegan, Forest Capital Partners, LLC, and Russell Hoeflich, Nature Conservancy, both of Portland, Oregon; Boyd Britton, Grant County, John Day, Oregon; Philip S. Aune, American Forest Resource Council, Nine Mile Falls, Washington; and K. Norman Johnson, Corvallis, Oregon.

### CLEAN WATER ACT COURT DECISIONS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Clean Water Act (Public Law 92–500), focusing on the Supreme Court decisions in *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County* and *Rapanos-Carabell*, after receiving testimony from Ron Curry, New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe; Scott C. Yaich, Ducks Unlimited (DU), Inc., Memphis, Tennessee; Duane J. Desiderio, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), and George J. Mannina, Jr., O'Connor and Hannan, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and William W. Buzbee, Emory Law School Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program, Atlanta, Georgia.

### HOUSING DECLINE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to owner-occupied housing and mortgage markets, focusing on the extent of the housing decline problem and potential remedies, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jack Kemp, Kemp Partners, and Michael Decker, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), both of Washington, D.C.; Deborah A. Geier, Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio; and Morris A. Davis, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, and Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Charles E.F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

### HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the next phase of the global fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, after receiving testimony from Michel Kazatchkine, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, Geneva, Switzerland; Helen L. Smits, National Academies Institute of Medicine, and Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council, both of

Washington, D.C.; and Ken Hackett, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland.

### IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL AGENCIES CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICERS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine prioritizing management, focusing on implementing chief management officers at federal agencies, after receiving testimony from Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation.

### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions to examine the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), focusing on recent NLRB decisions and their impact on employee rights, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Battista, Chairman, and Wilma B. Liebman, Member, both of the National Labor Relations Board; Matt Finkin, University of Illinois, Champaign; Jonathan P. Hiatt, AFL–CIO, and Charles I. Cohen, Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Feliza Ryland, Old Star Resort, Orlando, Florida.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1829, to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act, with an amendment;

S. 431, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, with amendments;

S. 2344, to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children;

S. Res. 388, designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week"; and

S. Res. 396, expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted, with amendments.

Also, Committee agreed to two resolutions of contempt relative to certain individuals.

Committee recessed subject to the call of the chair.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**INTELLIGENCE**

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call of the chair.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 182 public bills, H.R. 4524–4705; 2 private bills, H.R. 4706–4707; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 70; and H. Res. 874–875 were introduced. **Pages H15464–69**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H15469–70**

**Report Filed:** The following report was filed today.

H. Res. 873, 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. 110–493). **Pages H15438, H15464**

**Speaker:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H15417**

**Chaplain:** Today's prayer was offered by the House Chaplain, Rev. Daniel Coughlin. **Page H15417**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H15418.

**Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008:** The House passed the conference report to 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, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 1160. **Pages H15426–38**

Rejected the Hoekstra motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 205 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 1159.

**Pages H15436–37**

H. Res. 859, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (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, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 191

nays, Roll No. 1158, after agreeing to order the previous question, by the yeas-and-nays of 226 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 1157. **Pages H15420–22, H15424–26**

Pursuant to the resolution, H. Res. 839, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and 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 are laid on the table.

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**Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008:** The House passed H.J. Res. 69, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 27 nays, Roll No. 1162.

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Point of order sustained against the Lewis of California motion to recommit the joint resolution H.J. Res. 69 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment. **Page H15440**

Agreed to table the Lewis of California motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 1161.

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H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 1156.

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**Oath of Office—Fifth Congressional District of Ohio:** Representative-elect Robert E. Latta presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State, State of Ohio, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held on December 11, 2007, the