

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, focusing on truck driver hours-of-service (HOS) rules and truck safety, after receiving testimony from John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Dave Osiecki, American Trucking Associations, Arlington, Virginia; Walter J. Krupski, Jr., W. Krup Trucking, Inc., Stewartsville, New Jersey, on behalf of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association; Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and LaMont Byrd, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, both of Washington, D.C.; and Daphne Izer, Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T), Lisbon, Maine.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles W. Larson, Jr., of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley, and Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### KOSOVO

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Kosovo, focusing on future challenges, from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Representative Kirk, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 94 public bills, H.R. 4837–4930; and 25 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74–74; H. Con. Res. 273–278; and H. Res. 895–911 were introduced. **Pages H16945–49**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H16949–51**

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

H. Res. 893, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–498);

H. Res. 894, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 110–499);

H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–500, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–501);

H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–502);

H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California (H. Rept. 110–503, Pt. 1);

H.R. 135, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs (H. Rept. 110–504, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3058, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and

Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–505, Pt. 1); and H.R. 3111, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 110–506, Pt. 1).  
**Pages H16945**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007:** S. 2499, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 1184—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H16842–45, H16900**

**Authorizing a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia:** S. 1396, to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H16855–57**

**Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office Designation Act:** S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the “Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office”—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H16857–58**

**Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act of 2007:** S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H16864–66**

**Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 660:** S. Con. Res. 62, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 660;

**Pages H16866–67**

**Court Security Improvement Act of 2007:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H16867–71**

**Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2007:** H.R. 1216, amended, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles;

**Pages H16871–74**

**Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act:** H.R. 4040, amended, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for

children’s products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1185; and **Pages H16874–87, H16900–01**

**Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 352 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 1183—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H16858, H16889–99**

**Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 876, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question.

**Pages H16858–60**

**Privileged Senate Message:** The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the papers accompanying H.R. 2764, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008.

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**Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008:** The House agreed to H.J. Res. 72, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, by voice vote.

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H. Res. 893, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 893, H. Res. 849 is laid on the table.

**Pages H16860, H16887–88**

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, First Session, with an amendment.

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**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Financial Services have until noon on January 3, 2008 to file a report on H.R. 3524, HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007.

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**Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 272 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 1186.

**Pages H16860–64, H16887–89, H16901–13**

H. Res. 893, the rule providing for consideration of the amendment, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 893, H. Res. 849 is laid on the table.

**Pages H16860, H16887–89**

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for terms to expire December 31, 2009: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Virginia. **Page H16945**

**Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2436, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H16917**

**Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4839, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections. **Pages H16917–22**

**Chimp Haven is Home Act:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass 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—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H16922–23**

**NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H16923–26**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today and a message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H16837, H16863, H16864, H16917, H16933.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 53 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; S. 2135 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. Con. Res. 61, S. Con. Res. 62, S. 2260, S. 2436, and S. 924 were held at the desk. **Page H16940**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H16899, H16900, H16900–01, H16913. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and, in accordance with the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, the House adjourned sine die at 7:36 p.m. until

Thursday, January 3, 2008 for the convening of the Second Session of the 110th Congress.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **EXTENSION OF U.N. MANDATE FOR IRAQ**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the Extension of the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Is the Iraqi Parliament Being Ignored? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs; Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS; and Issam Michael Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Middle East and North Africa, Law Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT AMERICANS WORKING FOR U.S. CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Enforcement of Federal Criminal Law to Protect Americans Working for U.S. Contractors in Iraq. Testimony was heard from Representative Poe; Jamie Leigh Jones, former employee of Halliburton Company; and public witnesses.

### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of two measures. The first measure is a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except for clause 10 of rule XXI; provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read; and provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The second measure is H.J. Res. 72, providing further continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008. The closed rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI; provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read; provides one hour of general debate in the