

## COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATION LAW SYSTEMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing to review the Coast Guard Administration Law System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance; and CAPT Thomas Sparks, USCG, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit; and public witnesses.

## VETERANS' MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009; H.R. 1273, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to restore plot allowance eligibility for veterans of any war and to restore the headstone or marker allowance for eligible persons; H.R. 1900, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who receive an expeditionary medal during a period of military service other than a period of war; H.R. 1901, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for pension benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served during certain periods of time in specified locations; H.R. 2346, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area; H.R. 2696, Veterans' Dignified Burial Assistance Act of 2007; and H.R. 2697, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall and Fossella; Bradley H.G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## DNI 100 DAY PLAN

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on DNI 100 Day Plan. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rahall, Gutierrez, and Fossella; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

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## Joint Meetings

### 21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1088)

S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel. Signed on July 30, 2007. (Public Law 110-50)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1677, to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988, and original bills entitled, "Housing Assistance Authorization Act", "Private Student Loan Transparency and Improvement Act", and "Commission on Natural Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance Act", 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent advances in clean coal technology, focusing on the prospects for deploying these technologies at a commercial scale in the near future, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 1054 and H.R. 122, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project, S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration, S. 1475 and H.R. 1526, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater