

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13646.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CLIMATE DISCLOSURE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities, including how economics can inform national and global responses to the risks and opportunities of climate change, and how those risks might be connected with the health of financial markets, after receiving testimony from Gary W. Yohe, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut; Jeffrey A. Smith, Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP, New York, New York; Mindy S. Lubber, Ceres, on behalf of the Investor Network on Climate Risk, Boston, Massachusetts; and Russell Read, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento, California.

### BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE FOR RESPONSIBLE FISCAL ACTION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2063, to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans, after receiving testimony from Representative Hoyer; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; former Representative Leon E. Panetta, Panetta Institute for Public Policy, Seaside, California; and William D. Novelli, AARP, and Robert L. Bixby, Concord Coalition, both of Washington, DC.

### YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid, Ensign, and DeMint; Edward F. Sproat III, Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada Attorney General, Carson City; and James Y. Kerr II, North Carolina Utilities Commissioner, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Com-

missioners, and Kenneth A. Cook, Environmental Working Group, both of Washington, DC.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the "Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-39);

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the "proposed Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-03);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20); and

The nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

### MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE GULF COAST

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery

concluded a hearing to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant availability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast area, after receiving testimony from A. Kathryn Power, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jan M. Kasofsky, Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD), Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ronald C. Kessler, Harvard Medical School Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Hurricane Katrina Community Advisory Group (CAG) study; and Anthony H. Speier, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Kevin U. Stephens, News Orleans Health Department, and Howard J. Osofsky, and Mark H. Townsend, both of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Department of Psychiatry, all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### FISA AMENDMENTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans' security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability, including S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the

provisions of that Act, and H.R. 3773, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, after receiving testimony from Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Edward J. Black, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Patrick F. Philbin, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Kirkland and Ellis, and Morton H. Halperin, Open Society Institute, all of Washington, DC.

#### UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), focusing on servicemembers, their families, and our national security, after receiving testimony from George H. Stalcup, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training, and Patrick Boulay, Chief, USERRA Unit, both of the Department of Labor; James Byrne, Deputy Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; and Mathew B. Tully, Tully, Rinckey and Associates, PLLC, Albany, New York.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4014–4036; 2 private bills, H.R. 4037–4038; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res. 244; and H. Res. 786–787 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 3890, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to waive the requirement for annual renewal resolutions relating to import sanctions, impose import sanctions on Burmese gemstones, expand the number of individuals against whom the visa ban is applicable, and expand the blocking of assets and other prohibited activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–418, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 3355, to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–419).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, Maryland.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1023.

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**Trade and Globalization Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 3920, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance and to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, by a yea-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 1025.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–417, shall be considered as adopted.

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