

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6839.

Senate Referrals: S. 3295 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H7055**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6852, H6852–53, H6853–54, H6854, H7010–11, H7011–12, H7012, H7017, and H7018. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COST OF HUNGER IN AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the short- and long-term costs of hunger in America. Testimony was heard from Mark Nord, Sociologist, Economic Research, USDA; and public witnesses.

RURAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the state of health care in rural areas and the role of federal programs in addressing rural health care needs. Testimony was heard from Thomas Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Tom Morris, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Rural Health Policy, Health and Resources Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

IRAQ PROGRESS REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Comptroller General's progress report on Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States; and Joseph Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade.

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRO(TECH)T ACT OF 2008

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6357, PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008.

CHINA AND THE OLYMPICS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on China on the Eve of the Olympics. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UN MANDATE FOR IRAQ OPTIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Possible Extension of the

UN Mandate for Iraq: Options. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Ayad Allawi, member of the Council of Representatives, Republic of Iraq and former Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Michael Mukasey, The Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills, H.R. 5853, Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; H.R. 6177, amended, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008; H.R. 6159, amended, Deafy Glade Exchange Act; H.R. 1847, amended, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; and H.R. 5335, amended, To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

OVER-CLASSIFICATION REDUCTION ACT; CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 6575 Over-Classification Reduction Act; and H.R. 6576, Reducing Information Control Designations Act.

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "AFRICOM: Rationales, Roles, and Progress on the Eve of Operations—Part 2." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, July 24, 2008, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the bill (H.R. 6578) to provide for the sale of light grade petroleum from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and its replacement with heavy grade petroleum.

SECTION 803 OF MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003 SHALL NOT APPLY DURING REMAINDER OF 110TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 3, a rule providing that section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization

Act of 2003 shall not apply during the remainder of the 110th Congress.

IMPROVING FEDERAL WATER; RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on A National Water Initiative: Coordinating and Improving Federal Research on Water. Testimony was heard from Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Water and Sewer Authority, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

PREDATORS IN LONG-TERM CARE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Predators in Long-Term Care on Small Business Operators." Testimony was heard from Kris Steele, member, House of Representatives, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DEPLOYMENT

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Immediate Relief from High Oil Prices: Deploying the Strategic Petroleum Reserve." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FAMILY ECONOMIC ISSUES

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine escalating household costs, static family income growth, and falling home prices, focusing on ways to help American families to deal with economic issues in a skillful and efficient manner, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute, and David Kreutzer, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kristen Lewis, American Human Development Project, New York, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D928)

S. 3145, to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway". Signed on July 23, 2008. (Public Law 110-282)

H.R. 3403, to promote and enhance public safety by facilitating the rapid deployment of IP-enabled 911 and E-911 services, encourage the Nation's transition to a national IP-enabled emergency network, and improve 911 and E-911 access to those with disabilities. Signed on July 23, 2008. (Public Law 110-283)

H.R. 3712, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L.

Ashley United States Courthouse". Signed on July 23, 2008. (Public 110-284)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on Iran, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider a committee resolution, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Cayman Islands, focusing on offshore tax issues, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine tax and financing aspects of highway public-private partnerships, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services Administration, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve federal program management using performance information, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal courts and the administration of justice in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine crimes associated with polygamy, focusing on the need for a coordinated state and federal response, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review Renewable Fuels Standard implementation and agriculture producer eligibility, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the Benefits of Physical and Health Education for Our Nation's Children, 10 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Carbon Sequestration: Risks, Opportunities, and Protection of Drinking Water," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Long-Term Care Insurance: Are Consumers Protected for the Long Term?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "Implications of a Weaker Dollar for Oil Prices and the U.S. Economy," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following: a measure To provide for conditions for the implementation of the U.S.-Russia Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation, and for other purposes; a resolution Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end its abuses of the human rights of China's citizens, including its Tibetan, Uighur, and other