

throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes.”.

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Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008: H.R. 6503, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program; and

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Extending the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court grounds: H.R. 6855, to extend the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court grounds.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8331.

Senate Referrals: S. 3023 was held at the desk and S. Con. Res. 87 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8284, H8285–86, H8351–52, H8352–53, and H8353. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety—FDA. Testimony was heard from David Acheson, Associate Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ACCESS TO CABLE TV

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access to Cable Television. Testimony was heard from Monica Shah Desai, Media Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

WORKPLACE HEALTH STANDARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Secret Rule of the Department of Labor's Worker Health Risk Assessment Proposal. Testimony was heard from Leon R. Sequeira, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce. Ordered reported the following bills: H. 6469, amended, Organ Transplant Authorization; S. 1760 Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1532, Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2007; H.R. 2994, amended. National Pain Care Policy Act of 2007; H.R. 5265, amended, Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; H.R. 6901, Meth Free Families and Communities Act; 1014, amended, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act; H.R. 6353, amended, To amend, title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a loan program for eligible hospitals to establish residency training programs; H.R. 1076, HIPPA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act; and H.R. 758, amended, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008.

FORECLOSURE MITIGATION EFFORTS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Hope for Homeowners Program and A Review of Foreclosure Mitigation Efforts.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Elizabeth S. Duke, Governor, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Phillip L. Swagel, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Brian D. Montgomery Assistant Secretary, Housing Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Thomas J. Curry, Director, FDIC; and public witnesses.

STABILITY AND DEMOCRACY FOR GEORGIA ACT 2006

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Approved a motion that the Chairman request that H.R. 6911, amended, Stability and Democracy for Georgia Act of 2008, be placed on the suspension Calendar.

EXPORTING TOXIC TRASH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and The Global Environment held a hearing on Exporting Toxic Trash: Are We Dumping

Our Electronic Waste on Poorer Countries? Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

TRANSPORTATION WORKERS ID

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Maritime and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Transportation Worker Identification Credential: A Status Update.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: RADM James Watson, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy, Marine and Surface Credentialing Safety Security and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard; and Masurine Fanguy, Acting Director Maritime and Surface Credential Transportation; Stephen Lord, Acting Director Homeland Security ab Justice and Justice Issues; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY FAILED CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement: Calculating the Cost of DHS Failed Contracts.” Testimony was heard from Richardson K. Gunderson, Deputy Chief Procurement Office; and James L. Taylor, Deputy Inspector General, both with the Department of Homeland Secretary; John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT TO WELL-BEING OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6020, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families, and for other purposes.

Adopted a resolution establishing a task force to conduct an inquiry into whether U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous should be impeached.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Implementation of the Office of Government Information Services. Testimony was heard from Allen Weinstein, Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS DISASTER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Finance, and Tax held a hearing entitled “Disaster Savings Accounts: Protections for Small Businesses Dur-

ing a Disaster.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA Aircraft Certification: Alleged Regulatory Lapses in the Certification and Manufacture of the Eclipse EA-500. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Dennis Wallace, Software Engineer, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service; Ford Lauer, Manager, San Antonio Manufacturing Inspector, District Office; Maryetta Broyles, Technical Program Management Specialist, Manufacturing Inspection Office; Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety; John J. Hickey, Director, Aircraft Certification Service; Ronald Wojnar, Senior Advisor, Aircraft Maintenance Division, Aircraft Certification Service; all with the FAA; and Tom Haueter, Director, Office of Aviation Safety, National Transportation Safety Board and a public witness.

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6897, Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2008.

THE “COMMODITY MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008”

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6604, the “Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against the bill, as amended.

The resolution provides one motion to recommit the bill. The resolution permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Peterson of Minnesota.

Joint Meetings

ROLE OF OSCE INSTITUTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the role of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) institutions in advancing human rights and democracy, focusing on the roles of each institution, their contributions to strengthening human rights, and the challenges faced as countries seek to curtail the Organization's work, after receiving testimony from Janez Lenarcic, Office for the Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland, and R. Spencer Oliver, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, Copenhagen, Denmark, both of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine transparency in accounting, proposed changes to accounting for off-balance sheet entities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine bus safety, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine clean-up efforts at federal facilities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation with India, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3474, to amend title 44, United States Code, to enhance information security of the Federal Government, S. 3384, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal IT investment projects, H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, an original bill to establish a controlled unclassified information

framework, H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth, S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence, H.R. 5975 and S. 3317, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office", H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building", S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building, H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office", and the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the homeland security risks associated with the upcoming presidential transition, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) planning for the transition, and what remains to be done to prepare for the transition, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine federal declinations to prosecute crimes in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. Res. 540, recognizing the historical significance of the sloop-of-war USS Constellation as a reminder of the participation of the United States in the transatlantic slave trade and of the efforts of the United States to end the slave trade, the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables, to be United States Marshal for the Southern