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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13027.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies;

An original bill entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007"; and

An original bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund.

CONSUMER WIRELESS ISSUES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer wireless telephone issues, including S. 2033, to provide for greater disclosure to, and empowerment of, consumers who have entered into a contract for cellular telephone service, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, Saint Paul; Patrick Pearlman, West Virginia Public Service Commission, Charleston; Chris Murray, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America and Free Press, and Lowell C. McAdam, Verizon Wireless, both of Washington, D.C.; Michael Higgins, Jr., Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Goldthwaite, Texas, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Jerry Ellig, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, after receiving testimony from Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and John

Gieselman, DIRECTV, Inc., John Lawson, Association of Public Television Stations, Kyle McSillarow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Marc A. Pearl, Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition, and David K. Rehr, National Association of Broadcasters, all of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health concluded an oversight to examine the federal Superfund Program and its activities to protect public health, after receiving testimony from Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Lenny Siegel, Center for Public Environmental Oversight, Mountain View, California; Michael W. Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Superfund Settlements Project; Bradley M. Campbell, Bradley M. Campbell, LLC and Minotaur Consulting, LLC, Trenton, New Jersey; J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center (WPC), Leesburg, Virginia; and Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, who was introduced by Senator Feingold; Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic; and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DHS CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, the types of professional and management support services the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has contracted for and the circumstances that drove its contracting decisions, and DHS's consideration and management of risk when contracting for such services, including S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, after receiving testimony from John P. Hutton, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Elaine C. Duke, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Steven L. Schooner, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began consideration of the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Lieberman, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf, but did not complete action thereon.

Hearing will next convene on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10 a.m.

VA/DOD COLLABORATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports, after re-

ceiving testimony from former Senator Bob Dole, and Donna E. Shalala, both Co-Chair, President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors; Lieutenant General James Terry Scott, USA (Ret.), Veterans Disability Benefits Commission; Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; Colonel Peter Duffy, USARNG (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States, Togo D. West, Jr., Independent Review Group, and Gerald T. Manar, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, on behalf of the Independent Budget, all of Washington, D.C; Meredith Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, Jacksonville, Florida; Colonel Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ariana Del Negro, Waialua, Hawaii.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3863–3883; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; H. Con. Res. 238; and H. Res. 752–755 were introduced. **Pages H11727–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11728–29**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Pence moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 694, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2905) to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine (Discharge Petition No. 3).

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, October 16th:

Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program: H. Res. 549, to recognize the importance of America's Waterway Watch program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 976 and **Pages H11655–56**

Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary

on October 26 and 27, 2007: H. Con. Res. 222, to commend NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 978.

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Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 3773, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–385, modified by the amendment printed in part B of such report, shall be considered as adopted in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 746, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 975, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 974.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:53 p.m.

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