

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5377–S5395

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3102–3103, and S. Res. 87. **Page S5390**

Measures Considered:

Consumer-First Energy Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that there be one hour of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to its consideration equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with the final twenty minutes equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, with the Majority Leader controlling the final ten minutes prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed. **Pages S5394–95**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, Senator Reid, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions through Monday, June 16, 2008. **Page S5394**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus, as received during adjournment of the Senate on June 6, 2008; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–51) **Page S5389**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, after the cloture votes with respect to S. 3044, Consumer-First Energy Act, and H.R. 6049, Energy and Tax Extenders Act, regardless of the outcome and notwithstanding rule XXII, that Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Mark S. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, David Gregory Kays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, and Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, that there be a total of 10 minutes equally divided and controlled between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that Senate vote on confirmation of each nomination in the order listed above; and that there be 2 minutes between each vote, and after the first vote, the vote time be limited to 10 minutes each. **Page S5383**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3:15 p.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5394–95.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6206–6218; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1251–1252, 1254 were introduced. **Page H5110**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5110–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on June 6, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 1328, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–564, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 6028, to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–673, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–701, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–702); and

H. Res. 1253, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 6003) to reauthorize Amtrak (H. Rept. 110–703). **Pages H5109–10**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Perlmutter to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5047**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5047**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Boren, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today. **Page H5048**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Lincoln Davis (TN), wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture, effective today. **Page H5048**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Wexler, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective today. **Page H5048**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Act of 2008: H.R. 3022, amended, to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of

California and to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness;

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Sabinoso Wilderness Act of 2008: H.R. 2632, amended, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico; **Pages H5050–53**

California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act of 2008: H.R. 3682, amended, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, and to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument;

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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas: H. Res. 1158, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas;

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Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act: S. 2516, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H5059–60

Extending for 5 years the EB–5 regional center pilot program: H.R. 5569, amended, to extend for 5 years the EB–5 regional center pilot program;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend for 5 years the EB–5 regional center pilot program, and for other purposes.”

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Former Vice President Protection Act of 2008: H.R. 5938, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents;

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Congressional Review Act Improvement Act: H.R. 5593, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act;

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Saluting the life and music of the late Otha Ellas “Bo Diddley” Bates, guitar virtuoso and rock and roll pioneer, whose music continues to influence generations of musicians: H. Res. 1251, to salute the life and music of the late Otha Ellas “Bo Diddley” Bates, guitar virtuoso and rock and roll pioneer, whose music continues to influence generations of musicians;

Pages H5065–67

Expressing support for designation of June 2008 as “National Safety Month”: H. Res. 1225, to express support for designation of June 2008 as “National Safety Month”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 379 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 388;

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Reconnecting Homeless Youth Act of 2008: H.R. 5524, amended, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations;

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Josh Miller HEARTS Act: H.R. 4926, amended, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in schools;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.”

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Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father’s Day: H. Res. 1243, to recognize the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father’s Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 373 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 389;

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Recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska in the Union as the 49th State: H. Res. 127, to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska in the Union as the 49th State, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 375 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 390;

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Government Accountability Office Act of 2008: H.R. 5683, amended, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office;

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District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Independence Preservation Act: H.R. 5778, amended, to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority; and

Pages H5084–85

Reforming mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region: S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region—clearing the measure for the President.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Kucinich announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Belarus is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–121).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5108.

Senate Referrals: S. 2482 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5086–87, H5087, H5088. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6003, the “Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008,” under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and considers the committee amendment as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendments made in order shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the Rules Committee report equally divided by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to

amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Brown of Florida, Van Hollen, Mica, Shuster and Tom Davis of Virginia.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D679)

H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections. Signed on June 6, 2008. (Public Law 110-244)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on the status of the United States-Iraq negotiations, focusing on a strategic framework agreement and status of forces agreement, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine national strategies for efficient freight movement, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine issues relative to the 47 million Americans without healthcare insurance, focusing on the current health care marketplace, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of coercive interrogation techniques, focusing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) role, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Safety of Phthalates and Bisphenol-A in Everyday Consumer Products," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition: 252 Days and Counting," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enter-

prises, hearing on H.R. 5840, Insurance Information Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture: The Perspective of the State Department's Legal Adviser, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 6126, Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Addressing Gangs: What's Effective? What's Not? 1 p.m., followed by markup of H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Electronic Employment Verification Systems: Impact of U.S. Workers, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on How Should the Federal Government Address the Health and Environmental Risks of Coal Combustion Waste? 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the annual International Whaling Commission meeting to be held in Santiago, Chile from June 23-27, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "An Examination of Federal Employment Practices/Policies on Hiring Ex-offenders," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Hybrid Technologies for Medium-to Heavy-Duty Commercial Trucks, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Addressing Disparities in Health and Healthcare, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on China, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, Consumer-First Energy Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 11 a.m. Additionally, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, Energy and Tax Extenders Act; following which, Senate will vote on certain judicial nominations.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, June 10

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 1063—Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783; (2) H. Res. 1127—Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press; (3) H.

Con. Res. 318—Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation; (4) H. Con. Res. 332—Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (5) H. Con. Res. 337—Honoring the Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary; (6) H. Con. Res. 336—Honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans; (7) H. Res. 1235—Expressing support for National D-Day Remembrance Day; (8) H. Res. 1010—Recognizing the importance of manufactured housing; (9) S. 682—Edward William Brooke III Congressional Gold Medal Act; (10) H. Res. 1145—Recognizing the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Cooperative Credit Association; (11) S. 254—Constantino Brumidi Congressional Gold Medal Award; (12) H.R. 3229—National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act; (13) H.R. 2268—Mother's Day Centennial Commemorative Coin Act; (14) H.R. 1553—Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007; (15) H. Res. 977—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies; (16) S. 2146—To authorize EPA to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects; and (17) H. Res. 1236—Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the citizens of Black Hawk, Buchanan, Butler, and Delaware Counties, Iowa, who were victims of the devastating tornado that struck their communities on May 25, 2008. Consideration of H.R. 6003—Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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