

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11283–S11353

Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2034–2036, and S. Res. 312–314. **Page S11326**

Measures Passed:

Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies. **Page S11302**

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 222, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11352**

National Celiac Disease Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, designating September 13, 2007, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”. **Page S11352**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11292–97, S11304–13**

Adopted:

Murray/Bond Amendment No. 2790, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Page S11292**

By 60 yeas and 33 nays (Vote No. 329), Murray/Landrieu Amendment No. 2792 (to Amendment No. 2791), to expand the extension of authority of the Secretary of Transportation and provide addi-

tional obligation authority for the highway bridge program. **Pages S11294–97, S11304–05**

Murray Amendment No. 2791, to strike a provision of the bill and insert authority for the Secretary of Transportation. **Page S11294**

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2797, to prohibit the establishment of a program that allows Mexican truck drivers to operate beyond the commercial zones near the Mexican border. **Pages S11305–12**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2796, to prohibit the use of funds to implement the proposed Air Traffic Control Optimum Training Solution of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S11312–13**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. **Page S11353**

State Department Appropriations Act—Vote Change: A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Casey to change his yea vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 320 changing the outcome of the vote to 40 yeas to 54 nays relative to Brownback Amendment No. 2708, rejected on September 6, 2007, to H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Page S11289**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 327), William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. **Pages S11285–89, S11353**

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 328), Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Pages S11285–89, S11353**

Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. **Pages S11285, S11353**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—329)	Pages S11288, S11289, S11305
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sep-	

tember 11, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11353.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SIX YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland, six years after 9/11, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security; J. Michael McConnell, Director, and John Scott Redd, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3508–3522; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208; and H. Res. 643–648, were introduced. **Page H10362**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10363–64**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2775, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize funding for emergency management performance grants, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–322). **Page H10362**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10323**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon. **Page H10325**

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

Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”; **Pages H10326–27**

Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2587, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office”; **Pages H10327–29**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the ‘Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building’.” **Page H10329**

Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”; **Pages H10329–31**

Robert Merrill Postal Station Designation Act: H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”; **Pages H10331–32**

Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”; **Pages H10332–33**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month: H. Res. 257, amended, to support the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 865; and

Pages H10333–35, H10344–45

Recognizing September 11 as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, honoring the heroic actions of our nation’s first responders and Armed Forces, and reaffirming the commitment to defending the people of the United States against any and all future challenges: H. Res. 643, to recognize September 11 as a day of remembrance, to extend sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, to honor the heroic actions of our nation’s first responders and Armed Forces, and to reaffirm the commitment to defending the people of the United States against any and all future challenges, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 866.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:11 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10344–45 and H10345. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ PROGRESS REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: and the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq. Testimony was heard from GEN David Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq, Department of Defense; and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on proposals to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Testimony was heard from Billy Cannaday, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Virginia; Frances Bryant Bradburn, Director, Instructional Technologies, Department of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina; David Brewer, Superintendent of Schools, Unified School

District, Los Angeles, California; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to markup H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine health care and the federal budget, focusing on options for achieving universal health coverage, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, business meeting to consider S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 327 and H.R. 359, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1051, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 1184 and H.R. 1021, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Iraq, focusing on the Crocker-Petraeus report, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 968, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, S. 805, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya, S. 2020, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Coral Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007, H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty

Doc.109-12), the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc.109-21), the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc.110-2), Protocol to the 1951 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108-8), and the nominations of Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

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

House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Readiness in the Post-Katrina and Post-9/11 World: An Evaluation of the New National Response Framework, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Also, Senate will observe a moment of silence at 12 noon in remembrance of the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States.

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

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