

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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Commerce Committee Roundup

May $12^{th} - 16^{th}$, 2008

Press Releases

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May 13th: Stevens Urges TSA to Reexamine Proposed Temporary Security Fees

May 15th: Commerce Committee Passes Marine Mammal Rescue Amendment Cosponsored

by Senator Stevens

May 15th: Commerce Committee Approves Legislation Cosponsored by Senator Stevens to

Reauthorize the Maritime Administration

May 16th: Inouye-Stevens Provision to Help Educate Consumers on DTV Transition and

Converter Box Program Passes Appropriations Committee

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May 13th: TSA FY 2009 Budget Oversight Hearing

This hearing examined the FY 2009 budget request for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as well as general oversight of the agency and its implementation of recently enacted statutes such as the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act (SAFE Port Act) and the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act.

May 14th: Plastic Additives in Consumer Products

This hearing examined: 1) chemicals in plastics found in consumer products, specifically phthalates and BPA, 2) the health implications of these chemicals and their alternatives, and 3) federal government assessments of the toxicity of these chemicals.

Executive Session

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May 15th: Executive Session

The committee reported out the following bills:

- 1. S. 2685, Truth in Cigarette Labeling Act of 2008
- 2. H.R. 1187, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act
- 3. S. 2281, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act
- 4. Substitute amendment to the Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2007
- 5. Fiscal Year 2009 Maritime Administration and Authorization Act
- 6. S. 2699, Oil Spill Prevention Act
- 7. Ms. Lily Fu Claffee, to be General Counsel of the United States Department of Commerce
- 8. Dr. William J. Brennan, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere at the United States Department of Commerce