

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6033–S6078

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1376–1389, and S. Res. 196–198. **Pages S6054–55**

Measures Passed:

National Nurses Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 192, recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6077**

National MPS Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, designating May 15, 2007, as “National MPS Awareness Day”. **Pages S6077–78**

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 71, commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation’s 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6078**

Measures Considered:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6036–50**

Pending:

Boxer/Inhofe Amendment No. 1065, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6036**

Boxer (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1086 (to Amendment No. 1065), to establish a Water Resources Commission to prioritize water resources projects in the United States. **Page S6036**

Reid (for Levin/Reid) Amendment No. 1097 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment

No. 1065), to provide for military readiness and benchmarks relative to Iraq. **Pages S6036–38**

Reid Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097), to provide for a transition of the Iraq mission. **Pages S6038–43**

Coburn Amendment No. 1089 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the needs of Louisiana residents who lost their homes as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are met before spending money to design or construct a non-essential visitors center. **Pages S6043–44**

Coburn Amendment No. 1090 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the residents of the city of Sacramento are protected from the threat of floods before spending money to add sand to beaches in San Diego. **Pages S6044–50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, and that the time until 11:45 a.m. be for debate with respect to Coburn Amendment No. 1090 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Boxer and Coburn, or their designees; that at 11:45 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 1090, with no intervening amendment in order prior to the vote; provided further, that any cloture motions filed on Reid Amendments No. 1097 and 1098 (listed above) be considered as having been filed on Monday, May 15, 2007 prior to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1348. **Page S6050**

Comprehensive Immigration Reform—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform. **Page S6077**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S6077**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S6077**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 5:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6078.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2289–2310; 1 private bill, H.R. 2311; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148; and H. Res. 398–401 were introduced. **Pages H4965–66**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4966–68**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on May, 11, 2007 as follows:

H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–146).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1773, to limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–147);

H.R. 916, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–148);

H.R. 1615, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–149); and

H.R. 1700, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–150).

H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–146, Part II) **Page H4965**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4917**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H4918**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan Keiran, Senate Chaplain's Office, Washington D.C. **Page H4918**

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

Extending the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999: H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 268 yeas to 100 nays, Roll No. 342; **Pages H4918–20, H4930–31**

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims: H. Res. 223, to support the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 369 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 343; **Pages H4920–22, H4931–32**

Claude Ramsey Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the "Claude Ramsey Post Office"; **Pages H4922–23**

Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building";

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Willye B. White Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South

State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”; **Pages H4924–26**

S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “S/Sgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”; **Pages H4926–27**

Recognizing National AmeriCorps Week: H. Res. 385, to recognize National AmeriCorps Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 21 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 344; and **Pages H4927–29, H4932–33**

Commending the Juniata College volleyball team for winning the NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball Championship: H. Res. 216, to commend the Juniata College volleyball team for winning the NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball Championship. **Pages H4929–30**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4930**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Mendel Davis, former Member of Congress. **Page H4932**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4918.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 29 was held at the desk. **Page H4918**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4968.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4930–31, H4931–32, H4932. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SELECT INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT PANEL

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session on Domestic Agencies Intelligence Programs. Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Rolf Mowatt-Larsen, Director, Intelligence

and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy; and Willie T. Hulon, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch, FBI, Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the short-term energy outlook for summer 2007, focusing on oil and gasoline, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 916, to modify the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, to establish the Minidoka National Historic Site, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 1057, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the New River in the States of North Carolina and Virginia as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1209, to provide for the continued administration of Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, S. 1281, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System, H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine green buildings, focusing on benefits to health, the environment, and the bottom line, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine Alzheimer’s disease, focusing on current and future breakthrough research, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine equal representation in Congress, focusing on providing voting rights to the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review industry response to the safety of fresh and fresh-cut produce, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Best Practices for Making College Campuses Safe, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Private Sector Whistleblowers: Are There Sufficient Legal Protections? 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting Our Children: Current Issues in Children's Product Safety," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Savings Plan and Low Income Subsidy: Keeping Medicare's Promise for Seniors and People with Disabilities," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on U.S. Re-Engagement in the Global Effort to Fight Climate Change, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The 2007 Hurricane Season: Are We Prepared?" 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1239, National Underground Rail-

road Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1388, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act; H.R. 1483, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; and H.R. 1528, New England National Scenic Trial Designation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007; and H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Prospects for Advanced Coal Technologies: Efficient Energy Production, Carbon Capture and Sequestration, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Federal STEM Education Programs: Educator's Perspectives, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to markup the following bills: H.R. 612, Returning Servicemember VA Health Insurance Act of 2007; H.R. 67, Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1660, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; and H.R. 2199, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain improvements in treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injuries, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Payments to Certain Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Income Security, hearing on challenges Facing the Child Welfare System, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act, and vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 1090 at approximately 11:45 a.m.

(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, May 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 1700—COPS Improvements Act of 2007; (2) H.R. 692—Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007; (3) H.R.

1593—Second Chance Act of 2007; (4) H.R. 916—John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007; (5) H.R. 634—American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin; (6) H. Res. 263—Recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity for Congress to improve the foster care system throughout the United States; (7) H.R. 1773—Safe American Roads Act of 2007; (8) H.R. 1505—To designate the Federal building located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the “James A. Leach Federal Building”; (9) H.R. 1036—To authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation; (10) H. Con. Res. 79—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; (11) H. Con. Res. 123—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; (12) H. Res. 352—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; (13) H. Res. 343—Commemorating the marinas of the United States and expressing support for the designation of the sixth annual National Marina Day; and (14) H. Res. 386—Recognizing the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the National Safe Boating Council for their efforts to promote National Safe Boating Week.

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