

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2619–S2707

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2823–2827, and S. Res. 504. **Page S2636**

Measures Reported:

S. 357, to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–278)

S. 1667, to establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–279) **Page S2636**

Measures Considered:

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2628–32**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2628**

Sanders Amendment No. 4401 (to Amendment No. 4387), to establish a national consumer credit usury rate. **Page S2628**

Cardin/Ensign Amendment No. 4421 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer. **Page S2628**

Ensign Amendment No. 4419 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law. **Page S2628**

Alexander Amendment No. 4429 (to Amendment No. 4419), to provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity. **Page S2628**

Nelson (FL)/Coleman Amendment No. 4423 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds to provide foreclosure recovery relief for individuals with mortgages on their principal residences. **Page S2628**

Lincoln Amendment No. 4382 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an incentive to employers to offer group legal plans that provide a benefit for real estate and foreclosure review. **Page S2628**

Lincoln (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4433 (to Amendment No. 4387), to modify the increase in volume cap for housing bonds in 2008. **Page S2628**

Landrieu Amendment No. 4404 (to Amendment No. 4387), to amend the provisions relating to qualified mortgage bonds to include relief for persons in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. **Page S2628**

Sanders Amendment No. 4384 (to Amendment No. 4387), to provide an increase in specially adapted housing benefits for disabled veterans. **Page S2628**

Murray Amendment No. 4478 (to Amendment No. 4387), to increase funding for housing counseling with an offset. **Pages S2628–29**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, and that Senators have until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, to file second-degree amendments. **Page S2707**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army. **Page S2707**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Iraq and progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the digital television transition, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 2259 and H.R. 813, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System

Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects, H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan, H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, H.R. 1140, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, H.R. 1503, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project, H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project, H.R. 1737, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California, and H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine S. 970, to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries

for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq after the surge, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine the adequacy of representation in capital cases, 10:15 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 Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Central Asia: An Overview, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on S. 2135, Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following bills: H.R. 2016, National Landscape Conservation System Act; and H.R. 2537, Beach Protection Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8

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. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387 at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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