

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8001–S8163

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1664–1671, S. Res. 240–247, and S. Con. Res. 39. **Pages S8061–62**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1255, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 535, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 886, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records. **Page S8061**

Measures Passed:

Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act: Senate agreed to S. Res. 242, celebrating the accomplishments of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also known as the Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, and recognizing the need to continue pursuing the goal of educational opportunities for women and girls. **Page S8153**

National Clean Beaches Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 243, supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and the considerable value of beaches and their role in American culture. **Pages S8153–54**

National Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, designating June 2007 as National Safety Month. **Page S8154**

Congratulating University of Arizona Wildcats Softball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, congratulating the University of Arizona Wildcats for

winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Softball Championship. **Page S8154**

Congratulating San Antonio Spurs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the National Basketball Association Championship. **Page S8155**

Olympic Movement Ideals and Values: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 185, supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8155**

University of Washington Men's Crew Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 247, commending the University of Washington Men's Crew, the 2007 Intercollegiate Rowing Association Champions. **Pages S8155–56**

Civil Air Patrol: Senate agreed to S. Res. 132, recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States. **Page S8156**

International Geophysical Year Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 76, honoring the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments. **Page S8156**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 82, designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day". **Pages S8156–57**

National Marina Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 173, designating August 11, 2007, as "National Marina Day". **Page S8157**

Campus Fire Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, designating September 2007 as "Campus Fire Safety Month". **Page S8157**

National First Responder Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day". **Pages S8157–58**

Measures Considered:

Clean Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on

foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S8002–21, S8022

Adopted:

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 1528 (to Amendment No. 1502), to improve the section relating to energy storage competitiveness. **Page S8010**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 1529 (to Amendment No. 1502), to require the Administrator of General Services to submit an annual report to the Energy Information Agency. **Page S8010**

Bingaman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 1533 (to Amendment No. 1502), to make the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico eligible for the Federal weatherization program. **Page S8010**

Bingaman (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 1551 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish a standard for Federal agencies for the purchase of products that have standby power. **Pages S8010–12**

By 58 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 219), Bingaman Amendment No. 1693 (to Amendment No. 1502), to ensure that the renewable fuel standard does not harm the environment. **Pages S8032–33, S8039–40**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 221), Kyl Amendment No. 1800 (to Amendment No. 1704), to disallow the credit for renewable diesel for fuel that is coprocessed with petroleum. **Pages S8025–31, S8041–42**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8002**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1537 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Page S8002**

Klobuchar (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1573 (to Amendment No. 1537), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Page S8002**

Bingaman (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 1557 (to Amendment No. 1502), to establish a national greenhouse gas registry. **Pages S8002, S8031–32**

Corker Amendment No. 1608 (to Amendment No. 1502), to allow clean fuels to meet the renewable fuel standard. **Page S8002**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 1520 (to Amendment No. 1502), to promote the energy independence of the United States. **Page S8002**

Collins Amendment No. 1615 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess,

and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change. **Page S8002**

Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for energy advancement and investment. **Pages S8002, S8012–21**

Kyl/Lott Modified Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1704), to provide a condition precedent for the effective date of the revenue raisers. **Pages S8042–51**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 37 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 217), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Kohl (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1546 (to Amendment No. 1502), to provide that legislation that would increase the national average fuel prices for automobiles is subject to a point of order in the Senate. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, prohibiting the consideration of matters in the jurisdiction of the Senate Budget Committee, unless offered to measures reported by that committee, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S8002–05**

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 218), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Gregg Amendment No. 1718 (to Amendment No. 1704), to strike the provision extending the additional duty on ethanol. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time periods set out in the resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S8005–10**

By 31 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Inhofe Amendment No. 1666 (to Amendment No. 1502), to ensure agricultural equity with respect to the renewable fuels standard. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, the pay-as-you-go point of order that the amendment would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for either of the applicable time

periods set out in the resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2007, and that there be 70 minutes available for concurrent debate in relation to Kyl/Lott Modified Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1704) (listed above), and the motion to invoke cloture on Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502) (listed above) with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and Kyl, or their designees; that 35 minutes of time be available for debate with respect to the motion to invoke cloture on Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502), and 35 minutes available for debate on Kyl/Lott Amendment No. 1733 and that no other amendment be in order prior to disposition of Kyl/Lott Modified Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1704), and that Senator Kyl control 15 minutes and Senator Domenici control 20 minutes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Kyl/Lott Modified Amendment No. 1733 (to Amendment No. 1704), and that upon disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502); provided further, that Senators have until 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 21, 2007 to file second-degree amendments to Baucus Amendment No. 1704 (to Amendment No. 1502).

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Veto Messages:

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act—Veto Message: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the veto message on S. 5, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, be considered as having been read and that it be printed in the Record and spread in full upon the Journal and that the message be held at the desk.

Pages S8021–22

Appointments:

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended, appointed the following Member to the President's Export Council:

Senator Cornyn.

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Comprehensive Immigration Reform—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1639, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform.

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 Friday, June 22, 2007.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto message on S. 5, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007; ordered to be held at the desk. (PM–18)

Pages S8060–61

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

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Messages from the House: **Page S8061**

Measures Read the First Time: **Page S8061**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S8061**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8091–S8152**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S8152**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S8153**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—221) **Page S8004, S8009–10, S8040, S8041**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8162–63.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HOPE VI PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Hope VI Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; David G. Wood, Director of Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Sandra B. Henriquez, Boston Housing Authority, Boston, Massachusetts; Richard D. Baron, McCormack, Baron, and Salazar, St. Louis, Missouri; Susan J. Popkin, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; and

Charles F. Elsesser, Jr., National Low Income Housing Coalition, Miami, Florida.

FOREIGN REPAIR STATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine foreign aviation repair stations, focusing on air carrier maintenance that is outsourced, after receiving testimony from Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General for the Department of Transportation; Margaret Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration; Robert Roach, Jr., International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; Marshall S. Filler, Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA), Alexandria, Virginia; and Basil J. Barimo, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Tom Brantley, Professional Airways Systems Specialists (PASS) AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

EPA'S RESPONSE TO 9–11

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's response to 9–11, focusing on lessons learned for future emergency preparedness, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Captain Sven E. Rodenbeck, United States Public Health Service, Deputy Branch Chief, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; John B. Stephenson, Director for Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and David M. Newman, New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, and Nina Lavin, both of New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, who was introduced by Senator Collins, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Joseph Adam Erel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Richard Boyce Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Stephen A. Seche, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee order favorably reported the following:

An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21);

S. 1642, a bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, with amendments; and

The nominations of Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, Michael Schwartz, of Illinois, and Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, all to be Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, Marylyn Andrea Howe, of Massachusetts, and Lonnie C. Moore, of Kansas, both to be Members of the National Council on Disability, and Kerri Layne Briggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

HURRICANE KATRINA AFTERMATH

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rising crime in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, including S. 368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and S. 1547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after receiving testimony from Senators Landrieu and Vitter; James B. Letten, United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, Department of Justice; and David L. Bell, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, Anthony W. Cannatella, Sr., New Orleans Police Department, and Robert A. Stellingworth, New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation, all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District

Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, who were both introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1285, to reform the financing of Senate elections, after receiving testimony from Senators McConnell, Specter, and Durbin; former Senator Warren B. Rudman, Americans for Campaign Reform, Nick Nyhart, Public Campaign, and Scott E. Thomas, Dickstein Shapiro LLP, all of Washington, DC; Stephen M. Hoersting, Centers for Competitive Politics, Arlington, Virginia; and Arnold Hiatt, Stride Rite Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2784–2801; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 171; and H. Res. 500–501, 503–507 were introduced. **Pages H6827–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6828–29**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 502, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2771) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–201). **Page H6826**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6739**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act: H.R. 923, amended, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 512. **Pages H6742–49, H6753–54**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.” **Page H6794**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Robin Beard, former Member of Congress. **Page H6754**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, June 18th:

Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel: H. Con. Res. 21, amended, to call on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 2 nays with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 513; **Pages H6754–55**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.” **Page H6755**

SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Act of 2007: H.R. 2359, to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 514; and **Pages H6755–56**

Amending the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians: H.R. 2284, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, by a 2/

3 yeas-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 73 nays, Roll No. 515. **Page H6756**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives DeFazio, Loretta Sanchez, and Lamborn. **Pages H6756–57**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, June 19th. **Page H6757**

Agreed to:

Matheson amendment that redirects \$1 million in funding within the account for the Office of the Inspector General; **Pages H6759–60**

Musgrave amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that strikes the \$1.8 million appropriated for the Denali Commission; **Pages H6764–67**

Wynn amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that adds a new section designating \$213 million for hydrogen technologies as authorized by section 974 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; **Page H6772**

Harman amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase any light bulbs that do not have the "ENERGY STAR" designation; **Pages H6772–73**

Berkley amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to administer the "Yucca Mountain Youth Zone" website; and **Page H6773**

Garrett (NJ) amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that adds a new section prohibiting the use of funds for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States. **Pages H6774–75**

Rejected:

Porter amendment (that was debated on June 19th) that sought to strike the provisions in the bill for nuclear waste disposal activities (by a recorded vote of 80 yeas to 351 noes, Roll No. 516); **Pages H6786–87**

Foxx amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding in the Departmental Administration

account under Title III by \$27,950,000 (by a recorded vote of 134 yeas to 293 noes, Roll No. 517); **Pages H6758–59, H6787**

Udall (NM) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the National Nuclear Security Administration by \$192,123,000 (by a recorded vote of 121 yeas to 312 noes, Roll No. 518); **Pages H6760–63, H6787–88**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to strike the \$35 million appropriated for the Appalachian Regional Commission (by a recorded vote of 133 yeas to 298 noes, Roll No. 519); **Pages H6763–64, H6788–89**

Musgrave amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the bill by 0.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 267 noes, Roll No. 520); **Pages H6766, H6789**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review the application for the Broadwater Energy Proposal (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 285 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 521); **Pages H6767–69, H6789–90**

Jordan amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce total amounts appropriated in the bill by \$1,305,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 129 yeas to 301 noes, Roll No. 522); **Pages H6769–72, H6790–91**

Shadegg amendment that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds to breach, decommission, or remove any Federal hydropower dams (by a recorded vote of 157 yeas to 274 noes, Roll No. 523); **Pages H6773–74, H6791**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the bill by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 275 noes, Roll No. 524); **Pages H6775–78, H6791–92**

Wilson (SC) amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce total amounts appropriated in the bill by \$1,130,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 138 yeas to 295 noes, Roll No. 525); and **Pages H6778–82, H6792–93**

Hinchey amendment that sought to add a new section prohibiting funds from being made available to designate any geographic area as a national interest electric transmission corridor under the Federal Power Act (by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 526). **Pages H6782–86, H6793–94**

Withdrawn:

Space amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$30 million; **Pages H6757–58**

Schmidt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds by the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership initiative for transfer or storage of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste; **Pages H6765–66**

Wilson (NM) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section designating \$37 million from the Science heading under Title III for the Medical Applications and Measurement Science Program; **Pages H6766–67**

Murphy (CT) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section prohibiting the use of funds by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for issuance of a permit or other authorization for any action that may affect land use; and **Page H6767**

Conaway amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section stating that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction. **Page H6773**

H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 19th.

Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, June 21st. **Pages H6795–H6809**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2764 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 498, no amendments to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. **Pages H6818–19**

H. Res. 498, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H6749–53**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6753.

Senate Referral: S. 277 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H6826**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6829–30.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6753–54, H6754–55, H6755–56, H6756, H6786, H6787, H6787–88, H6788, H6789, H6789–90, H6790–91, H6791, H6791–92, H6792–93, H6793. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Organizing the Roles, Missions, and Requirements of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORK SAFETY MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007; and H.R. 2693, To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.

ENERGY MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action the following issues related to energy legislation: as amended, promote energy efficiency; as amended, to facilitate the transition to a smart grid; re: Department of Energy EPCo Loan Guarantees; as amended, to promote renewable fuel infrastructure; as amended, to promote advanced battery and plug-in hybrid technologies; and, to enhance Energy Information Administration data collection.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing to receive the annual testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the State of the International Financial System. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on World Refugee Day 2007. Testimony was heard from William E. Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Judy

Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant High Commissioner, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

EU TERRORIST LIST—HEZBOLLAH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Adding Hezbollah to the EU Terrorist List. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT'S CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Hacking the Homeland: Investigating Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities at the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Scott Charbo, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the GAO: Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues; and Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Director, Center for Technology and Engineering.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—IMPROVED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Has the Department of Homeland Security Improved its Ability to Maintain Situational Awareness Since Hurricane Katrina? Testimony was heard from Frank DiFalco, Director, National Operations Center, Office of Operations Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; Ellen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Darrell Darnell, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, District of Columbia; COL Terry J. Ebbert, USMC (ret.), Director, Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety, New Orleans, Louisiana; and James M. Walker, Jr., Director, Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security, State of Alabama.

INSPECTORS GENERAL—INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Inspectors General: Independence Accountability. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, USDA; Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General, NSF; Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Vanessa Burrows, Legislative Attorney, CRS, Library of Congress; Eleanor J. Hill, former Inspector General, Department of Defense; Kenneth M. Mead, former Inspec-

tor General, Department of Transportation; and Nikki L. Tinsley, former Inspector General, EPA

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2771, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2008. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of Rule XXI. The amendments shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wassermann Schultz; Cardoza, Harman, Cleaver, Wamp, Kingston, Upton, Bilirakis and Jordan.

SMALL BIO-ENERGY BUSINESS WORKFORCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on meeting the Workforce Demands of Small Bio-Energy Businesses. Testimony was heard from Senator Harkin; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE MITIGATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2701, Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007.

PRIORITY 8 VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on Priority 8 Veterans. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 2776, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, and Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to mark up S. 1538, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and to consider pending military nominations, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine health care and the budget, focusing on issues and challenges for reform, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine telephone number porting and caller-ID spoofing, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine energy efficiency technologies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine barriers to work to be overcome for individuals receiving Social Security Disability Benefits, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a strategic assessment of United States and Russia relations, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John L. Withers II, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Charles Lewis English, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameron Munter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Roderick W. Moore, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Montenegro, and J. Christian Kennedy, of Indiana, to be Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine the state of public-private collaboration in preparing for and responding to national catastrophes, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to continue oversight hearings to examine law enforcement in Indian Country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 230, designating the month of July 2007, as "National Teen Safe Driver Month", S. Res. 235, designating July 1, 2007, as "National Boating Day", S. Res. 225, designating the month of August 2007 as "National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month", the nomination of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with the investigation of the legal basis for the warrantless wiretap program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine America's aging farming population, focusing on the threat to the future of American agriculture as aging farmers are not being replaced by younger generations, 11 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider a Supplemental Report to H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; a report on the Financial Services and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 2008; and a revised Sub-allocation of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2008, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, hearing on Balancing Work and Family: What Policies Best Support American Families? 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following: as amended, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007 (PDUFA); as amended, the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2007 (MDUFA); the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act of 2007; as amended, the Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2007; as amended, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2007 (BPCA); as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the establishment of the Reagan-Udall Institute for Applied Biomedical Research; to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to conflicts of interest; as amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a clinical trial registry database and a clinical trial results database; and, as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Examining a Legislative Solution to Extend and Revise the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the HOPE VI Program," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, to mark up the Overseas Private Investment Corporation Reauthorization Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing First Responders in Border Communities," 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on the Continuing Investigation into the U.S. Attorney Controversy and Related Matters, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 558, African American Farmers Benefit Relief Act of 2007; and H.R. 899, Pigford Claims Remedy Act of 2007, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 767, Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Ensuring a Merit-Based Employment System: An Examination of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; followed by a meeting on the District of Columbia Autonomy legislation, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to consider the following bills: H.R. 2773, Biofuels Research and Development Enhancement Act; H.R. 1933, Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Storage Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 2007; and H.R. 2774, Solar Energy Research and Advancement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Increasing Investment in Our Nation's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on the Responsibility of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Protective Service to Ensure Contract Guards Protect Federal Employees and Workplaces, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following bills: H.R.

1750, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend from 90 days the period after release of a member of the Armed Forces from active duty during which the member is protected from mortgage foreclosure under that act; H.R. 1824, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used; H.R. 1598, Servicemembers Credit Protection Act; H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member; H.R. 1240, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 675, Disabled Veterans Adaptive Housing Improvement Act; H.R. 513, National Heroes Credit Protection Act; H.R. 2259, To ensure that members of the National Guard and Reserves are able to fully participate in the benefits delivery at discharge program administered jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide information and assistance on available benefits and other transition assistance to members of the Armed Forces who are separating from the Armed Forces; H.R. 2475, Veteran Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Act of 2007; H.R. 1632, Improving Veterans' Reemployment Act of 2007; H.R. 112, G.I. Advanced Education in Science and Technology Act; H.R. 2579, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of funds in the Department of Veterans Affairs readjustment benefits accounts and funds appropriated for such purpose to provide funding for state approving agencies; and H.R. 1370, Disabled Veterans Sports and Special Events Promotion Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Beneficiary Protections in Medicare Part D, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Protecting the Privacy of the Social Security Number from Identity Theft, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on FISA, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the Guantanamo Bay detention camp, focusing on the implications for United States human rights leadership, 10 a.m., 2325 RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 6, CLEAN Energy Act, and after a period of debate vote on or in relation to certain amendments and on certain motions to invoke cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 2764—Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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