# Daily Digest

## Senate

## **Chamber** Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2970–2975, and S. Res. 549–550. Page S3742

#### Measures Passed:

*Technical Corrections:* Senate passed H.R. 5919, to make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3749** 

National Childbood Stroke Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 549, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 3, 2008, as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day". Pages S3749-50

#### Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. Page S3742

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 Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Page S3742

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, that Monday, May 5, 2008, count as the intervening day under Rule XXII; provided further, that this cloture vote not occur prior to the previously ordered cloture vote on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 to H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act. Page S3742

FAA Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system; provided further, that notwithstanding any adjournment of the Senate, Senators be permitted to file amendments between 2:00–3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 5, 2008.

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#### Amendments Submitted: Page S3749

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$3750.)

### 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.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

#### EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2008, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D536)

S. 2954, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 2, 2008. Signed on May 2, 2008. (Public Law 110–208)

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

#### Week of May 5 through May 10, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 11:00 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 at 2:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2284, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

#### (Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 7, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Labor, 9:45 a.m., SD-124.

May 7, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States intelligence community, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol. May 7, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 3 p.m., SD–192.

May 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's decision to restructure the FutureGen program and obtain information about the elements of the original and revised approaches to advance carbon capture and storage technologies, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 7, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the regulation of investment banks by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 6, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 7, Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of vision for space exploration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 7, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of the airline industry, focusing on the impact of the Delta/ Northwest airlines merger, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improving the capacity of United States climate modeling for decision-makers and end-users, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 7, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 6, to hold hearings to examine perchlorate and trichloro-ethylene (TCE) in water, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 7, Subcommittee on Public Sector Solutions to Global Warming, Oversight, and Children's Health Protection, to hold an oversight hearing to examine science and environmental regulatory decisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

May 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine goods movement on our nation's highways, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 6, to hold hearings to examine seizing the new opportunity for health reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine social security field offices, focusing on the resources and workforce needed to deliver quality service to the public, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 6, to hold hearings to examine the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Marianne Matuzic Myles, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, and Stephen James Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine international Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (the "Convention"), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on April 13, 2005, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on September 14, 2005 (Treaty Doc.110-04), amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (the "Amendment"). A conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted on October 28, 1979, adopted the Amendment on July 8, 2005, at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna (Treaty Doc.110-06), and protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (the "2005 SUA Protocol") and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (the "2005 Fixed Platforms Protocol") (together, "the Protocols"), adopted by the International Maritime Organization Diplomatic Conference in London on October 14, 2005, and signed by the United States of America on February 17, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110-08), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 8, to hold hearings to examine cancer relating to challenges and opportunities in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 7, to hold hearings to examine fuel subsidies relating to food supply and prices, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Andrew Saul, of New York, Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, and Gordon James Whiting, of New York, all to be Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

May 8, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine recruiting and hiring the next generation of federal employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 6, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine policing lenders and protecting homeowners, focusing on the current foreclosure crisis, 2 p.m., SD-226.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Helene N. White, and Raymond M. Kethledge, both of Michigan, both to be United States Circuit Judges for the Sixth Circuit, and Stephen Joseph Murphy III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD–226.

May 7, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine concentration in agriculture, focusing on an examination of the JBS Swift Group acquisitions, 2 p.m., SD–226.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a way forward for the United States Commission on Civil Rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

May 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, S. 2913, to provide a limitation on judicial remedies in copyright infringement cases involving orphan works, S. 2511, to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship, H.R. 4056, to establish an awards mechanism to honor Federal law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty, S. 2774, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, S. 1738, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators, S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, S. 1515, to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims, S. 2504, to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and S. Res. 537, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 7, to hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael E. Leiter, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

May 8, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 7, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense (Contracting) Outsourcing, 1:40 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 7, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to continue appropriation hearings with public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 7, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 7, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 5658, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn

Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 8, joint hearing on Financing Infrastructure Investments, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, May 6, hearing on Do Federal Programs Ensure U.S. Workers Are Recruited First Before Employers Hire From Abroad? 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on The National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts: Overview of Programs and National Impact, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled The Renewable Fuels Standard: Issues Implementation, and Opportunities, 10:30 a.m, 2123 Rayburn.

May 6, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5353, Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Stem Cell Science: The Foundation for Future Cures," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Direct-to-Consumer Advertising: Marketing, Education, or Deception," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 8, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Emergency CDBG Funds in the Gulf Coast: Uses, Challenges, and Lessons for the Future," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 6, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Higher Education

in Africa: Making the Link between Intellectual Capital and Regional Development, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 6, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America's Image, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 7, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Foreign Policy in Pakistan: Implications for Regional Security, Stability and Development, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Middle East: Old Tools for New Tasks? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Central America and the Merida Initiative, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* May 6, hearing entitled "The Resilient Homeland—Broadcasting the Homeland Security Strategy," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 7, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Assessing the Resiliency of the Nation's Supply Chain," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 8, full Committee, hearing entitled "Performance Based Acquisitions: Creating Solutions or Causing Problems?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* May 6, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Rulemaking Process and the Unitary Executive Theory, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 6, Subcommittee on The Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part I, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 6, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Federal Prison Industries—Examining the Effects of Section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 7, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Retail Gas, Part 1 Prices: Consumer Effects, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 7, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Addressing Gangs: What's Effective? What's Not? 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 7, to mark up H.R. 3094, National Park Centennial Fund Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 8, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3840, To prohibit commercial fishing of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in inland, State, and Federal water along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3841, To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 8, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 155, Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act; H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008; and H.R. 5710, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 5, and 7, hearings on the Lack of Hospital Emergency Surge Capacity: Will the Administration's Medicaid Regulations Make It Worse? 10 a.m. on May 5 and 9:30 a.m. on May 7, 2154 Rayburn.

May 8, hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on The Economics of Universal Mail Post PAEA, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, May 6, to consider the following: H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and a resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3221) to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* May 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3957, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; and H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 7, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 5940, National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 7, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on the role of small

businesses in the upcoming digital television (DTV) conversion, 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

May 8, full Committee, hearing entitled "Medicare Physician Fee Cuts: Can Small Practices Survive," 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation and the Environment: Emissions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 6, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Rising Fuel Costs in the Trucking Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 6, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare's DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 6, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Employment Eligibility Verification Systems, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on the Utilization of Psychotropic Medication for Children in Foster Care, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 8, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2009 Intelligence Authorization, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

#### Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: May 6, to hold hearings to examine oil and food prices relating to the link between energy and environmental security, focusing on the role that environmental technologies can play in increasing energy security while combating climate change by reducing demand on hydrocarbon resources, 3 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 6

#### Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 5

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 at 2:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2284, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.



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