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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3224–3227, and S. Res. 607–610.

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Measures Reported:

S. 3227, to impose sanctions on Iran and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 110–408)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Death of former United States Senator Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 608, relative to the death of Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of North Carolina.

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Tay-Sachs Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as "Tay-Sachs Awareness Month". Pages \$6367-68

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Foreclosure Prevention Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of

the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. Pages S6354-56

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

By 76 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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FISA Amendments Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all debate time on the amendments must be utilized during the Tuesday, July 8, 2008 session of the Senate, and that at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, immediately after the opening of the Senate, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, with the debate time previously specified prior to the cloture vote commencing at that time, and that Senator Bingaman control 10 minutes of the time controlled by the Majority Leader; provided further, that after all debate time has been used or yielded back, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments; that Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and then passage of the bill, as previously ordered; provided further, that the previous order with respect to debate time between votes and vote time in a sequence and all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. Page S6368

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, and that all time in adjournment, recess, or morning business and consideration of the bill count post-cloture.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

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Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty Doc. No. 110–19).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

David Gustafson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008. Pages S6368, S6369

Measures Read the First Time: Pages S6359, S6368

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—163)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former United States Senator Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages \$6368–69.)

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 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 379.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, SEE DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–252)

H.R. 6327, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–253)

- S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–254)
- S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–255)
- S. 3180, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–256)
- H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–257)
- S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–258)
- S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–259)

S. 682, to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–260)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for Energy and Water Development, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2842, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out annual inspections of canals, levees, tunnels, dikes, pumping plants, dams, and reservoirs under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, S. 2974, to provide for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and S. 3189, to amend Public Law 106-392 to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration and the Commissioner of Reclamation to maintain sufficient revenues in the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 7 through July 12, 2008

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6304, FISA Amendments Act, and consider certain amendments.

On Wednesday, Senate will resume consideration of House message to accompany H.R. 3221, Foreclosure Prevention Act.

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: July 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for Energy and Water Development, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

July 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

July 10, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies, Energy and Water Development, and Financial Services and General Government, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 9, to hold hearings to examine reducing risks and improving oversight in the OTC credit derivatives market, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 9, to hold hearings to examine privacy implications of online advertising, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 9, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine fishing safety, focusing on policy implications of cooperatives and vessel improvements, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 8, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 2842, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out annual inspections of canals, levees, tunnels, dikes, pumping plants, dams, and reservoirs under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, S. 2974, to provide for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and S. 3189, to amend Public Law 106-392 to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration and the Commissioner of Reclamation to maintain sufficient revenues in the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 9, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2443 and H.R. 2246, bills to provide for the release of any revisionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada, S. 2779, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects, S. 2875, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to designated States and tribes to carry out programs to reduce the risk of livestock loss due to predation by gray wolves and other predator species or to compensate landowners for livestock loss due to predation, S. 2898 H.R. 816, bills to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada, S. 3088, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 3157, to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest System land and other land in southeast Arizona, and S. 3179, to authorize the conveyance of certain public land in the State of New Mexico owned or leased by the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 10, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), focusing on implementing the renewable fuel standard, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: July 10, to hold hearings to examine issues and options for the transportation infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 9, to hold hearings to examine the challenges from Iran, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

July 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110–15), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, DC (Treaty Doc. 110–17), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110–18), and certain other pending treaties, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: July 9, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Medicare vulnerabilities, focusing on payments for claims tied to deceased doctors, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

July 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the roots of violent Islamist extremism and efforts to counter it, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 9, to continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

July 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine passport files, focusing on privacy protection for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: July 9, to hold hearings to examine administrative and management operations of the United States Capitol Police, 10 a.m., SR_301

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

July 9, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine veterans disability compensation, focusing on undue delay in claims processing, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 10, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 9, 10 and 11, hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act, 2:30 p.m., on July 9, and 10 a.m., on July 10 and 11, 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 8, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center, 7 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

July 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on CFTC, 11 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 9, hearing on an update on efforts to develop and support the Iraqi Security Forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Defense Language and Cultural Awareness Transformation: To What End? At What Cost? 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 10, full Committee, hearing on threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC–(X) Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on oversight and status of POW-MIA activities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, July 9, hearing on the Rising Cost of Food and Its Impact on Federal Child Nutrition Programs, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 10, Sub-committee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 9, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Federal Spending Requirements in Housing and Community Development Programs: Challenges in 2008 and Beyond," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 10, full Committee, hearing entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn. *Committee on Foreign Affairs*, July 9, hearing on U.S.

Policy Toward Iran, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 9, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on Europe and Israel: Strengthening the Partnership, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 9, hearing entitled "The Challenge of Protecting Mass Gatherings in a Post–9/11," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 10, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 10, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 5263, Forest Landscape Restoration Act; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; and H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 8, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Assessing State and Local Regulations to Reduce Dental Mercury Emissions, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 9, full Committee, hearing on Manufacturers of FEMA Trailers and Elevated Formaldehyde Levels, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future: Minority Opportunities and the TSP, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 10, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census: Using the Communication Campaign to Effectively Reduce the Undercount, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 8, to consider the following: H.R. 5811, Electronic Message Preservation Act; and

H.R. 1286, Washington–Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Trail Designation Act, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, July 10, Sub-committee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms: The Challenges on the Nation's Coastlines, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 9, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Truck Weights and Lengths: Assessing the Impacts of Existing Laws and Regulations, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management hearing, on GSA's Capital Investment Program: Fiscal Year 2009, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 9, hearing on Why Does the VA Continue to Give a Suicide-Inducing Drug to Veterans with PTSD?, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 10, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Independent Living, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 9, executive, briefing on Colombia Hostage Situation, 12 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

July 10, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on IC HUMINT, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, July 10, hearing entitled "Global Warming Effects on Extreme Weather," 1:30 p.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: July 10, to hold hearings to examine public pension plans, focusing on the need to strengthen retirement security and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through June 30, 2008

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	Senate	House	Total	Civilian nominations, totaling 397 (including 180 nominations carried	
Days in session	102	80		over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Time in session	636 hrs., 26'	588 hrs., 52'		Confirmed	159
Congressional Record:				Unconfirmed	205
Pages of proceedings	6,341	6,178		Withdrawn	33
Extensions of Remarks		1,389			
Public bills enacted into law	26	45		Civilian nominations, totaling 1,086 (including 8 nominations carried	
Private bills enacted into law				over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Bills in conference	3	6		Confirmed	762
Measures passed, total	289	529	818	Unconfirmed	324
Senate bills	41	28			
House bills	71	218		Air Force nominations, totaling 4,945 (including 5 nominations car-	
Senate joint resolutions	2	2		ried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
House joint resolutions	1	1		Confirmed	4,896
Senate concurrent resolutions	16	4		Unconfirmed	49
House concurrent resolutions	24	55			
Simple resolutions	134	221		Army nominations, totaling 1,628 (including 19 nominations carried	
Measures reported, total	*222	*226	448	over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Senate bills	132	1		Confirmed	1,448
House bills	71	158		Unconfirmed	179
Senate joint resolutions	2			Withdrawn	1
House joint resolutions				N	
Senate concurrent resolutions	2			Navy nominations, totaling 2,388 (including 3 nominations carried	
House concurrent resolutions	2	5		over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Simple resolutions	13	62		Confirmed	1,969
Special reports	5			Unconfirmed	419
Conference reports	1	2		Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,546 (including 1 nomination	
Measures pending on calendar	480	62		carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Measures introduced, total	925	2,033	2,958	., 1	
Bills	693	1,497		Confirmed	1,543
Joint resolutions	16	22		Unconfirmed	3
Concurrent resolutions	28	109			
Simple resolutions	188	405		Summary	
Quorum calls	2	2		Total nominations carried over from the First Session	216
Yea-and-nay votes	162	316		Total nominations received this Session	11,774
Recorded votes		152		Total confirmed	10,777
Bills vetoed		3		Total unconfirmed	1,179
Vetoes overridden	2	2		Total withdrawn	34
				Total returned to the White House	0

^{*}These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 153 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 288 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6304, FISA Amendments Act, and consider certain amendments.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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