

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3076–3078, S.J. Res. 37, S. Res. 581, and S. Con. Res. 86.

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Measures Passed:

Veterans Mental Health Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Boxer (for Akaka/Burr) Amendment No. 4824, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate Restaurants Employees: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2967, to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and the bill was then passed.

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Republic of Georgia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 550, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia.

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Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 309, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

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National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 581, designating June 6, 2008, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day".

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Measures Considered:

Climate Security Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.

3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that time during any adjournment or morning business count against cloture.

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Senate expects to begin consideration of the bill following the vote on the adoption of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution.

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Budget Resolution Conference Report—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the previous order of Thursday, May 22, 2008, with respect to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, be modified to provide that Senate may utilize the available debate time, notwithstanding the absence of the official papers on the conference report filed in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, and printed in the Congressional Record beginning on page H4217, and Senate being in possession of the Senate official copy of the conference report; that Senate proceed to utilize the debate time on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., following a period of morning business, and upon the use of the time specified in the previous order, Senate vote on adoption of the conference report at 11:45 a.m.; provided further, that if Senate fails to receive a message that the House of Representatives has adopted the conference report by Tuesday, June 17, 2008, Senate adoption of the conference report be vitiated, further that if the vote is vitiated, then the previous order modified by this request remain in effect.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2012.

Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2014.

Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2012.

James Culbertson, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Dennis Michael Klein, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4989.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the acquisition of major weapons

systems by the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and Katherine V. Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Sheila McNamara Greenwood, of Louisiana, and Susan D. Peppler, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Joseph J. Murin, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, and Elisse Walter, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY MARKET MANIPULATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy market manipulation and federal enforcement regimes, after receiving testimony from Lee Ann Watson, Deputy Director, Division of Investigations, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; George Soros, Soros Fund Management, New York, New York; Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore; Gerry Ramm, Inland Oil Company, Ephrata, Washington, on behalf of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America; and Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rising costs and low quality in health care, focusing on the necessity for reform, after receiving testimony from Paul B. Ginsburg, Center for Studying Health System Change, and Arlene Holt Baker, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth A. McGlynn, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; and Felicia J. Fields, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 6167–6174; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–367; and H. Res. 1235, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on May 23, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 6028, to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–673, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5599, to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building” (H. Rept. 110–674);

H. Con. Res. 311, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 110–675);

H. Con. Res. 335, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (H. Rept. 110–676);

H. Res. 1233, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5540) to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (H. Rept. 110–677); and

H. Res. 1234, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3021) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities (H. Rept. 110–678).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Felipe Goodman, Temple Beth Shalom, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. Wynn, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

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

Supporting National Men’s Health Week: H. Con. Res. 138, amended, to support National Men’s Health Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 362 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 367;

Pages H4837–38, H4856–57

Recognizing the State of Minnesota’s 150th anniversary: H. Res. 923, to recognize the State of Minnesota’s 150th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 363 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 368;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day: H. Res. 1114, to support the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 364 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 369;

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 1734, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office”;

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Chi Mui Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the “Chi Mui Post Office Building”;

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Senior Executive Service Diversity Assurance Act: H.R. 3774, amended, to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service;

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Telework Improvements Act of 2008: H.R. 4106, amended, to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks;

Pages H4848–52

Federal Food Donation Act of 2008: S. 2420, to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food—clearing the measure for the President; and

Pages H4852–53

Federal Agency Data Protection Act: H.R. 4791, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to

strengthen requirements for ensuring the effectiveness of information security controls over information resources that support Federal operations and assets. **Pages H4853–56**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4856**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H4836–37.

Senate Referrals: S. 2062 and S. 2420 were held at the desk and S. 1965 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Pages H4836–37, H4874**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4856–57, H4857 and H4857–58. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 6 to 2, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3021, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the Rules Committee report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule pro-

vides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller of California and Representatives Arcuri, McKeon, Ehlers, Bishop of Utah, Hastings of Washington, Brady of Texas, and Kirk.

CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK CONTINUING AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 5540, Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 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 of the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Bishop of Utah or his designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard by Representatives Sarbanes and Bishop of Utah.

Joint Meetings

KOSOVO MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the challenges to minority communities in Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Knut Vollebaek, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna, Austria.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D670)

H.R. 2356, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United

States on Father's Day. Signed on June 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–239)

H.R. 2517, to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations. Signed on June 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–240)

H.R. 4008, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to make technical corrections to the definition of willful noncompliance with respect to violations involving the printing of an expiration date on certain credit and debit card receipts before the date of the enactment of this Act. Signed on June 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–241)

S. 2829, to make technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis. Signed on June 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–242)

S.J. Res. 17, directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean. Signed on June 3, 2008. (Public Law 110–243)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O'Malia, of Michigan, each to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 11 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to receive testimony from outside witnesses, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine passenger vehicle roof strength safety, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine China in Africa, focusing on the implications for the policy of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine ways to improve the detainee policy, focusing on handling terrorism detainees within the American justice system, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine systemic indifference to invisible wounds, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Discussion Draft of Health Information Technology and Privacy Legislation," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled "Examining the Roles and Responsibilities of HUD and FEMA in Responding to the Affordable Housing Needs of Gulf Coast States following Emergencies and Natural Disasters," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay, Part III Guantanamo—the Role of the FBI, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, briefing on the Future of U.S.-Iraq Relations: The Perspective of the Iraqi Parliament," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Problems with Immigration Detainee Medical Care, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia; H.R. 5451, Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2008; and H.R. 5741, Shark Conservation Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Does Federal Statistical Data Adequately Serve People Living with Disabilities? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of the State Department's Antiterrorism Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Assuring Public Alert Systems Work to Warn American Citizens of Natural and Terrorist Disasters, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution, and vote on its adoption at 11:45 a.m.; following which, it is expected that Senate will begin consideration of S. 3036, Climate Security Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 4

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Con. Res. 311—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; (2) H. Con. Res. 335—Authorizing the use of the Capitol

Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; (3) H.R. 3712—The “James M. Ashley & Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse” Designation Act; (4) H.R. 5599—The “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building” Designation Act; (5) H.R. 1343—Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007; (6) H.R. 5669—Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008; (7) H.R. 1553—Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008; (8) H.R. 5940—National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008; (9) H. Con. Res. 366—Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority; (10) H. Res. 1180—Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world; (11) H.R. 5893—Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008; and (12) H.R. 5972—United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2008. Consideration of H.R. 3021—21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act (Subject to a Rule).

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