

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2737–2739, and S. Res. 477–478. **Page S1818**

Measures Reported:

S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1818**

Measures Passed:

United States and the Kingdom of Thailand: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 66, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the commencement of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1822**

Crimes in Guatemala: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 178, expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S1823**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4149, to amend the resolution. **Page S1823**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4150, to amend the preamble. **Page S1823**

Measures Considered:

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of 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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, for debate only and that all time during any morning business period count against the time allotted for the resolution; provided further, that the recess time be charged equally against each side.

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Messages from the House:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1823.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5561–5574; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 313; and H. Res. 1032–1033 were introduced. **Pages H1444–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1445–46**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on March 6, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 2176, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–541, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 4115, to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–542, Pt. 1).

A report was filed on March 7, 2008 as follows:

H. Con. Res. 312, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 (H. Rept. 110–543).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 936, honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, celebrating the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and recognizing the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–544);

H.R. 5492, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland (H. Rept. 110–545);

H.R. 5501, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria (H. Rept. 110–546, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1031, providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 895) establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics (H. Rept. 110–547). **Pages H1443, H1444**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1419**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:33 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1419**

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

Expressing support for the designation and goals of “National 9–1–1 Education Month”:

H. Res. 537, amended, to express support for the designation and goals of “National 9–1–1 Education Month”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 108;

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E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 109; and

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Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex Designation Act: H.R. 4166, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 110.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:11 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Pages H1429–30**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university: H. Res. 924, amended, to congratulate Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university; **Pages H1425–27**

Congratulating the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history: H. Res. 948, amended, to congratulate the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history; and **Pages H1427–28**

Congratulating the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history: H. Res. 493, amended, to congratulate the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the

2007 NCAA Division I Women's Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history.

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Permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: Agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 306, to permit the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor the 5 years of service and sacrifice of our troops and their families in the war in Iraq and to remember those who are serving our Nation in Afghanistan and throughout the world: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 313, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor the 5 years of service and sacrifice of our troops and their families in the war in Iraq and to remember those who are serving our Nation in Afghanistan and throughout the world.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–100).

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Subsequently, the House agreed to the Loeb sack motion to postpone further consideration of the veto message and bill until Tuesday, March 11th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1421.

Senate Referrals: S. 2733 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1430, H1430–31, and H1431. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Committee Meeting

ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AN OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the adoption of H. Res. 895, which establishes an Office of Congressional Ethics within the House of Representatives, with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report upon adoption of the rule.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the United States efforts to combat corruption, waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the condition of the nation's infrastructure, focusing on proposals for needed improvements, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Border Truck pilot program, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–114), 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine evaluating United States policy options on the Horn of Africa, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on enlargement and effectiveness, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the broken pipeline, focusing on losing opportunities in the life sciences, 11 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for families of wounded warriors, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economic budget request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on OJP/COPS/OVW, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Air Force Posture, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE—Energy and Conservation, Fossil Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Citizenship and Immigration Services: Strengthening legal immigration and improving refugee processing, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn, and on Homeland Security Grants: Supporting a National Preparedness and Response System, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Humanities, 4 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Implications of a Weakening Economy for Training and Employment Services, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Navy Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on HIV/AIDS and Global Health Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, joint hearing on Department of the Navy and Air Force Tactical Aviation Programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Impact of the Administration's signing statement on the Department of Defense's implementation of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Inherently Governmental—What is the Proper Role of Government? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on After School Programs: How the Bush Ad-

ministration's Budget Impacts Children and Families, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R. 2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis, Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3825, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Role of Private Equity in the Communications Marketplace, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2009 and oversight of emergency spending, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on H.R. 5512, Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East, and South Asia, and the Subcommittee on Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, joint hearing on Neglected Responsibilities: the U.S. Response to the Iraqi Refugee Crisis, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Net Neutrality and Free Speech on the Internet, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Deferred Prosecution: Should Corporate Settlement Agreements Be Without Guidelines? 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Operations, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, oversight hearing on Getting Royalties Right: Recent Recommendations for Improving the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; and H.R. 5534, Bear Protection Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Advancements and Continual Challenges in the Parole, Supervised Release and Revocation of D.C. Code Offenders, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 752, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of

2007; H.R. 3033, Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3928, Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007; and H.R. 4881, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Privacy: The Use of Commercial Information Resellers by Federal Agencies, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on National Security and Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities on Energy Cooperation, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a resolution Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on the Transfer

of Nanotechnology Initiative Research Outcomes for Commercial and Public Benefit, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the NIST's Fiscal year 2009 Budget Request: What Are the Right Technology Investments to Promote U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Comprehensive Watershed Management and Planning: Drought-related Issues in the Southeastern United States, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Substance Abuse/Co-morbid Disorders: Comprehensive Solutions to a Complex Problem, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's annual report on Medicare payment policies, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution, for debate only.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday:

Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 5492—To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to construct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility in Suitland, Maryland; (2) H. Res. 936—Honoring the 200th anniversary of the Gallatin Report on Roads and Canals, celebrating the national unity the Gallatin Report engendered, and recognizing the vast contributions that national planning efforts have provided to the United States; (3) H. Res. 854—Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the Inter-

national Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany; (4) H. Con. Res. 290—Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand; (5) H. Res. 1024—Recognizing the 187th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating Greek and American Democracy; (6) H. Res. 945—Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March 2008 as “National Criminal Justice Month”; (7) H.R. 4056—The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008; (8) H.R. 1312—Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act; (9) H.R. 3361—To make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006; (10) H.R. 5563—Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act; (11) S. 2733—To temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; and (12) H. Res. 953—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad, and their families. Vote on the President’s Veto of H.R. 2082—The Intelligence Authorization Act of 2008. Consideration of H. Res. 895—Establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics (Subject to a Rule).

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