

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3030–3034, and S. Res. 569–570. **Page S4375**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3320, to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–336) **Page S4375**

Measures Passed:

Earthquake that Struck Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China: Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the earthquake that struck Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China on May 12, 2008. **Pages S4423–24**

Congratulating Albania and Croatia on Talks with NATO: Senate agreed to S. Res. 570, congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance. **Page S4424**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma, as received during adjournment of the Senate on May 16, 2008; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49) **Page S4374**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, Senate begin consideration of the following nominations: Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, and G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge

for the Fourth Circuit; that the debate time be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees, and that the nominations be debated concurrently; that at 2:15 p.m. there be fifteen additional minutes of debate time equally divided and controlled between Senators Warner and Webb, or their designees; provided further, that at 2:30 p.m. Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and that upon its confirmation the nominations of Michael G. McGinn, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, and Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, be confirmed by unanimous consent. **Page S4424**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4424.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: On Thursday, May 15, 2008, Committee authorized the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, to offer three amendments to

the House message accompanying H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2008–2009).

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 6083–6084; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 354; and H. Res. 1208–1209 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H4151

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 305, recognizing the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation (H. Rept. 110–653);

H. Res. 1137, supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week (H. Rept. 110–654);

H. Res. 339, supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–655);

H. Con. Res. 309, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (H. Rept. 110–656); and

H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–657).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at noon.

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

Recognizing May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children's Day: H. Res. 1142, amended, to recognize May 25, 2008, as National Missing Children's Day;

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Congratulating the Northern Kentucky University Norse women's basketball team, champions of the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II tournament: H. Res. 1147, amended, to congratulate the Northern Kentucky University

Norse women's basketball team, champions of the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II tournament; and

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Recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer: H. Con. Res. 354, to recognize the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer.

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

Recognizing the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems: H. Con. Res. 300, to recognize the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems;

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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: S.J. Res. 17, to direct 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;

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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958: H. Con. Res. 325, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958;

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Honoring the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial: H. Res. 1074, to honor the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial;

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Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2008: H.R. 1464, amended, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations; **Pages H4070–71**

Crane Conservation Act of 2008: H.R. 1771, amended, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes; **Pages H4071–73**

Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2008: H.R. 3323, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District; **Pages H4073–74**

Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement and Reclamation Act of 2008: H.R. 2649, amended, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; **Pages H4074–75**

Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act: H.R. 4841, amended, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe and to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers; **Pages H4075–78**

Expressing support for designation of a “Frank Sinatra Day” on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp: H. Res. 1144, amended, to express support for designation of a “Frank Sinatra Day” on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp; **Pages H4078–79**

Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month: H. Con. Res. 334, amended, to support the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; **Pages H4079–80**

Honoring Arnold Palmer for his distinguished career in the sport of golf and his commitment to excellence and sportsmanship: H. Res. 1152, amended, to honor Arnold Palmer for his distinguished career in the sport of golf and his commitment to excellence and sportsmanship; **Pages H4080–81**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day: H. Res. 1132, to support the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; **Pages H4081–83**

Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: H. Res. 1153, amended, to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; **Pages H4083–86**

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club: H. Res. 1026, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; **Pages H4086–89**

Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2008: H.R. 752, amended, to direct Federal agencies to donate excess and surplus Federal electronic equipment, including computers, computer components, printers, and fax machines, to qualifying small towns, counties, schools, nonprofit organizations, and libraries; **Pages H4089–91**

Federal Real Property Disposal Enhancement Act of 2008: H.R. 5787, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess; **Pages H4091–94**

Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act: H.R. 2744, amended, to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; **Pages H4096–98**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week: H. Res. 1137, to support the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; **Pages H4098–99**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 309, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Pages H4099–H4100**

Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month: H. Res. 339, amended, to support the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; **Pages H4100–02**

Recognizing the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation: H. Con. Res. 305, to recognize the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation; **Pages H4102–04**

Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act of 2008: H.R. 6074, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; **Pages H4104–09**

Let Our Veterans Rest in Peace Act of 2007: H.R. 3480, amended, to direct the United States

Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate enhancements of those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans; **Pages H4109–11**

Making technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis: 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; **Pages H4111–13**

Extending for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates: H.R. 5571, amended, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; **Pages H4113–15**

Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as “National Autism Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism: H. Res. 1106, to express support for designation of April 2008 as “National Autism Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; **Pages H4120–21**

Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness, especially within minority communities: H. Con. Res. 134, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness, especially within minority communities; **Pages H4121–23**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month: H. Res. 1124, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month; **Pages H4123–24**

Reducing maternal mortality both at home and abroad: H. Res. 1022, amended, to reduce maternal mortality both at home and abroad; and **Pages H4124–27**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month: H. Res. 369, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. **Pages H4127–28**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue beyond May 20, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–113). **Page H4066**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page S4065.

Senate Referrals: S.J. Res. 28 and S. 3029 were held at the desk. **Page H4065**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D604)

H.R. 6051, 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 16, 2008. Signed on May 18, 2008. (Public Law 110–231)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, S. 1100, to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, and an original bill to make technical corrections to Title III of SAFETEA–LU, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc.109-14), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc.109-15), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc.109-16), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc.109-17), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the "Protocol"), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110-11), extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "MLA Agreement"), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110-12), treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc.107-12), mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc.109-13), and treaty between the United States of America and Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on July 28, 2006, at Kuala Lumpur (Treaty Doc.109-22), 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) challenge, focusing on securing one of the worlds most dangerous areas, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine plant closings, focusing on workers rights and the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) (Public Law 100-379) Act's 20th anniversary, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine financial speculation in commodity markets, focusing on whether institutional investors and hedge funds are contributing to food and energy price inflation, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine global internet freedom, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protecting the constitutional right to vote for all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

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

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Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee Workforce Protections, hearing on ICE Workplace Raids: Their Impact of U.S. Children, Families, and Communities, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 5632, To prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on examining the need for H.R. 2885, Credit Monitoring Clarification Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Burma in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis: Death, Displacement, and Humanitarian Aid, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Export Compliance: Ensuring Safety, Increasing Efficiency, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1333, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act; H.R. 4179, Fast, Accurate, Secure and Timely Redress Act of 2007; H.R. 4749, National Bombing Prevention Act of 2007; H.R. 5909, To amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to prohibit advance notice to certain individuals, including security screeners, of covert testing of security screening procedures for the purpose of enhancing transportation security at airports; H.R. 5982, Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008; and H. Res. 1150, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 3546, To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Immigration Needs of America's Fighting Men and Women, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on The Future of the National Mall, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on EPA's New Ozone Standards, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, hearing on Part-Time Re-employment of Federal Annuitants, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, An original concurrent resolution 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; H.R. 6049, Energy and Tax Extenders Act of 2008; and H.R. 5658, Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to consider H.R. 6063, National

Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board Casualty Investigation Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, to mark up H.R. 6003, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing follow-up on National Intelligence Estimate, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on 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, 11 a.m., Room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of Michael G. McGinn, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, and G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the Agee nomination; following which, Senate will begin consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

(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

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: 1) H.R. 6081—The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008; 2) H. Res. 1185—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should recognize the important contributions of Americans who serve as foster parents; 3) H. Res. 1208—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that youth who age out of foster care should be given special care and attention; 4) H. Res. 1054—Honoring the service and achievements of women in the Armed Forces and female veterans; 5) H. Res. 986—Recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the

Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,729 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict; 6) H. Res. 961—Uncommending the Alaska Army National Guard; 7) H. Con. Res. 32—Honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; 8) H.R. 2790—To establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health as amended; 9) H.R. 3681—Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007; 10) H.R. 3819—Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; 11) H.R. 3889—To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; 12) H.R. 5554—Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; 13) H.R. 5664—To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary; 14) H.R. 5729—Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; 15) H.R. 5826—Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008; 16) H.R. 5856—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008; 17) H.R. 6048—To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation; 18) S. 3029—To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through February 28, 2009; 19) H. Res. 1195—Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of the People's Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the massive earthquake centered in Sichuan Province; and 20) H. Res. 1194—Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora.

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