

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10025–S10114

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3648–3654. **Page S10069**

Measures Passed:

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act: Senate passed H.R. 6849, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10039**

Cardin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5679, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10039**

Measures Considered:

Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10031–37, S10039–52**

Pending:

Reid Motion to Concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S10031**

Reid Amendment No. 5677 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to establish the enactment date. **Page S10031**

Reid Amendment No. 5678 (to Amendment No. 5677), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10031**

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

By 69 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 209), 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 amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S10037**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. **Page S10114**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

G. David Banks, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Kelly, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S10114**

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Text of H.R. 6049 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10082–S10114**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—209) **Page S10037**

Recess: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and recessed at 5:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10114.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 7216–7239; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 440–441 ; and H. Res. 1520–1522 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2701, to strengthen our Nation's energy security and mitigate the effects of climate change by promoting energy efficient transportation and public buildings, creating incentives for the use of alternative fuel vehicles and renewable energy, and ensuring sound water resource and natural disaster preparedness planning, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–904).

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

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Saturday, September 27th:

Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008: S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 5 nays with 6 voting "present", Roll No. 669—clearing the measure for the President and

Pages H10333–34

Small Business Financing Improvements Act of 2008: H.R. 7175, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the section 7(a) lending program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 675—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10411–12

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 440, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 672.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gohmert motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 8 yeas to 394 nays, Roll No. 673.

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Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008: The House failed to agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–903, to H.R. 3997, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to pro-

vide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 674.

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H. Res. 1517, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 671, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 670.

Pages H10334–35

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of 28 resolutions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 24, 2008.

Pages H10412–14

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Oberstar wherein he transmitted copies of 35 resolutions to authorize appropriations for the General Services Administration's FY 2009 Capital Investment and Leasing Program adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 24, 2008.

Pages H10414–H10609

John W. Warner Rapids Designation Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the "John W. Warner Rapids"—clearing the measure for the President.

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White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3128, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan to the White Mountain Apache Tribe for use in planning, engineering, and designing a certain water system project—clearing the measure for the President.

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Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2963, to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10609–10

Albuquerque Indian School Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S.

1193, as amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.”

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National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5618, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act—clearing the measure for the President.

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Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10613–15

Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5350, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H10615

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the first vertical ascent of the face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park and honoring the historic climbing feat of the original climbing team: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1474, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the first vertical ascent of the face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park and to honor the historic climbing feat of the original climbing team.

Page H10615

Amending Public Law 100–573 to extend the authorization of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass, as amended, H.R. 7017, to amend Public Law 100–573 to extend the authorization of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission.

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FEMA Accountability Act of 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2382, as amended, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus

manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense.

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Honoring the heritage of the Coast Guard: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to H. Res. 1382, to honor the heritage of the Coast Guard.

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Broadband Data Improvement Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1492, as amended, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

Pages H10618–21

Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1276, to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10621–22

Amending the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6849, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10623–25

Personnel Reimbursement for Intelligence Cooperation and Enhancement of Homeland Security Act of 2008: The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities—clearing the measure for the President.

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Amending section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7216, to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration.

Pages H10625–26

Federal Real Property Disposal Enhancement Act of 2008: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7217, to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess.

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Establishing the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7198, to establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family of organ donors. **Page H10629**

Extending the Andean Trade Preference Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7222, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act. **Pages H10629–31**

Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Saturday, September 27th:

Commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary: H. Res. 1224, to commend the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary; **Page H10631**

Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway Designation Act: H.R. 4131, to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway”; **Page H10631**

Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2008: H.R. 6600, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards; **Page H10631**

Providing that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances: H.R. 6669, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances; **Page H10631**

Air Carriage of International Mail Act: S. 3536, to amend section 5402 of title 39, United States Code and to modify the authority relating to United States Postal Service air transportation contracts—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H10631**

Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008: S. 3598, to amend titles 46 and 18, United States Code, with respect to the operation of submersible vessels and semi-submersible vessels with-

out nationality—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H10631**

Extending the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice: S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008: S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses—clearing the measure for the President.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Thursday, October 2nd. **Page H10641**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10609.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10333–34, H10334–35, H10335, H10336, H10336–37, H10410–11 and H10411. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8 a.m. and adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Thursday, October 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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