

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2037–2039, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Res. 315–317. **Page S11414**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1138, to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities. (S. Rept. No. 110–151)

S. 1687, to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response. (S. Rept. No. 110–152)

S. 1027, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes. (S. Rept. No. 110–153) **Page S11413**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007 as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Page S11459**

**Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Minority Membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 317, to constitute the minority party’s membership on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S11418, S11459**

**Percy Sutton Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11459–60**

#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fis-

cal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11356–67, S11370–S11405**

#### Adopted:

Murray (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2794, of a perfecting nature. **Page S11373**

Murray (for Obama) Amendment No. 2799, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Page S11373**

Murray (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2823, to require a report on plans to alleviate congestion and flight delays in the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace. **Pages S11373–74**

Murray (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2803, to clarify how the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall manage and dispose of multifamily properties owned by the Secretary. **Page S11374**

Klobuchar/Coleman Modified Amendment No. 2816, to make available amounts authorized to be appropriated for the repair and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35W bridge that collapsed on August 1, 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. **Pages S11359, S11375, S11377–78, S11381**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 2796, to prohibit the use of funds to implement the proposed Air Traffic Control Optimum Training Solution of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S11356, S11384**

Murray (for Bond/Dodd) Amendment No. 2832, to establish mitigation activities and alternatives to mortgage foreclosures when viable and to reasonably ensure the long-term affordability of any mortgage assisted under this amendment. **Page S11386–87**

Murray (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 2800, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant programs. **Pages S11386**

Murray (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2845, to permit pilots to serve in multicrew covered operations until attaining 65 years of age. **Page S11387–88**

By 75 yeas and 23 nays (Vote No. 331), Dorgan Amendment No. 2797, to prohibit the establishment of a program that allows Mexican truck drivers to operate beyond the commercial zones near the Mexican border. **Pages S11356, S11384–85, S11388–90**

Murray (for Menendez/Launtenberg) Amendment No. 2829, to require a study by the Government Accountability Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Reed) Amendment No. 2852, to enable States to receive federally guaranteed loans for the benefit of nonentitlement areas. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Sanders/Leahy) Amendment No. 2817, to ensure that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development awards capital fund bonuses to deserving high-performing public housing authorities. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2819, to increase support for infrastructure improvements at tribal colleges and universities, with an offset. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2820, to expand the scope of Inspector General's investigation of rail service disruptions and other delays in the delivery of certain commodities. **Page S11404**

Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2830, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development a direct link to the website for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S11404**

Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2831, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of the Department of Transportation a direct link to the website for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Transportation. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 2850, to provide that the Federal Transit Administration conduct a study to evaluate the infrastructure of certain rail transit systems. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Martinez/Allard) Modified Amendment No. 2839, to direct funding to the American Dream Downpayment Initiative. **Pages S11404–05**

Murray (for Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 2846, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to develop and implement a plan to monitor the compliance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with current employer relocation restrictions. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 2848, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development to submit certain budgetary information to the Congress. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 2857, to prohibit the Federal Transit Administration from using funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate regulations to carry out section 5309 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Bond/Shelby) Amendment No. 2859, to limit the amount available for the Urban Partnership Congestion Initiative under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Hutchison/Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 2825, to prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls on certain highways constructed using Federal funds in Texas. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Snow/Carper) Modified Amendment No. 2837, to encourage the use of recycled materials in highway projects. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Specter) Amendment No. 2856, to strike the prohibition on the use of appropriations by Amtrak to support routes on which deep discounts are available. **Page S11405**

Menendez Amendment No. 2834, to provide additional funding to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to implement guidance in connection with assisting persons with limited English proficiency and to provide for an offset of such increase. **Pages S11400–04**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 2810, to prohibit funds appropriated under title I from being used for earmarks until all structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges have been repaired, with limited exceptions. (By 82 yeas and 14 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11364–67, S11378–81**

By 29 yeas and 69 nays (Vote No. 332), Cornyn Amendment No. 2842, to ensure that every motor carrier entering the United States through the cross-border motor carrier demonstration program is inspected and meets all applicable safety standards established for United States commercial motor vehicles. **Pages S11390–94**

Coburn Amendment No. 2811, to prohibit the use of funds made available under this Act for bicycle paths so that the funds can be used to improve bridge and road safety. (By 80 yeas and 18 nays (Vote No. 333), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11381–84, S11396**

Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2795, to provide funding for 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless, disabled, and elderly persons in the State of Louisiana. **Pages S11375–77**

Menendez/Lautenberg Amendment No. 2826, to require a study by the Government Accountability

Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States. **Pages S11399–S11400, S11405**

Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 2812, to remove an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota. **Pages S11383, S11398–99**

Coburn Amendment No. 2813, to ensure that no funds made available under this Act shall be used to carry out any activity relating to the design or construction of the America's Wetland Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana, until the date on which the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Louisiana, certifies to Congress that all residents of the State of Louisiana who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita in 2005 are no longer living in temporary housing. **Page S11383**

Coburn Amendment No. 2814, to prohibit the use of funds for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana, and to reduce the amounts made available for the Economic Development Initiative and the Community Development Fund.

**Pages S11383, S11385–86, S11397–98**

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Cornyn/Inhofe Amendment No. 2808, to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Senate, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11356–64**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only amendments, other than the managers' amendment which has been cleared by the managers and leaders, remaining in order, and that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendments: Coburn Amendment No. 2812, Coburn Amendment No. 2813, Coburn Amendment No. 2814 (all listed above), and a DeMint amendment relating to the Davis-Bacon Act; provided further, that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that after the first vote in the sequence, the remaining votes be limited to 10 minutes; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that when Senate continues consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, that there be 20 minutes of debate with respect to the DeMint Amendment, with the time

equally divided and controlled between Senators DeMint and Kennedy, or their designees.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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**Text of H.R. 2764 as Previously Passed:**  
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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—333) **Pages S11381, S11393–94, S11396**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11460.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3222, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

**IRAQ**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Iraq, focusing on the progress made by the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Friday, August, 3, 2007, Committee approved for reporting the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Airland:* Senators Lieberman (Chairman), Akaka, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, Cornyn, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Corker.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities:* Senators Reed (Chairman), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Dole, Warner, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Martinez.

*Subcommittee on Personnel:* Senators Nelson (NE) (Chairman), Kennedy, Lieberman, Webb, McCaskill, Graham, Collins, Chambliss, and Dole.

*Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:* Senators Akaka (Chairman), Byrd, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, McCaskill, Thune, Inhofe, Chambliss, Dole, and Corker.

*Subcommittee on Seapower:* Senators Kennedy (Chairman), Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Martinez, Warner, Sessions, Collins, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Nelson (FL) (Chairman), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Thune.

**HEALTH CARE AND THE BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care and the federal budget, focusing on options for achieving universal health coverage, after receiving testimony from Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; Sherry Glied, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management, New York, New York; and Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia.

**LAND BILLS**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 327 and H.R.

359, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1051, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia at Constitution Gardens previously approved to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, S. 1184 and H.R. 1021, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”, after receiving testimony from Representative Engel; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Maurice A. Barboza, National Mall Liberty Fund D.C., Washington, D.C.; and David Hicks, Arizona Trail Association, Phoenix.

**U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, after receiving testimony from Michael Kantor, Mayer Brown, Thea Mei Lee, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and Patricia A. Forkan, Humane Society International, all of Washington, D.C.; David Winkles, South Carolina Farm Bureau, Oswego, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Thomas F. Catania, Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

**CROCKER-PETRAEUS REPORT ON IRAQ**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq, focusing on the Crocker-Petraeus report, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 805, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, with amendments;

S. 968, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya;

S. 2020, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Coral Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007;

H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture;

Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on

June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109–12), with one reservation;

The Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109–21), with nine declarations;

The Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110–2), with one condition;

Protocol to the 1951 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108–8); and

The nominations of Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be designated a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-fourth Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Nancy Goodman Brinker, of Florida, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, and Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 3523–3524; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 49, were introduced. **Page H10366**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10366**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. William Hegedusich, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H10365**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Page H10365**

**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 10:36 a.m.

**Program for Friday:** To be announced.

## Committee Meetings

### DISASTER/TERRORISM READINESS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Readiness in the Post-Katrina and Post-9/11 World: An Evaluation of the New National Response Framework. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: R. David Paulison, Administrator, FEMA; and Roger T. Rufe, Jr., Director, Office of Operations Coordination; Tim Manning, Director, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations*: business meeting to mark up H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine enhancing the safety of toys relating to lead paint, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and toy safety standards, 11 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: to hold hearings to examine S. 2017, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for national energy efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance*: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007,” H.J. Res. 43, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, and revising subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress, 10:15 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine regulatory preemption relating to federal agencies usurping congressional and state authority, 11 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*: to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Charles Tapella, of Virginia, to be Public Printer for the Government Printing Office, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

#### House

*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on Why Weren't 9/11 Recovery Workers Protected at the World Trade Center? 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 12

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, September 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, and vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 2812, Coburn Amendment No. 2813, Coburn Amendment No. 2814, and a DeMint amendment relating to the Davis-Bacon Act, and then vote on passage of the bill.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** To be announced.

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