

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4993–S5126

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3079–3083, and S. Res. 582–583. **Pages S5039–40**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 781, to redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the “Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam”.

H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building”.

H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the “Richard B. Anderson Federal Building”.

S. 2403, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the “Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse”.

S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse”.

S. 2942, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center.

S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building”. **Page S5039**

Measures Passed:

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 583, designating June 20, 2008, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Pages S5119–20**

Measures Considered:

Climate Security Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5014–20**

Pending:

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5014–15**

Reid Amendment No. 4826 (to Amendment No. 4825), to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments. **Page S5017**

Reid Amendment No. 4827 (to Amendment No. 4826), to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments. **Pages S5017–18**

Reid Amendment No. 4828 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825), to provide for the enactment date. **Page S5018**

Reid Amendment No. 4829 (to Amendment No. 4828), to change the enactment date. **Page S5018**

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 4830, to provide for the enactment date. **Page S5019**

Reid Amendment No. 4831 (the instructions of the Reid motion to commit), to change the enactment date. **Page S5019**

Reid Amendment No. 4832 (to Amendment No. 4831), to change the enactment date. **Page S5019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 6, 2008. **Page S5019**

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

By 27 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 143), Senate rejected the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Consumer-First Energy Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Page S5020**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 6, 2008. **Page S5020**

Subsequently, the motion to close further debate was withdrawn. **Page S5020**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008. **Page S5120**

Conference Reports:

Budget Resolution Conference Report: By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 142), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013. **Pages S5005–08**

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 5, 2008, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012; that there be 60 minutes of debate divided in the following manner: Senator DeMint, 30 minutes, Senator Coburn, 20 minutes, and 10 minutes to be controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time,

Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that no amendments be in order to the bill. **Pages S5020–21**

Signing Authority-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, June 9, 2008. **Page S5120**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Bulgaria with Proposed Protocol of Amendment (Treaty Doc. No. 110–18).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S5120**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2014.

William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

Eric J. Tanenblatt, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador.

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister,

for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Brennan, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Marianne Matuzic Myles, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Layshae Ward, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Joseph Evan LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Stephen James Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2012.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Nancy M. Zirkin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Kerry Kennedy, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Lily Fu Claffee, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs).

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Patricia McMahon Hawkins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. (Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

William Walter Wilkins III, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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Messages from the House:

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today.
 (Total—2) Page S5015
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—143) Pages S5007–08, S5015
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 and adjourned at 12:18 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5120.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O'Malia, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Stabenow, each to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2009.

VEHICLE ROOF STRENGTH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine passenger vehicle roof strength, after receiving testimony from Senator Coburn; James F. Ports, Jr., Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen L. Oesch, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and Michael J. Stanton, Association

of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc., both of Arlington, Virginia; Robert Strassburger, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, all of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Garcia, Endicott, New York.

CHINA IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the engagement of China and its expanding role in Africa, focusing on the implications for the policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and James Swan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, both of the Department of State; Elizabeth C. Economy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM DETAINEE POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the detainee policy, focusing on handling terrorism detainees within the American justice system, after receiving testimony from John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; James J. Benjamin, Jr., Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP, New York, New York; Amos N. Guiora, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City; and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Benjamin Wittes, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE TO INVISIBLE WOUNDS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care programs at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, focusing on treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, after receiving testimony from Norma Perez, Mental Health Integration Psychologist, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, Ira Katz, Deputy Chief of Patient Care Services, Officer for Mental Health, Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6175–6190; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 90; H. Con. Res. 368; and H. Res. 1236–1241 were introduced. **Pages H4973–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4975–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5972, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police (H. Rept. 110–679);

H.R. 1343, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–680);

H.R. 5669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States (H. Rept. 110–681);

H.R. 5940, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–682);

H.R. 5893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–683, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3916, to provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–684, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5770, to provide for a study by the National Academy of Sciences of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality (H. Rept. 110–685, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 135, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–504, Pt. 2). **Page H4973**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4879**

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

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 311, to authorize the use of the Capitol

Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H4882–86**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated: H. Con. Res. 335, to Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; **Pages H4886–88**

James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3712, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse”;

Pages H4888–90

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the ‘James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse’.”

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Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building Designation Act: H.R. 5599, to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building”;

Pages H4890–91

Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007: H.R. 1343, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 372;

Pages H4891–96, H4935–36

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.”

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Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008: H.R. 5669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 373;

Pages H4896–99, H4936–37

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of

2008: H.R. 5893, amended, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress; **Pages H4899–H4901**

United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2008: H.R. 5972, amended, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police; **Pages H4901–03**

Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority: H. Con. Res. 366, to express the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority; and **Pages H4911–17**

Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world on Mother's Day, 2008: H. Res. 1180, amended, to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world on Mother's Day, 2008. **Pages H4918–19**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world." **Page H4919**

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

National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008: H.R. 5940, amended, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development and **Pages H4903–11**

Public Land Communities Transition Act of 2007: H.R. 3058, amended, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. **Pages H4919–27**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces. **Page H4935**

21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act: The House passed H.R.

3021, to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 379.

Pages H4927–35, H4937–61

Rejected the McMorris Rodgers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 378.

Pages H4959–60

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H4946**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes." **Page H4948**

Accepted:

Davis (VA) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that allows for priority consideration to science and technology schools once the funds reach their local educational agencies; **Pages H4952–53**

Visclosky amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that requires a local educational agency to use American steel and iron for modernization, renovation, or repair projects at a public school facility; includes waivers if iron and steel are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and if iron and steel produced in the U.S. will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent; **Pages H4953–54**

Reichert amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that provides that local education agencies may use a grant for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities to reduce class size; **Pages H4955–56**

Kildee amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that makes various technical changes in addition to clarifying or adding certain allowable uses of funds, clarifying the Act's green building requirements, and adding certain reporting requirements (by a recorded vote of 260 yeas to 151 noes, Roll No. 374); **Pages H4947, H4956**

Ehlers amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that establishes a moratorium on using federal funds to purchase carbon offsets with the funding authorized in the bill (by a recorded vote of 397 yeas to 17 noes, Roll No. 375);

Pages H4949–50, H4956–57

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that allows funding authorized by the bill to be used for renewable energy generation and heating systems in schools (by a recorded vote of 409 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 376); and

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Matheson amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that provides that schools and local educational agencies receiving grants under this bill shall report, if they installed flooring, whether it was (1) low- or no-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) flooring, (2) made from sustainable materials, and (3) cost effective (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 377).

Pages H4954–55, H4958

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1234, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 371, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 370.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tornado that struck Iowa on May 25, 2008.

Pages H4960–61

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, June 5th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4917.

Senate Referrals: S. 2162 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and S. 2967 was held at the desk.

Pages H4917, H4971

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4934–35, H4935, H4936, H4936–37, H4956, H4956–57, H4957–58, H4958, H4960 and H4961. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH IT AND PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft of Health Information Technology and Privacy Legislation.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; and Susan D. McAndrew, Deputy Director, Health Information

Privacy, Office for Civil Rights; and public witnesses.

HUD/FEMA GULF COAST GUARD RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Roles and Responsibilities of HUD and FEMA in Responding to the Affordable Housing Needs of Gulf Coast States following Emergencies and Natural Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Carlos J. Castillo, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Jeffrey H. Riddel, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Edward Blakely, Recovery Chief, Office of Recovery and Development Administration, City of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

FBI's ROLE AT GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay, Part III Guantanamo—the Role of the FBI. Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

BRIEFING—U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS OUTLOOK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a briefing on the Future of U.S.-Iraq Relations: The Perspective of the Iraqi Parliament. The Subcommittee was briefed by Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and representatives of the Council of Representatives of Iraq.

IMMIGRATION DETAINEE MEDICAL CARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Problems with Immigration Detainee Medical Care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security: Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary; Philip Farabaugh, Acting Director, Division of Immigration Health Services; Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5350, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia; H.R. 5451, Coastal Zone Reauthorization Act of 2008; and H.R. 5741, Shark Conservation Act of 2008.

DISABLED—FEDERAL STATISTICAL DATA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on Does Federal Statistical Data Adequately Serve People Living with Disabilities? Testimony was heard from Steven Tingus, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; former Representative Anthony Coelho of California; and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Oversight of the State Department's Antiterrorism Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from Charles M. Johnson, Jr., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of State: Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley, Deputy Coordinator, Programs, Policy, Budget and Operations, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism; and Lynda Tibbetts, Acting Director, Office of Antiterrorism Assistance, Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.

OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC ALERT WARNING SYSTEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on Assuring Public Alert Systems Work to Warn American Citizens of Natural and Terrorist Disasters. Testimony was heard from Lisa Fowlkes, Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; MG Martha T. Rainville, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Administrator, National Con-

tinuity Program Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine off-highway vehicle management on public lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the choices for small business in advance of tax reform, focusing on Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 Schedule C, Form 1065 Schedule K-1, and Schedule S, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine community preparedness for disasters, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine predatory lending in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

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

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Committee Prints on Administration Legislative Proposals on the Animal Drug User Fee Act Amendments of 2008 and the Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2008," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Examining the Administration's Proposal to Establish a Multilateral Clean Technology Fund," 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on More Than Just Enrichment: Iran's Strategic Aspirations and the Future of the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "The Merida Initiative: Examining U.S. Efforts to Combat Transnational Criminal Organizations," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3652, Protecting Employees and Retirees in Business Bankruptcies Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, joint hearing on U.S. Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Report

OIG-08-18: The Removal of a Canadian Citizen to Syria, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2306, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2007; and H.R. 3699, To provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in Minnesota Chippewa Tribe *v.* United States, Docket Nos. 19 and 188 United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 573, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Corrections Act; H.R. 3702, Montana Cemetery Act of 2007; H.R. 3809, To amend the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 regarding the local coordinating entity of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor; H.R. 4199, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park; H.R. 4828, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007; and H.R. 5583, Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Oversight of Federal Financial Management, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 4174, Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “The Housing Crisis—Identifying Tax Incentives to Stimulate the Economy,” 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Maintaining our Nation’s Highway and Transit Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Historic Preservation of Railroad Property and Facilities, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2818, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4089, To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 4463, Veterans Health Care Quality Improvement Act; and H.R. 5888, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, Consumer-First Energy Act.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70—The Concurrent Budget Resolution for 2009 and H.R. 5540—Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act (Subject to a Rule).

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