

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2567–S2647

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 756–764, S.J. Res. 5, and S. Res. 93. **Page S2598**

Measures Reported:

S. 385, to improve the interoperability of emergency communications equipment, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–30)

S. 509, to provide improved aviation security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–31)

S. 763, to provide the resources to protect public transportation from terrorism. (S. Rept. No. 110–32)

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Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security 4th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on the 4th anniversary of the Department. **Page S2646**

Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2573–86, S2588–93**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2573**

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions. **Page S2573**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2573**

DeMint Amendment No. 314 (to Amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the

personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration. **Page S2573**

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2573**

McCaskill Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S2573, S2585–86**

Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. **Pages S2570–71, S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 296 (to Amendment No. 275), to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005. **Page S2573**

Allard Amendment No. 272 (to Amendment No. 275), to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Sessions) Amendment No. 305 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the voluntary inherent authority of States to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States and to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide information related to aliens found to have violated certain immigration laws to the National Crime Information Center. **Pages S2573, S2590–93**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 310 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 317 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 319 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for relief from (a)(3)(B) immigration bars from the Hmong and other groups who do not pose a threat to the United States, to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization for immigration purposes. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2573**

Thune Amendment No. 308 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand and improve the Proliferation Security Initiative while protecting the national security interests of the United States. **Page S2573**

Cardin Amendment No. 326 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for a study of modification of area of jurisdiction of Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S2573**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2573**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 328 (to Amendment No. 275), to require Amtrak contracts and leases involving the State of Maryland to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. **Pages S2573, S2588**

Feinstein Amendment No. 335 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2574–80, S2581–85**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative. **Pages S2580–81**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 337 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the use of funds in any grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program for personnel costs. **Page S2581**

Collins Amendment No. 342 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide certain employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2585**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2588–90**

Sessions Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 275), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the funding of Senate approved construction of fencing and vehicle barriers along the southwest border of the United States. **Page S2593**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 6, 2007; provided that at 12 noon, the question recur on agreeing to DeMint Amendment No. 314 (listed above), and that the Majority Leader be then recognized. **Page S2647**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 59), Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2586–87, S2647**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2006.

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. **Page S2647**

Measures Read the First Time:

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2632–46**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2646**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—59) **Page S2587**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:30 p.m., and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2647.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration Personnel System, focusing on proposed legislation relating to the personnel system, after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Transportation Security Administration; and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 1308–1326; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39; H. Con. Res. 78–80; and H. Res. 210–213 were introduced. **Pages H2164–65**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2165–66**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–28, Pt. 1); H. Res. 202, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–29); and

H.R. 720, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–30). **Page H2164**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2123**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2123**

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

Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project: H.R. 122, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling

project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project; **Pages H2124–25**

Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2007: H.R. 467, amended, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; **Page H2126**

Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007: H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System; **Pages H2126–28**

Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act: H.R. 903, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado; **Pages H2128–29**

Amending Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States: H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 119. **Pages H2129–31, H2138**

Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act: H.R. 299, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park; **Page H2131**

Designating a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in

honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives: H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives;

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Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System: H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System;

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Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System;

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Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act: 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

Pages H2134–36

Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act of 2007: H.R. 497, to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 120.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2138 and H2138–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Tax Fairness: Policy and Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Kathy Petronchak, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division; and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine child nutrition and the school setting, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the care, living conditions, and administration of outpatients at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Program, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, S. 377, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, S. Res. 65, condemning the murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist and human rights advocate Hrant Dink and urging the people of Turkey to honor his legacy of tolerance, and the nominations: of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strategies for attracting, supporting, and retaining high quality educators relating to No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of United States attorneys, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 CHOB.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources and Conservation Service, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Department of Commerce Overview, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Issues in the Federal Workforce, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Container Security Challenges and Goals, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH Director with National Cancer Institute/National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on VA Medical Care, 10 a.m., and on Department of Veterans' Affairs Panel, 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Iraq Political and Reconstruction Strategy, Alternative Perspectives, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Transportation Inspector General Management Challenges and GAO High Risk Series, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the National Security Personnel System—Is it Working? 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Are Hidden 401(k) Fees Undermining Retirement Security? 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Carbon Capture and Sequestration: An Overview," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Exploring Options for Improving the Medicare Physician Payment System," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider H.R. 1227, Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on The Iranian Challenge, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Global Polling Data on Opinion of American Policies, Values and People, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing on a measure entitled "Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to consider issuing subpoenas to former U.S. Attorneys Daniel Bogden, District of Nevada and Paul K. Charlton of Arizona in conjunction with the afternoon hearing, 10 a.m., and a hearing on H.R. 580, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States Attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 7, full Committee, hearing on "Protecting the Right to Vote: Election Deception and Irregularities in Recent Federal Elections," 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, to consider the following: A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; a measure Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National (OPEN) Government Act of 2007; and a measure Presidential Records Act Amendment of 2007, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 569, Water Quality Investment Act of 2007; and H.R. 700, Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's report on the Sustainable Growth Rate, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Recent Changes to Programs Assisting Low-Income Families, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and National Intelligence Program (NIP) Budget Roll-out, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 4, Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act, and the question shall recur on DeMint Amendment No. 314 at 12:00 noon.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 6

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 98—Honoring the life and

achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan; (2) H.R. 987—NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007; (3) H. Res. 149—Supporting the goals of International Women's Day; (4) H. Res. 180—Honoring the life and achievements of Leo T. McCarthy and expressing profound sorrow on his death; (5) H. Res. 162—Recognizing the contributions of the Negro baseball Leagues and their players for their achievements, dedication and sacrifices to baseball and the Nation; (6) H. Con. Res. 62—Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Children and Families Day; (7) H.R. 710—Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act; (8) H.R. 584—To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington, DC, as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building; (9) H.R. 544—To designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse"; (10) H.R. 399—To designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; and (11) H. Res. 182—Commending and congratulating Virginia State University on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

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