

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8757–S8881

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1750–1754, and S. Res. 263–265. **Page S8794**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians. (S. Rept. No. 110–126)

S. 1751, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. (S. Rept. No. 110–127) **Page S8794**

Measures Passed:

Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 263, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of Iowa v. Chester Guinn, Brian David Terrell, Dixie Jenness Webb, Kathleen McQuillen, and Elton Lloyd Davis*. **Pages S8757–58**

Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and the bill was then passed after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 4, Senate companion measure, as amended.

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Lieberman, Levin, Akaka, Carper, Pryor, Collins, Voinovich, Coleman, Coburn; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senators Dodd and Shelby; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators Inouye and Stevens; and from the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations: Senators Biden and Lugar.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it not be in order to consider the conference report if it contains certain collective bargaining provisions. **Pages S8760–61, S8881**

National Watermelon Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 262, designating July 2007 as “National Watermelon Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8880**

Congratulating the Saint Mary’s College of Maryland Sailing Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, congratulating the St. Mary’s College of Maryland sailing team for winning the 2007 Inter-collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Women’s National Championship and the 2007 ICSA Team Race National Championship. **Pages S8880–81**

Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act: Senate passed H.R. 710, to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8879–80**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 2025, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8880**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8766–76**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8766–76**

Webb Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 2011), to specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. **Pages S8786–76**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2012), to change the enactment date. **Page S8771**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if a cloture motion is filed on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, on Webb Amendment No. 2012 (listed above), the cloture vote occur on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. **Page S8789**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 9, 2007. **Page S8881**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 239), Liam O'Grady, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

By 83 yeas 4 nays (Vote No. EX. 240), Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan. **Pages S8776–86, S8881**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—240) **Pages S8785, S8786**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8881.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

THE NATURAL GAS MARKET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine excessive speculation in the natural gas market, after receiving testimony from Walter L. Lukken, Acting Chairman, and Michael Dunn, Commissioner, both of the Office of External Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC); James Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., New York, New York; and Jeffrey C. Sprecher, IntercontinentalExchange (ICE), Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 179.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D856)

H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands. Signed on June 29, 2007. (Public Law 110-40)

H.R. 692, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty. Signed on June 29, 2007. (Public Law 110-41)

H.R. 1830, to extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act until February 29, 2008. Signed on June 30, 2007. (Public Law 110-42)

S. 1352, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building". Signed on July 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-43)

S. 1704, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on July 3, 2007. (Public Law 110-44)

S. 229, to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center". Signed on July 5, 2007. (Public Law 110-45)

S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse". Signed on July 5, 2007. (Public Law 110-46)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 3 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality, to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from Chemical Safety Board investigations including Texas City, Texas, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine community services and support, focusing on planning across the generations, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), focusing on addressing a prominent obstacle to the Gulf Coast rebuilding, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the supply chain management at the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, July 12, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review trading of energy-based derivatives, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, July 11, to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2008: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; and Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

July 12, to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2008: supplemental Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies; and the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, July 11, hearing on global security assessment, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Strategic Communications and Comparative Ideas: Winning the Hearts and Minds in the Global War Against Terrorists, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on mental health, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on *A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future*, (Part 1), 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing to receive testimony on emerging contaminants and environmental management at Department of Defense installations, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, July 10, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities and the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Committee on the Judiciary, joint hearing on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: Overview and Perspectives, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on Wireless Innovation and Consumer Protection, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 11, hearing on Hedge Funds and Systemic Risk: Perspectives of The President's Working Group on Financial Markets, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Overdraft Protection: Fair Practices for Consumers," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, July 11, hearing on Passport Delays: Affecting Security and Disrupting Free Travel and Trade, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: An Update, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Beyond Oil and Gas: African Growth and Opportunity Act's Benefits to Africa, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Ideals vs. Reality in Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Cases of Azerbaijan, Cuba, and Egypt, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 12, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing First Responders in Border Communities," 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 11, hearing on the Use and Misuse of Presidential Clemency Power for Executive Branch Officials, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Continuing Investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on the Drug Enforcement

Administration's Regulation of Medicine, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, July 11, hearing on the following measures: S. 375, To waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon; H. R. 1696, To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe; a measure To authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe of the State of Oregon to convey land and interests in land owned by the Tribe; a measure To authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians of the State of Michigan to convey land and interest in land owned by the Tribe, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 12, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2010, National Offshore Aquaculture Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 12, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 105, Northern Neck National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1083, To amend the Act establishing the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in order to include Butler County, Pennsylvania, within the boundaries of that heritage area; H.R. 1145, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1297, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1815, To extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey; and H.R. 1885, Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, July 10, hearing on the Surgeon General's Vital Mission: Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on After Blackstone: Should Small Investors Be Exposed to Risks of Hedge Funds? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services and the District of Columbia, hearing on Ensuring a Merit-Based Employment System: An Examination of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Pakistan at the Crossroads; Afghanistan in the Balance, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, July 10, to consider H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 11, to consider H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, July 11, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007; and H.R. 2850, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 11, hearing on Small Businesses at the Forefront of the Green Revolution: What More Needs To Be Done To Keep Them Here, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 12, full Committee, hearing SBA's Microloan and Trade Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 10, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Addressing Sewage Treatment in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region: Implementation of Title VII of P. L. 106-457, as amended, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Motor Carrier Safety: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Oversight of High Risk Carriers, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Amtrak Capital Needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Transportation Worker Identification Card System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 12, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Reauthorization of the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

July 11, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Amtrak Capital Needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 11, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 2874, Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 12, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Federal Procurement, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

July 12, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on issues facing Women and Minority Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 12, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Children Who "Age Out" of the Foster Care System, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 11, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., and, executive, hearing on FISA, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 12, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, hearing on Intelligence Community Management, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 12, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterterrorism, executive, hearing on Nuclear Terrorism, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through June 30, 2007

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session ..	..	92	..
Time in session ..	..	820 hrs., 22'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings ..	..	7,435	..
Extensions of Remarks ..	..	1,468	..
Public bills enacted into law ..	8	31	..
Private bills enacted into law ..	..	..	..
Bills in conference ..	1	2	..
Measures passed, total ..	285	533	..
Senate bills ..	40	14	..
House bills ..	39	237	..
Senate joint resolutions ..	1	..	..
House joint resolutions ..	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions ..	11	3	..
House concurrent resolutions ..	22	49	..
Simple resolutions ..	171	229	..
Measures reported, total ..	213	210	..
Senate bills ..	121	1	..
House bills ..	25	140	..
Senate joint resolutions ..	2	..	..
House joint resolutions ..	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions ..	6	..	..
House concurrent resolutions ..	3	5	..
Simple resolutions ..	56	64	..
Special reports ..	..	5	..
Conference reports ..	1	2	..
Measures pending on calendar ..	..	17	..
Measures introduced, total ..	2,059	3,707	..
Bills ..	1,741	2,951	..
Joint resolutions ..	16	46	..
Concurrent resolutions ..	40	181	..
Simple resolutions ..	262	529	..
Quorum calls ..	3	6	..
Yea-and-nay votes ..	238	291	..
Recorded votes ..	..	309	..
Bills vetoed ..	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden ..	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through June 30, 2007

Civilian nominations, totaling 312, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	123
Unconfirmed ..	173
Withdrawn ..	16
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,228, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	2,222
Unconfirmed ..	6
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,169, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	5,132
Unconfirmed ..	37
Army nominations, totaling 1,889, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	1,814
Unconfirmed ..	75
Navy nominations, totaling 31,996, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	958
Unconfirmed ..	1,038
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,327, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed ..	1,324
Unconfirmed ..	3
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session ..	0
Total nominations received this Session ..	12,921
Total confirmed ..	11,573
Total unconfirmed ..	1,332
Total withdrawn ..	16
Total returned to the White House ..	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 125 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 217 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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