

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8883–S8965

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1755–1762, and S. Res. 266–267. **Pages S8943–44**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–128)

S. 1642, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 602 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (S. Con. Res. 21). **Page S8943**

Measures Passed:

Minority Appointments for 110th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress. **Page S8964**

Honoring Tom Lea: Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, honoring the life of renowned painter and writer Tom Lea on the 100th anniversary of his birth and commending the City of El Paso for recognizing July 2007 as “Tom Lea Month”. **Page S8964**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued 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 amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8890–S8908, S8908–37**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8890–S8908, S8908–37**

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 S8890–S8908, S8908–37**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2012), to change the enactment date. **Page S8890**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Webb Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of July 9, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. **Page S8918**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, for debate only with respect to the motion to invoke cloture on Webb Amendment No. 2012 (listed above); that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, or their designees; provided further, that the time from 11:10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, and the Majority Leader control the final 10 minutes; that at 11:30 a.m. Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Webb Amendment No. 2012; provided further, that Members have until 10:30 a.m. to file any germane second-degree amendments to Webb Amendment No. 2012. **Page S8964**

Executive Reports of Committees Received During Adjournment:

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 29, 2007, the following executive reports of nominations were submitted on July 3, 2007:

Coast Guard nomination of Jason D. Rimington, 8958, to be Lieutenant.

Coast Guard nomination of Jeffery J. Rasnake, 8595, to be Lieutenant.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.) **Page S8943**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8964.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

CHEMICAL SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from Chemical Safety Board investigations including Texas City, Texas, after receiving testimony from Carolyn W. Merritt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United States Chemical Safety Board; Deborah Dietrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Environmental Protection Agency; Timothy R. Gablehouse, Colorado Local Emergency Planning Committee, Denver, on behalf of the National Association of State Title III Program Officials; Kim Nibarger, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Scott Berger, American Institute of Chemical Engineers Center for Chemical Process Safety, New York, New York;

Steve Arendt, ABS Consulting Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee; and Linda Hunnings, Baytown, Texas.

GULF COAST REBUILDING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), focusing on addressing a prominent obstacle to Gulf Coast rebuilding, after receiving testimony from James Walke, Director, Public Assistance Division, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Bryan McDonald, Mississippi Governor's Office of Recovery and Renewal, Jackson; Perry Smith, Jr., Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Baton Rouge; Mayor C. Ray Nagin, New Orleans, Louisiana; Kevin C. Davis, Saint Tammany Parish, Covington, Louisiana; Henry Rodriguez, Saint Bernard Parish, Chalmette, Louisiana; and Mark C. Merritt, James Lee Witt Associates, Washington, D.C.

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AT DOD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine supply chain management at the Department of Defense, focusing on the availability of spare parts and other critical items that affect the readiness and capabilities of the United States military forces, after receiving testimony from P. Jackson Bell, Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, General Norton A. Schwartz, Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Lieutenant General Robert T. Dail, Director, Defense Logistics Agency, all of the Department of Defense; and William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities Management, Government Accountability Office.

PLANNING ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine community services and support, focusing on meeting the long-term care needs of seniors and persons with disabilities, including S. 1758, to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and S. 799, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, after receiving testimony from Susan M. Daniels, Daniels

and Associates, LLC, and Andrew J. Imparato, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), both of Washington, D.C.; Shawn Griffin, Community Entry Services, Riverton, Wyoming;

Deborah K. Fleming, University of Wyoming College of Health Sciences, Laramie; Monica Herring, Germantown, Maryland; and Glenda Faatoafe, Lacey, Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2952–2988, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 530, 532, were introduced. **Pages H7488-90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7490-91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–218, Pt. 1);

H.R. 713, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–219);

H.R. 986, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–220);

H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–221);

H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project (H. Rept. 110–222);

H.R. 359, 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, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–223); and

H. Res. 531, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–224).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gutierrez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7437**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of Representative Meehan, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432. **Page H7438**

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

Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act: H.R. 359, amended, 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; **Pages H7438–40**

Modifying a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior: H.R. 2121, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; **Page H7440**

Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2007: H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project; **Pages H7444–45**

New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act: H.R. 1904, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans; **Pages H7445–46**

Recognizing the 63rd Anniversary of Big Bend National Park, established on June 12, 1944: H. Res. 483, to recognize the 63rd Anniversary of Big Bend National Park, established on June 12, 1944; **Pages H7446–47**

Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act: H.R. 2381, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin; **Pages H7447–48**

Court Security Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 660, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members; and **Pages H7462–66**

Interstate Recognition of Notarizations Act of 2007: H.R. 1979, amended, to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization. **Pages H7466–68**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.”. **Page H7468**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m. **Page H7469**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, July 11th:

Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act: H.R. 986, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H7440–43**

Providing for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District: H.R. 1337, amended, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District; **Pages H7443–44**

Supporting home ownership and responsible lending: H. Res. 526, to support home ownership and responsible lending; **Pages H7448–51**

Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 556, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, and to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States; and **Pages H7451–62**

Providing for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007: S. 1701, to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence

education program through the end of fiscal year 2007. **Pages H7468–69**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on page H7437.

Senate Referrals: S. 1612 and S. 966 were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H7486**

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennedy and Ramstad; Rosalynn Carter, former First Lady of the United States; Sean Dilweg, Commissioner, Insurance Commission, State of Wisconsin; David Wellstone, son of former Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

SURGEON GENERAL'S VITAL MISSION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Surgeon General's Vital Mission: Challenges for the Future. Testimony was heard from the following former Surgeon Generals: C. Everett Koop, M.D.; David Satcher, M.D.; and Richard Carmona, M.D.

SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA BORDER SEWAGE TREATMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Addressing Sewage Treatment in the San Diego-Tijuana Border Region: Implementation of Title VII of P. L. 106–457, as amended. Testimony was heard from Wayne Nastri, Administrator, Region 9, EPA; Carlos Marin, Commissioner, United States Section, International Boundary and Waste Commission; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bijan Rafiekian, of California, and Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, both to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and William Herbert Heyman, of New York, William S. Jasien, of Virginia, and Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, all to be Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine United States weather and environmental satellites, focusing on their readiness for the 21st century, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revision to the Ozone NAAQS, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine carried interest, Part 1, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ways to strengthen the unique role of the Nation's Inspectors General, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence (Part VI), 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, 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.

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

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.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1338, Paycheck Fairness Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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

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

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

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

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

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on the Use and Misuse of Presidential Clemency Power for Executive Branch Officials, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, 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.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on After Blackstone: Should Small Investors Be Exposed to Risks of Hedge Funds? 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Science and Technology, to markup 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, 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.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

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

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

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

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Webb Amendment No. 2012 at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 11

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H.R. 2608—SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act; (2) H. Res. 527—Recognizing the month of November as “National Homeless Youth Awareness Month”; (3) H.R. 2900—Food and Drug Administration Amendments

Act of 2007; (4) H. Res. 287—To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name “America”; (5) H. Res. 426—Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and offering support for efforts to ensure that the internally displaced people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully; (6) H. Res. 467—Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia; (7) H. Res. 482—Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland; (8) H. Res. 500—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure; (9) H. Res. 436—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the University of Central Arkansas; and (10) H. Res. 210—Commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship. Consideration of H.R. 2669—College Cost Reduction Act of 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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