

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7573–S7677

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1603–1616, and S. Res. 233–234. **Page S7638**

Measures Reported:

S. 1610, 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, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–80)

S. 1611, to make technical corrections to SAFETEA–LU and other related laws relating to transit. (S. Rept. No. 110–81)

S. 1612, to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 110–82) **Page S7638**

Measures Passed:

Minority Party Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, making Minority party appointments for the Select Committee on Ethics for the 110th Congress. **Page S7573**

National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, designating June 15, 2007, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day". **Pages S7676–77**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers. **Page S7677**

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting. **Page S7677**

NAACP 98th Anniversary: Senate indefinitely postponed S. Con. Res. 10, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary. **Page S7677**

Congratulating the City of Chicago: Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 118, congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. **Page S7677**

Measures Considered:

CLEAN Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7582–S7625**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 210), Inhofe/Thune Amendment No. 1505 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 1502), to improve domestic fuels security. **Pages S7582–89**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1502, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7582**

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1537 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 1502), to provide for a renewable portfolio standard. **Pages S7589–90**

McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1538 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 1537), to provide for the establishment of a Federal clean portfolio standard. **Page S7590**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 14, 2007. **Page S7677**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of

the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Sheryl B. Vogt, of Georgia, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Joseph N. Laplante, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

Gustavus Adolphus Puryear IV, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2009.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—210)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7677.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION/VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, with amendments;

S. 274, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, with an amendment;

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail;

S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees, with an amendment;

S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government;

S. 1099, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance;

H.R. 1255 and S. 886, bills to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; and

S. 381, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, who was introduced by Senator Ensign, Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, David M. Mason, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Robert D. Lenhard, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Reid, all to be Members of the Federal Election Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DOL/DOD/VA COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, and Department of Labor collaboration and cooperation to meet the employment needs of returning military service members, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service; Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Judith A. Caden, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Corey McGee, Public Affairs Specialist, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; William O. Warren, DirectEmployers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Shaun Bradley, and Sandra Morris, both of Bradley-Morris, Inc., Kennesaw, Georgia; Don Osterberg, Schneider National, Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Monique Rizer, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2693–2710; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 46, were introduced. **Pages H6403–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6404–05**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 948, to strengthen the authority of the Federal Government to protect individuals from certain acts and practices in the sale and purchase of Social Security numbers and Social Security account numbers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–191, Pt. 1). **Page H6403**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Improving the National Instant Criminal Background Check System: H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. **Pages H6339–47**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Consideration of the measure began on June 12th and is expected to continue Thursday, June 14th. **Pages H6347–94**

Proceedings Postponed:

Foxx amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$1,241,000; **Pages H6347–73**

McHenry amendment to Foxx amendment that seeks to replace the dollar amount proposed in the Foxx amendment for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management with “\$8,961,000”; and

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Fallin amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$138,000. **Pages H6373–84**

Pending:

Drake amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 11, 2007) that seeks to reduce funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Management by \$10,400,000, and increase funding, by offset, for the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement by \$9,100,000. **Pages H6384–94**

H. Res. 473, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 12th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6335 .

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6405–06.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHINA SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on China: Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Richard P. Lawless, Deputy Under Secretary, Asia-Pacific Affairs; and MG Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Improving Federal Consumer Protection in Financial Services. Testimony was heard from Randall S. Kroszner, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency; and Scott M. Polakoff, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; Tom Miller, Attorney General, State of Iowa; and a public witness.

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on U.N. Peacekeeping Forces: A Force Multiplier for the U.S.? Testimony was heard from former Senator Timothy E. Wirth, State of Colorado; James Dobbins, former Assistant Secretary, Europe, Department of State; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; and a public witness.

SOUTH KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on the United States-South Korea FTA: The Foreign Policy Implications. Testimony was heard from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

CITIZEN/COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response held a hearing entitled "Citizen Preparedness: Helping Our Communities Help Themselves." Testimony was heard from Corey Gruber, Acting Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUBPOENAS; RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR PRIVATE IMMIGRATION AND CLAIMS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 923, amended, Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act; H.R. 660, amended, Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, and H.R. 2286, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2007.

The Committee served subpoenas to the following: Harriet Miers, to appear before the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law; and to Josh Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, for documents concerning the U.S. Attorneys and the politicizing of the Department of Justice.

The Committee also approved the following: Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration bills; and Rules of Procedure for Private Claims Bills.

ENERGY POLICY REFORM AND REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2007; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2337, Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007.

The Committee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 673, Cocopah Lands Act; H.R. 1575, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act; and H.R. 2120, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; George Skibine, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

GSA—CONTINUING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Continuing Allegations of Misconduct at the GSA. Testimony was heard from Lurita A. Dean, Administrator, GSA.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2008

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Dicks and Representative Tiahrt, but action was deferred on H.R. 2643, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2304, Advanced Geothermal Energy Research and Development Act of 2007 and H.R. 2313, Marine Renewable Energy Research and Development Act of 2007.

U.S. TRADE POLICY AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policy and Small Business. Testimony was heard from Tiffany M. Moore, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison; Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary, Trade Promotion and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; W. Kirk Miller, Associate Administrator and General Sales Manager, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; Richard Ginsburg, Acting Assistant Administrator, International Trade, SBA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and to consider 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority for fiscal year 2008, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled “Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act,” 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine public safety and competition issues, focusing on the 700MHz auction, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 535, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion, S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 105, designating September 2007 as “Campus Fire Safety Month,” S. Res. 215, designating September 25, 2007, as “National First Responder Appreciation Day,” the nomination of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and possible authorization of subpoenas in connection with the investigation of the legal basis for the warrantless wiretap program, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the impact of rising gas prices on America’s small businesses, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Deal or No Deal: The State of the Trans-Atlantic Relationship, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Is There a Human Rights Double Standard? U.S. Policy Toward Saudi Arabia, Iran and Uzbekistan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Assessing and Addressing the Threat: Defining the Role of a National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, to consider GAO Work Plan, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 442, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 761, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretative Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as a historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1625, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1835, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; and H.R. 2197, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on A Path Toward the Broader Use of Biofuels: Enhancing the Federal Commitment to Research and Development to Meet Growing Needs, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to mark up the FAA Research and Development Reauthorization Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the SBA's Microloan Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 2095, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act; and the Transportation Energy Security and Climate Change Mitigation Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1448, VA Hospital Quality Report Card Act of 2007; H.R. 1853, Jose Medina Veterans' Affairs Police Training Act of 2007; H.R. 1925, To direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a separate Veterans' Integrated Service Network for the Gulf Coast region of the United States; H.R. 2005, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of

2007; H.R. 2172, Amputee Veterans Assistance Act; H.R. 2173, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize additional funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase the capacity for provision of mental health service through contracts with community mental health centers; H.R. 2219, Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline Act of 2007; H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and draft and discussion on Mental Health and Homelessness, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Promoting U.S. Worker Competitiveness in a Globalized Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence executive, hearing on FISA, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine importing success, focusing on work-family policies from aboard make economic sense for the United States, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 14

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

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