

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1789–1792, S. Res. 273, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Page S9262**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 392, to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period. (S. Rept. No. 110–130)

S. 1789, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. (S. Rept. No. 110–131) **Page S9262**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Purple Heart Recognition Day:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Purple Heart Recognition Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Reed (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2269, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9291–92**

**Commending Minnesota National Guard:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 41, commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Page S9292**

#### 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 S9236–58**

#### Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9237**

Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Page S9237**

Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date. **Page S9237**

Cornyn Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the United States that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists. **Page S9237**

McConnell Amendment No. 2241 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2011), relative to a sense of the Senate on the consequences of a failed state in Iraq. **Pages S9238–39**

Durbin Amendment No. 2252 (to Amendment No. 2241), to change the enactment date. **Page S9244**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 18, 2007. **Page S9239**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 2241 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 18, 2007. **Page S9239**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no motions to commit be in order prior to the votes on the motions to invoke cloture on Wednesday, July 18, 2007. **Page S9244**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. **Page S9292**

#### Appointments:

**President’s Export Council.** The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended, reappointed the following Member to the President’s Export Council: Senator Enzi. **Page S9291**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9292.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3045–3055; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 548–551 were introduced. Pages H7851–53

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H7852

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 2547, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to prevent misrepresentation about deposit insurance coverage (H. Rept. 110–234) and

H. Res. 547, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–235). Page H7851

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H7785

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H7787

**Inspector General of the House of Representatives—Appointment:** The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader of Mr. James J. Cornell of Springfield, VA, to the position of Inspector General of the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress, effective January 4, 2007. Page H7788

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

**FDIC Enforcement Enhancement Act:** H.R. 2547, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to prevent misrepresentation about deposit insurance coverage; Pages H7788–89

Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on adoption of H.R. 2547 to the end that the Chair put the question de novo. Page H7789

**Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007:** H.R. 1980, to authorize appropriations for the Housing Assistance Council, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 630; Pages H7789–93, H7819

**Rural Housing and Economic Development Improvement Act of 2007:** H.R. 1982, amended, to authorize appropriations for the rural housing and economic development program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 350 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 631; Pages H7793–95, H7819–20

**Recognizing and honoring the Cathedral Square Corporation on its 30th anniversary:** H. Res. 408, to recognize and honor the Cathedral Square Corporation on its 30th anniversary; Pages H7795–96

**Supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims:** H. Con. Res. 87, to support the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims; Pages H7796–97

**Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2570, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building”; Pages H7797–98

**Requiring the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde:** H.R. 2293,

to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde; **Pages H7798–H7800**

*Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th anniversary year of its founding:* H. Res. 208, amended, to honor Operation Smile in the 25th anniversary year of its founding; **Pages H7800–02**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the founding of Operation Smile.” **Page H7802**

*Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights:* H. Res. 294, amended, to commend the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights; **Pages H7802–04**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights.” **Page H7804**

*Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day:* H. Res. 378, amended, to honor World Red Cross Red Crescent Day; **Pages H7804–05**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Commending the humanitarian efforts of Red Cross, Red Crescent, and Magen David Adom National Societies worldwide on the occasion of World Red Cross Red Crescent Day.” **Page H7805**

*Department of State Crisis Response Act of 2007:* S. 966, amended, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel; **Pages H7805–07**

*Recognizing the contribution of modeling and simulation technology to the security and prosperity of the United States, and recognizing modeling and simulation as a National Critical Technology:* H. Res. 487, to recognize the contribution of modeling and simulation technology to the security and prosperity of the United States, and to recognize modeling and simulation as a National Critical Technology; **Pages H7807–11**

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

tem near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the “Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam”; **Pages H7811–12**

*Honoring United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States:* H. Res. 375, amended, to honor United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States; and **Pages H7812–14**

*Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments of 2007:* H.R. 799, amended, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 332 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 632. **Pages H7814–18, H7820–21**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7818**

**Public Interest Declassification Board—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he re-appointed the Honorable David Skaggs to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term to expire on June 5, 2009. **Page H7821**

**National Council on the Arts—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Representative Tiberi to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H7821**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7788.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 975 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages H7849–50**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7853.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7819, H7819–20 and H7820–21. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

## LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

This rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Walsh.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving air services to small and rural communities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act", 7 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of democratic developments in Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen

May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), Convention Between the United States and Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with the Respect to Taxes on Income and Accompanying Protocol (Treaty Doc. 110-3), patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109-12), and the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109-21), and the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110-2), protocol to the 1951 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108-8), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the federal response to the Alzheimer's epidemic, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine federal acquisition, focusing on ways to strengthen competition and accountability, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to continue hearings to examine the readiness of the Census Bureau for the 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the prosecution of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to mark up the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement), Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration and cooperation and the education needs for the returning service members, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Budgeting to Fight Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?—Part 2," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to hold a hearing on Monetary Policy and State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 920, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on U.S. Policy Options in the Iraq Crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migrating Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Oceans, and Other International Fisheries Agreements of U.S. Interest in Asia and the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to mark up H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Working Families in Financial Crisis: Medical Debt and Bankruptcy, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on the Depart-

ment of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part I, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Amendments to the Patent and Trade Act of 1980—the Next 25 Years, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, hearing on the Status of the Nation's Waters, including Wetlands, Under the Jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA's Oversight of Falsified Airman Medical Certificate Applications, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2623, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2874, Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member; H.R. 760, Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007; H.R. 513, National Heroes Credit Protection Act; and H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, July 17

## 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:** Consideration of the following suspension: H.R. 980—Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007. Complete consideration of H.R. 2641—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Begin consideration of H.R. 3043—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2008.

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