

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8033–S8077

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1218–1221, and S. Res. 138. **Page S8064**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001.” (S. Rept. No. 107–44)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002.” (S. Rept. No. 107–45)

S. 1218, to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006. **Page S8064**

Measures Passed:

George Washington Letter to Touro Synagogue: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 16, expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which is on display at the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. **Pages S8075–76**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 16, designating August 16, 2001, as “National Airborne Day”. **Page S8076**

Tropical Forest Conservation Act Authorization: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2131, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8076**

Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8044–55**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 247), Reid/Mikulski/Sarbanes Amendment No. 1037 (to Amendment No. 1025), to require a study of the hazards and risks to public health and safety, the environment, and the economy of the transportation of hazardous chemicals and radioactive material, the improvements to transportation infrastructure necessary to prevent accidents in the transportation of such chemicals and material, and the preparedness of Federal, State, and local emergency response and medical personnel to respond to and mitigate accidents in the transportation of such chemicals and material. **Pages S8046–53**

Murray (for Sarbanes/Mikulski) Amendment No. 1038 (to Amendment No. 1025), to set aside funds for a joint study of rail infrastructure in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland. **Page S8053**

Murray (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1039 (to Amendment No. 1025), to make certain revisions relative to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. **Page S8054**

Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8044–55**

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 1025), to enhance the inspection requirements for Mexican motor carriers seeking to operate in the United States and to require them to display decals. **Pages S8044–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. **Page S8076**

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Biden as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 107th Congress. **Page S8075**

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed Senator Leahy as Chairman of the Senate

Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 107th Congress. **Page S8075**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Emergency with Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten to Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process; to the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-36) **Page S8062**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Patricia de Stacy Harrison, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs). **Page S8077**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S8062-64**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S8065-68**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S8064-65**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8069-70**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8057-61**

Text of S. 1172, as Previously Passed: **Pages S8071-75**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Pages S8070-71**

Authority for Committees: **Page S8071**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—247) **Page S8053**

Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8076-77.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH CARE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the use of technology in the health care system, focusing on opportunities and obstacles regarding the use of Internet technology to empower patients to improve their health care, including processing medical claims and payments through secure Internet technologies, health web site information monitoring, web site sharing between hospitals and physicians, and addressing health work

force shortages, after receiving testimony from Tom Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Willie E. May, Chief, Analytical Chemistry Division, Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Sherrilynne S. Fuller, University of Washington School of Medicine Department of Medical Education Division of Biomedical Informatics, Seattle; John W. Kenagy, Harvard University Business School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Albert Patterson, Premier, Inc., Oak Brook, Illinois.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held oversight hearings to examine the role of the federal government in meeting infrastructure needs, focusing on historical infrastructure investment analysis, estimated infrastructure needs of various agencies, and certain methods of developing these estimates, receiving testimony from Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Mayor Bill Campbell, Atlanta, Georgia; Mayor Oscar Goodman, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mayor Anthony Williams, Washington, D.C.; and Robert W. Portiss, Tulsa Port of Catoosa, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hearings recessed subject to call.

FEMA BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in managing a bioterrorist attack and the impact of public health concerns on bioterrorism preparedness, after receiving testimony from Bruce P. Baughman, Director, Planning and Readiness Division, Readiness, Response, and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Scott R. Lillibridge, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for National Security and Emergency Management; Tara J. O'Toole, Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies, Baltimore, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment Safety and Health; and Dan Hanfling, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia.