

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2437–S2542

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 720–745, S.J. Res. 4, S. Res. 92, and S. Con. Res. 15–16.

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Measures Reported:

S. 84, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act. (S. Rept. No. 110–28)

Report to accompany S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security. (S. Rept. No. 110–29)

H. Con. Res. 44, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

S. Res. 78, designating April 2007 as “National Autism Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

S. Res. 84, observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world.

S. Con. Res. 10, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary.

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Measures Passed:

Senate Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 89, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, and October 1, 2007,

through September 30, 2008, and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009. **Pages S2534–40**

Military Order of the Purple Heart: Senate passed S. 743, to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the individuals eligible for associate membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated.

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Conflict in Uganda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 16, calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community.

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National Medal of Honor: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor. **Page S2541**

Improving America’s Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2443–60, S2460–72**

Rejected:

Schumer/Menendez Amendment No. 298 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the security of cargo containers. (By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Collins Amendment No. 277 (to Amendment No. 275), to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards. **Pages S2443, S2446–47**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 281 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Pages S2443, S2460**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2443–60, S2460–72**

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions. **Pages S2445–46**

Sununu Amendment No. 292 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand the reporting requirement on cross border interoperability, and to prevent lengthy delays in the accessing frequencies and channels for public safety communication users and others. **Pages S2445–46**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Pages S2457–59**

Salazar Amendment No. 280 (to Amendment No. 275), to create a Rural Policing Institute as part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. **Page S2459**

DeMint Amendment No. 314 (to Amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration. **Pages S2464, S2465–70**

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S2464–65**

McCaskill Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2465**

Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. **Pages S2470–72**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 2, 2007; that the time until 10 a.m. be for concurrent debate on Sununu Amendment No. 292 and Salazar Amendment No. 280 (both listed above); that the time be equally divided and controlled between Senator Sununu and Senator Salazar, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote; that at 10 a.m., the Senate

vote on or in relation to Sununu Amendment No. 292; that, upon disposition of Sununu Amendment No. 292, the Senate vote on or in relation to Salazar Amendment No. 280; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes. **Pages S2541**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

30 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S2533–34, S2541**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2517–33**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2533**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—56) **Page S2463**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, and Jon W. Dudas, Director, Patent and Trademark Office, all of the Department of Commerce.