

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2567–S2647*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 756–764, S.J. Res. 5, and S. Res. 93. **Page S2598**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 385, to improve the interoperability of emergency communications equipment, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–30)

S. 509, to provide improved aviation security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–31)

S. 763, to provide the resources to protect public transportation from terrorism. (S. Rept. No. 110–32)

**Pages S2597–98**

#### Measures Passed:

*Department of Homeland Security 4th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on the 4th anniversary of the Department. **Page S2646**

**Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act:** Senate resumed 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 S2573–86, S2588–93**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2573**

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. **Page S2573**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2573**

DeMint Amendment No. 314 (to Amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the

personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration. **Page S2573**

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2573**

McCaskill Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S2573, S2585–86**

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 S2570–71, S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 296 (to Amendment No. 275), to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S2573**

Landrieu Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005. **Page S2573**

Allard Amendment No. 272 (to Amendment No. 275), to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Sessions) Amendment No. 305 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the voluntary inherent authority of States to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States and to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide information related to aliens found to have violated certain immigration laws to the National Crime Information Center. **Pages S2573, S2590–93**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 310 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 317 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 319 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for relief from (a)(3)(B) immigration bars from the Hmong and other groups who do not pose a threat to the United States, to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization for immigration purposes. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. **Page S2573**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2573**

Thune Amendment No. 308 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand and improve the Proliferation Security Initiative while protecting the national security interests of the United States. **Page S2573**

Cardin Amendment No. 326 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for a study of modification of area of jurisdiction of Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S2573**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2573**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 328 (to Amendment No. 275), to require Amtrak contracts and leases involving the State of Maryland to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. **Pages S2573, S2588**

Feinstein Amendment No. 335 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2574–80, S2581–85**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative. **Pages S2580–81**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 337 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the use of funds in any grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program for personnel costs. **Page S2581**

Collins Amendment No. 342 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide certain employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2585**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S2588–90**

Sessions Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 275), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the funding of Senate approved construction of fencing and vehicle barriers along the southwest border of the United States. **Page S2593**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 6, 2007; provided that at 12 noon, the question recur on agreeing to DeMint Amendment No. 314 (listed above), and that the Majority Leader be then recognized. **Page S2647**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 59), Carl Joseph Artman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S2586–87, S2647**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2006.

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Patrick Dennis Duddy, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. **Page S2647**

**Measures Read the First Time:**

**Pages S2597, S2646–47**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S2597**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2598–S2600**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2600–32**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2594–97**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2632–46**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2646**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—59) **Page S2587**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1:30 p.m., and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2647.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL SYSTEM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration Personnel System, focusing on proposed legislation relating to the personnel system, after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Transportation Security Administration; and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 1308–1326; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39; H. Con. Res. 78–80; and H. Res. 210–213 were introduced. **Pages H2164–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2165–66**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–28, Pt. 1); H. Res. 202, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–29); and

H.R. 720, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–30). **Page H2164**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2123**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2123**

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

*Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project:* H.R. 122, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling

project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project; **Pages H2124–25**

*Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2007:* H.R. 467, amended, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; **Page H2126**

*Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007:* H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System; **Pages H2126–28**

*Colorado Northern Front Range Mountain Backdrop Protection Study Act:* H.R. 903, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado; **Pages H2128–29**

*Amending Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States:* H.R. 995, to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 119. **Pages H2129–31, H2138**

*Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act:* H.R. 299, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park; **Page H2131**

*Designating a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in*