

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2743–S2852

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 787–806, and S. Res. 99–100. **Pages S2795–96**

Measures Passed:

National Safe Place Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 100, designating the week beginning March 12, 2007, as “National Safe Place Week”. **Pages S2849–50**

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 S2744–88**

Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 64), McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S2744–45, S2746–49, S2757–59**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 65), Collins Amendment No. 342 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide certain employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners. **Pages S2745, S2757–60**

Coburn Amendment No. 345 (to Amendment No. 275), to authorize funding for the Emergency Communications and Interoperability Grants program, to require the Secretary to examine the possibility of allowing commercial entities to develop public safety communications networks. (By 71 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S2744, S2779–83, S2786**

Withdrawn:

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee en-

gagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners. **Page S2744**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2744**

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. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

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 S2744**

Landrieu Modified 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. **Pages S2744, S2783–84, S2785**

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. **Pages S2744, S2763–64**

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. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2744**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism, to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review, 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, to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Pages S2744, S2774–79**

McConnell (for Kyl) Modified 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 S2744**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

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 S2744**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2744**

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. **Page S2744**

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. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2744**

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 S2744**

Coburn Amendment No. 301 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit grant recipients under grant programs administered by the Department from expending funds until the Secretary has reported to Congress that risk assessments of all programs and activities have been performed and completed, improper payments have been estimated, and corrective action plans have been developed and reported as required under the Improper Payments Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Page S2744**

Coburn Amendment No. 294 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide that the provisions of the Act shall cease to have any force or effect on and after December 31, 2012, to ensure congressional review and oversight of the Act. **Page S2744**

Lieberman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 354 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Page S2744**

Specter Amendment No. 286 (to Amendment No. 275), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Pages S2744, S2749–54, S2766–74**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 357 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend the data-mining technology reporting requirement to avoid revealing existing patents, trade secrets, and confidential business processes, and to adopt a narrower definition of data-mining in order to exclude routine computer searches. **Page S2744**

Ensign Amendment No. 363 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters. **Page S2744**

Biden Amendment No. 383 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop regulations regarding the transportation of high hazard materials. **Pages S2754–55**

Biden Amendment No. 384 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland. **Pages S2755–57**

Bunning Amendment No. 334 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the authorities relating to Federal flight deck officers. **Pages S2761–62**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 367 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish and implement a program to provide additional safety measures for vehicles that carry high hazardous materials. **Page S2762**

Schumer Amendment No. 366 (to Amendment No. 275), to restrict the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a license authorizing the export to a recipient country of highly enriched uranium for medical isotope production. **Pages S2762–63**

Wyden Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 275), to require that a redacted version of the Executive Summary of the Office of Inspector General Report on Central Intelligence Agency Accountability Regarding Findings and Conclusions of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 is made available to the public. **Pages S2764–66**

Bond/Rockefeller Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate should submit a report on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission with respect to intelligence reform and congressional intelligence oversight reform. **Pages S2765–66**

Stevens Amendment No. 299 (to Amendment No. 275), to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications. **Pages S2784–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275) (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 Friday, March 9, 2007. **Page S2777**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Coburn to change his yea vote to a nay vote on Vote No. 62 changing the outcome of the

vote to 58 yeas to 41 nays relative to motion to table Obama Amendment No. 338 (tabled on March 6, 2007). **Page S2779**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 275 (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 Friday, March 9, 2007. **Page S2777**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, March 9, 2007. **Page S2777**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 8, 2007. **Page S2850**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. **Pages S2849, S2852**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2012.

Kerri Layne Briggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Douglas G. Myers, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Pages S2851–52**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—66) Pages S2759, S2760, S2786

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2850–51.)

Committee Meetings*(Committees not listed did not meet)***AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH**

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in our nation's future through agricultural research, focusing the Agricultural Bioenergy and Biobased Products Research Initiative, specialty crops, and Foreign Animal Disease Research, after receiving testimony from Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics; Alan I. Leshner, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Michigan State University, East Lansing; William H. Danforth, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; and Francis Thicke, Radiance Dairy Farm, Fairfield, Iowa.

MEDICAL READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense medical programs, focusing on combat casualty care, and recruitment and retention efforts of medical department personnel, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, Surgeon General, and Major General Melissa A. Rank, Assistant Surgeon General for Nursing Services, both of the United States Air Force; Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, Director of Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy; and Lieutenant General Kevin C. Kiley, Surgeon General, and Major General Gale Pollock, Chief of the Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Edward F. Sproat, III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive

Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

PHARMACEUTICAL IMPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine policy implications of pharmaceutical importation for U.S. consumers, including S. 242, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Randall W. Lutter, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; former Representative Billy Tauzin, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, William B. Schultz, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, and Nelda Barnett, AARP, all of Washington, D.C.; Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Minneapolis; and John A. Vernon, University of Connecticut Department of Finance School of Business, Storrs.

EARTH SCIENCE RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine national imperatives for Earth Science research, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Berrien Moore, III, University of New Hampshire Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space, Durham, and Otis B. Brown, University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, Key Biscayne, Florida, both on behalf of the National Academies; Nancy Colleton, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Alliance for Earth Observations.

ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine market constraints on large investments in advanced energy technologies and investigate ways to stimulate additional private-sector investment in the deployment of these technologies, after receiving testimony from Dan W. Reicher, Google.org, Mountain View, California; Elon Musk, Tesla Motors, El Segundo, California; Jerome P. Peters, Jr., TD Banknorth, N.A., Westport, Connecticut; John Denniston, Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, Menlo Park, California; and Michael Liebreich, New Energy Finance, London, United Kingdom.