

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 4, Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3013–S3076

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 847–868. **Page S3064**

Measures Passed:

Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3019–23, S3024–3058

Adopted:

Lieberman (for Feingold) Amendment No. 441 (to Amendment No. 357), to require appropriate reports regarding data-mining by the Federal Government.

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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.

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Ensign Amendment No. 448 (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.

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Schumer/Clinton Modified 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 S3019**

Bond/Rockefeller Modified 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.

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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.

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Lieberman (for 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. (By unanimous consent, the amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding having been ruled not germane on Friday, March 9, 2007.)

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Lieberman (for Grassley) Modified Amendment No. 293 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century.

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Lieberman (for Coleman) Amendment No. 341 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for an additional program requirement for the border interoperability demonstration project.

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Lieberman (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 323 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the inclusion of executive level training in certain curriculum for training.

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Lieberman (for Salazar) Further Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. (By unanimous consent, the amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding having been ruled not germane on Friday, March 9, 2007.) **Page S3037**

Lieberman (for Carper) Amendment No. 368 (to Amendment No. 275), to make funds available for the activities of the Public Interest Declassification Board. **Page S3037**

Lieberman (for Akaka) Amendment No. 392 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the Secretary to ensure that chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear detection equipment and technologies are integrated as appropriate with other border security systems and detection technologies, and for other purposes. **Page S3037**

Lieberman/Collins Modified Amendment No. 332 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish the Emergency Management Performance Grants Program as a separate grant program. **Pages S3037–39**

Lieberman/Collins Amendment No. 391 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the guidelines for fusion centers operated by State or local governments, to improve the awarding and administration of homeland security grants. **Page S3039**

Lieberman/Collins Amendment No. 431 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the coordination of the accreditation and certification program for the private sector. **Page S3039**

Lieberman (for 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. (By unanimous consent, the amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding having been ruled not germane on Friday, March 9, 2007.) **Page S3039**

Lieberman (for Byrd) Amendment No. 404 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to notify Congress not later than 30 days before waiving any eligibility requirement under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. **Page S3039**

Lieberman (for Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 388 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for annual reports on equipment technical assistance. **Pages S3039–40**

Lieberman/McCain Modified Amendment No. 411 (to Amendment No. 275), to advance and strengthen democracy globally through peaceful means using transformational diplomacy to assist foreign countries

to implement democratic forms of government, to strengthen respect for internationally accepted human rights standards and norms in foreign countries through increased United States advocacy, to strengthen alliances of democratic countries, and to increase support for programs of non-governmental organizations, individuals, and private groups that promote democracy. **Pages S3040–41**

Lieberman (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 456 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S3041**

Lieberman (for Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 414 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a demonstration project to conduct demonstrations of security management systems. **Page S3041**

Lieberman (for Inouye/Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 412 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for model ports of entry and modify the international registered traveler program. **Page S3041**

Lieberman (for Inouye) Modified Amendment No. 423 (to Amendment No. 275), to revise sections 801 and 802. **Pages S3042–44**

Lieberman (for Inouye) Modified Amendment No. 424 (to Amendment No. 275), to coordinate various reporting provisions with Senate Committee jurisdictional interests. **Pages S3044–45**

Lieberman (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 340 (to Amendment No. 275), to reinstate the State registration fee system for commercial motor vehicles until the Unified Carrier Registration System Plan Agreement is fully implemented. **Page S3042**

Lieberman (for Kerry) Amendment No. 307 (to Amendment No. 275), to modify the criteria that the Secretary of Homeland Security will use to develop a hazardous material tracking pilot program for motor carriers. **Page S3042**

Lieberman (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 358 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a pilot program to identify technological solutions for reducing airport exit lane staffing. **Page S3045**

Lieberman (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 359 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to audit the Highway Watch grant program and report to the Congress on its efficacy in providing security from terrorism. **Page S3045**

Lieberman (for Cardin) Amendment No. 394 (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 S3042**

Lieberman (for Menendez) Modified Amendment No. 354 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary to include in the reports on implementation of 100 percent ocean-borne cargo scanning an

ongoing assessment of progress, including obstacles and challenges. (By unanimous consent, the amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding having been ruled not germane on Friday, March 9, 2007.)

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Lieberman (for Dodd) Amendment No. 415 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend title X, with respect to critical infrastructure protection efforts by Federal departments and agencies.

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Lieberman (for Kohl) Modified Amendment No. 371 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that public transportation workers specifically take into account the evacuation needs of the elderly.

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Schumer Further 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.

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

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Rejected:

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. (By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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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. (By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

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.

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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.

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St. Louis County, Missouri Arterial Road: Senate passed H.R. 1129, to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

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Iraq Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; that there be 1 hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that the final 20 minutes prior to the vote be controlled by the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes.

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Appointments:

U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress: Senator Stevens.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—73)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, William Wehrum, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, and