

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3727–S3780

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 983–990, and S. Res. 123–124. **Page S3750**

Measures Reported:

S. 93, to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television 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. (S. Rept. No. 110–38).

S. 261, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, with an amendment.

S. 627, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams.

S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances. **Page S3750**

Measures Passed:

Treaty of Rome 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, congratulating the European Union on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, creating the European Economic Community among 6 European countries and laying the foundations for peace, stability, and prosperity in Europe. **Page S3779**

Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S3779**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Byrd Amendment No. 641, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment). **Pages S3735–42, S3747**

Pending:

Cochran Amendment No. 643 (to Amendment No. 641), to strike language that would tie the hands of the Commander-in-Chief by imposing an arbitrary timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, thereby undermining the position of American Armed Forces and jeopardizing the successful conclusion of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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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 Wednesday, March 28, 2007. **Pages S3747–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 27, 2007; provided further that members have until 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 to file first-degree amendments to the bill. **Page S3779**

WU Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:50 a.m., on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of George H. Wu, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; that there be 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary; that, upon conclusion of debate, Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination. **Page S3779**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.

R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve

concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Pages S3779–80**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:30 p.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3779.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for mind, brain and behavioral research at the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Ting-Kai Li, Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, James F. Battey, Jr., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and Story C. Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY REORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee Emerging Threats and Capabilities met to receive a briefing on the reorganization of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from Christopher R. Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for

Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, both of the Department of Defense.

MARKET-BASED CARBON DIOXIDE TRADING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme and to receive information on lessons learned from the Scheme for policymakers who want to better understand how a market-based trading program could operate efficiently and effectively in the United States, after receiving testimony from Jos Delbeke, European Union Commission, Brussels, Belgium; Per-Otto Wold, Point Carbon, Oslo, Norway; Garth Edward, Shell Oil, London, England; Jean-Yves Caneill, Electricite de France, Paris; Bruno Vanderborght, Holcim Cement, Zurich, Switzerland; and Denny Ellerman, The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

REAL ID ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Real ID Act of 2005 and the proposed regulations released by the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2006, implementing Act, focusing on efforts to secure drivers' licenses and identification cards, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Barth, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy Development; Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte, Austin, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Honolulu, Hawaii; and David Quam, National Governors Association, Timothy D. Sparapani, American Civil Liberties Union, and Jim Harper, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the problem of human trafficking and the legal options to stop the problem, after receiving testimony from Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Katherine Kaufka, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, Illinois; and Martina E. Vandenberg, Jenner and Block LLP, and Holly J. Burkhalter, International Justice Mission, both of Washington, D.C.