

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3781–S3984

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 991–1002, S.J. Res. 10, and S. Res. 125–129. **Page S3835**

Measures Reported:

S. 39, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–39)

S. 558, to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3834–35**

Measures Passed:

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, designating April 2007 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S3980–81**

National Cushing’s Syndrome Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 127, designating April 8, 2007 as “National Cushing’s Syndrome Awareness Day”. **Page S3981**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States v. Philip G. Balcombe, Sansi G. Coonan, John S. Dear, Jan Lustig, Michella A. Marusa, Martin J. Ryan, Eleanor M. Vouselas, and Bruno Keller*. **Pages S3981–82**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 129, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *State of Alaska v. Robert S. Mulford and Don G. Muller*. **Page S3982**

Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 474, to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D., and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3982–83**

Older Americans Act of 1965: Senate passed S. 1002, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentives program. **Pages S3983–84**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued 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: **Pages S3785–89, S3793–S3822**

Adopted:

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 798 (to Amendment No. 680), to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S3817–18**

Kennedy Amendment No. 680, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S3793, S3798, S3818**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas and 50 nays (Vote No. 116), 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. **Pages S3785–89, S3804–16**

Pending:

Cochran (for Lugar) Amendment No. 690, to provide that, of the funds appropriated by this Act under the headings “DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS” and “ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND” (except for the Community Action Program), up to \$50,000,000 may be made available to support and maintain a civilian reserve corps. **Page S3796**

Wyden Amendment No. 709, to reauthorize the secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to provide funding for the payments in lieu of taxes program. **Pages S3793–94, S3796–97, S3798–S3800**

Obama Amendment No. 664, to appropriate an additional \$58,000,000 for Defense Health Program for additional mental health and related personnel, an additional \$10,000,000 for operation and maintenance for each of the military departments for improved physical disability evaluations of members of the Armed Forces, and an additional \$15,000,000 for Defense Health Program for women’s mental health services. **Pages S3794–96, S3797–98**

Burr Amendment No. 716 (to Amendment No. 709), to require that payments to eligible States and eligible counties only be used for public schools.

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Webb Amendment No. 692, to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran. **Page S3803**

Coburn Amendment No. 648, to remove \$100 million in funding for the Republican and Democrat party conventions in 2008. **Page S3818**

Coburn Amendment No. 649, to remove a \$2 million earmark for the University of Vermont.

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Coburn Amendment No. 656, to require timely public disclosure of Government reports submitted to Congress. **Page S3818**

Coburn Amendment No. 657, to provide farm assistance in a fiscally responsible manner. **Page S3818**

Coburn Amendment No. 717, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S3818**

Coburn Amendment No. 718, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S3818**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, that there be 30 minutes of debate to run concurrently with respect to Wyden Amendment No. 709 and Burr Amendment No. 716 (both listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Wyden and Burr, or their designees; that the Burr Amendment No. 716 be modified to be a first-degree amendment, and that no amendments be in order to Burr Amendment No. 716 or Wyden Amendment No. 709; that there then be 30 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Wyden Amendment No. 709, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Burr Amendment No. 716, and then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; that on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, it be in order for Senator Hagel to propose Amendment No. 707 and there be 90 minutes of debate under his control, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the amendment be withdrawn.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 115), George H. Wu, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S3792, S3815–16**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn and William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Representative Everett, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EXCLUSIVE SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competition and consumer choice relating to exclusive sports programming, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Jacobson, iN DEMAND LLC, and Robert A. Dupuy, Major League Baseball, both of New York, New York; Stephen F. Ross, The Pennsylvania State University Institute for Sports Law, Policy and Research, University Park; Carl Vogel, Echostar Satellite LLC, Englewood, Colorado; and Chase Carey, DIRECTV, Inc., Washington, D.C.