

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3985–S4079*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1003–1021, and S. Res. 130–133. **Page S4047**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 223, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, with an amendment. **Page S4046**

**Measures Passed:**

*National Agriculture Day:* Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 114, recognizing the contributions of agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation on the occasion of National Agriculture Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4078**

*Honoring Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 133, celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson. **Pages S4078–79**

**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 S3986–S4039**

**Adopted:**

Craig (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 697, to provide for an independent assessment of the capabilities of the Iraqi Security Forces.

**Pages S3988–89, S3999, S4001–02, S4036**

By 75 yeas and 22 nays (Vote No. 118), 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 S3986–88, S3990, S4017**

Murray (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 655, to authorize the conveyance of a parcel of land for use for purposes of a prison in the State of Texas.

**Pages S4027–28**

Murray (for Clinton) Amendment No. 666, to link award fees under Department of Homeland Security

contracts to successful acquisition outcomes under such contracts. **Page S4028**

Murray (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 685, to provide for a prohibition relative to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. **Page S4028**

Murray (for Cochran) Amendment No. 674, to require the reports on the progress of the Government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks to be submitted jointly by the Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq, and the United States Ambassador to Iraq.

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Murray (for Kerry/Hagel) Modified Amendment No. 687, to improve programs for small business concerns that employ Reservists. **Pages S4028–30**

Murray (for Stevens) Amendment No. 727, to make a technical correction regarding the availability of funds from the Iraq Freedom Fund. **Page S4030**

Murray (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 732, of a technical nature. **Page S4030**

Murray (for Snowe) Amendment No. 772, to relieve burdens on small business concerns operating on Federal disaster projects. **Page S4031**

Murray (for Landrieu/Cochran) Amendment No. 776, to provide funds to recruit and retain teachers, principals, and other school leaders to areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. **Page S4031**

Murray (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 793, to provide effective rural and small community assistance by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Murray (for Pryor) Amendment No. 807, to increase by \$5,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Homeland Security for State and Local Programs and make the increase available for the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program and to provide an offset. **Page S4032**

Murray (for Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 835 (to Amendment No. 700), to provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota and Kemper County, Mississippi. **Pages S4032, S4034–35**

Murray (for Leahy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 755, to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary. **Pages S4030–31, S4034–35**

**Rejected:**

By 8 yeas and 89 nays (Vote No. 119), Burr Modified Amendment No. 716, to reauthorize the

secure rural schools and community self-determination program and to provide funding for the payments in lieu of taxes program.

**Pages S3986–88, S3989, S4017–18**

By 23 yeas and 74 nays (Vote No. 120), Coburn Amendment No. 657, to provide farm assistance in a fiscally responsible manner.

**Pages S3986, S4002–03, S4015, S4018–19**

By 45 yeas and 51 nays (Vote No. 121), Coburn Amendment No. 648, to remove \$100 million in funding for the Republican and Democrat party conventions in 2008.

**Pages S3986, S3999–S4000, S4014–15, S4016, S4019**

Withdrawn:

Hagel Amendment No. 707, to provide a Sense of Congress relative to additional policy and requirements on Iraq. **Pages S4004–08, S4015**

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.

**Pages S3986, S4004**

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. **Page S3986**

Webb Amendment No. 692, to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran. **Page S3986**

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

**Pages S3986, S4000–01, S4025–27**

Coburn Amendment No. 656, to require timely public disclosure of Government reports submitted to Congress. **Page S3986**

Coburn Amendment No. 717, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S3986**

Coburn Amendment No. 718, to make certain provisions inapplicable. **Page S3986**

Reid Amendment No. 823 (to Amendment No. 690), to establish the enactment date. **Page S4004**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 117), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

**Pages S4003–04**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 29, 2007, that all debate time in post-cloture be deemed expired; that the only amendments remaining in order be the following, and that they not be subject to second-degree amendments: Ensign Amendment No. 752, to be modified, DeMint Amendment No. 704, Coburn Amendment No. 649, Sanders Amendment No. 737, to be modified, Biden Amendment No. 739; that Reid Amendment No. 823 (to Amendment No. 690) be withdrawn, and that Amendment No. 690 be agreed to; provided further, that all other pending amendments be withdrawn; and that there be 4 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, for debate prior to the votes, that, upon agreement by the Majority and Republican Leaders, and the bill managers, a managers’ amendment be in order; that upon disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the bill be read the third time; that the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

**Pages S4035, S4079**

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

Vanessa Lynne Bryant, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Pages S4078, S4079**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S4079**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S4044**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S4044**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S4044**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S4044–46**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S4046–47**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S4050–63**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4043–44**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4063–67**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S4067–68**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—121) **Pages S4004, S4017, S4018, S4018–19, S4019**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:44 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4079.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*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 the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN AID

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Agency for International Development and foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, United States Director of Foreign Assistance, and Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Navy, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations, both of the United States Navy; and General James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

### U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session to receive a briefing on Special Operations Command's global operations from Major General David J. Scott, USAF, Deputy Director, Center for Special Operations, United States Special Operations Command and sundry members thereof.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the

Strategic Forces Program in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General James E. Cartwright, United States Marine Corps, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Major General Roger W. Burg, Director of Strategic Security, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Rear Admiral Stephen E. Johnson, United States Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Naval Systems Command, and Brian R. Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Capabilities, all of the Department of Defense; and Thomas P. D'Agostino, Acting Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and Stephen L. Jones, DHA, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, all of the Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, United States Army; Vice Admiral John C. Harvey, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lieutenant General Ronald S. Colman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, and 2,600 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### COAST GUARD DIVE PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded an oversight hearing to examine the future of the Coast Guard Dive Program, focusing on lessons learned from the accident on