

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 5, Stem Cell Enhancement Act.

Senate passed S. 30, HOPE Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4319–S4397

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1085–1092. **Page S4379**

Measures Reported:

S. 343, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999. (S. Rept. No. 110–52)

Report to accompany S. 558, to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services. (S. Rept. No. 110–53) **Page S4379**

Measures Passed:

Regional Strategy in Africa: Senate agreed to S. Res. 76, calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, northern Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4385–86**

Harkin (for Lugar) Amendment No. 840, to urge the Government of the Central African Republic to address human rights abuses in the northwestern region of that country. **Page S4385**

Harkin (for Lugar) Amendment No. 841, to amend the title. **Page S4385**

Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act: By 63 yeas and 34 nays (Vote No. 127), Senate passed S. 5, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, and pursuant to the order of March 29, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the passage of this bill, it is passed.

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HOPE Act: By 70 yeas and 28 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate passed S. 30, to intensify research to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines, and pursuant to the order of March 29, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the passage of this bill, it is passed.

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Holocaust Memorial Day: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 142, observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and calling on the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords immediately to allow open access to the Bad Arolsen archives, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4391**

Intelligence Authorization Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed thereon. **Page S4386**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Dr. Don H. Argue, of Washington (for a term of May 15, 2007–May 14, 2009). **Page S4385**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

29 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Public Health Service. Pages S4391–97

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on February 26, 2007, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—128) Pages S4389, S4390

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4386.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General John W. Bergman, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief, Air Force Reserve; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Clyde Vaughn, Vice Chief, Army National Guard; and Lieutenant General Craig McKinley, Vice Chief, Air National Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–58), after receiving testimony from Kevin Kolevar, Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Dennis R. Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, and Thomas D. Shope, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, all of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: OMB

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of Management and Budget, after receiving testimony from Robert J. Portman, Director, and Robert Shea, Associate Director for Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense in the