

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4623–S4722*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1138–1156, S. Res. 154–161, and S. Con. Res. 28. **Pages S4675–76**

**Measures Passed:**

*Commending Rutgers University Women's Basketball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes.

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*Best Wishes to Governor Jon S. Corzine:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 157, extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate's hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

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*National and Global Youth Service Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, designating April 20, 2007, as "National and Global Youth Service Day".

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*Commending the Association For Advanced Life Underwriting:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, commending the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting on its 50th anniversary.

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*Recognizing Hot Springs National Park:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on the 175th anniversary of the enactment of the Act that authorized the establishment of Hot Springs Reservation.

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*Honoring Oliver White Hill:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, honoring the life of Oliver White Hill, a pioneer in the field of American civil rights law, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

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*2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 28, congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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*Commending General Peter J. Schoomaker:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 139, commending General Peter J. Schoomaker for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States.

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*Honoring the life of Ernest Gallo:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 88, honoring the life of Ernest Gallo.

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*United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Reauthorization:* Senate passed H.R. 1003, to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

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

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 132), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, Reid motion to reconsider, the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3, was entered.

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**Court Security Improvement Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, agreeing to the committee amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Leahy/Specter Amendment No. 896, to make technical changes.

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Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 891, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should offset the cost of new spending. (By 59 yeas and 38 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 133), 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 motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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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 Friday, April 20, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2007.

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#### Appointments:

**Congressional Award Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: Senator Isakson.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Frederick B. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

Joseph Adam Erel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Richard Boyce Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs).

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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

Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—134)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4722.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues relating to the reenactment of the Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Peter C. Carstensen, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison; Lynn A. Hayes, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., Saint Paul, Minnesota; Mary K. Muth, RTI International, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; Eric Nelson, R-CALF USA, Merville, Iowa; John Queen, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Waynesville, North Carolina; Joy Philippi, National Pork Producers Council, Bruning, Nebraska; Ron Truex, Creighton Brothers, LLC, Warsaw, Indiana, on behalf of the United Egg Producers; Burdell Johnson, American Sheep Industry Association, Tuttle, North Dakota; William P. Roenigk, National Chicken Council, Washington,