

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6079–S6156

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1390–1404, and S. Res. 199–202. **Page S6126**

Measures Reported:

S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–66) **Page S6126**

Measures Passed:

National Health Information Technology Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, designating the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National Health Information Technology Week”. **Pages S6154–55**

School-Based Music Education: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 121, recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6155**

Measures Considered:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate continue consideration of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6086–89, S6092–S6115, S6118–24

Rejected:

By 12 yeas and 77 nays (Vote No. 163), Coburn Amendment No. 1090 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the residents of the city of Sacramento are protected from the threat of floods before spending money to add sand to beaches in San Diego. **Pages S6086–89**

By 11 yeas and 79 nays (Vote No. 164), Coburn Amendment No. 1089 (to Amendment No. 1065), to prioritize federal spending to ensure the needs of Louisiana residents who lost their homes as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are met before

spending money to design or construct a non-essential visitors center. **Pages S6086, S6093**

By 22 yeas and 69 nays (Vote No. 165), Boxer (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1086 (to Amendment No. 1065), to establish a Water Resources Commission to prioritize water resources projects in the United States. **Pages S6086, S6093–95**

Withdrawn:

Cardin Amendment No. 1071 (to Amendment No. 1065), to provide for the siting, construction, expansion, and operation of liquefied natural gas terminals. **Pages S6092–93**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 166), Kerry Amendment No. 1094 (to Amendment No. 1065), to require the consideration of certain factors relating to global climate change. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, May 15, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the adoption of the amendment, it is withdrawn having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative. **Pages S6100–15**

Pending:

Boxer/Inhofe Amendment No. 1065, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6086**

Reid (for Levin/Reid) Amendment No. 1097 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), to provide for military readiness and benchmarks relative to Iraq. **Page S6086**

Reid (for Feingold/Reid) Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097), to provide for a transition of the Iraq mission. **Page S6086**

Warner/Collins Amendment No. 1134 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), relative to the President’s strategy in Iraq. **Pages S6118–21**

McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1135 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065), to express the sense of the Senate that Congress must send to the President acceptable legislation to continue funds for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom by not later than May 28, 2007. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reid/Levin) Amendment No. 1097) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6121**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Warner (for Collins) Amendment No. 1134 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065) (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6122**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1135 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1065) (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6122**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2007; vote on the motions to invoke cloture on certain amendments; provided further, that second-degree amendments may be filed until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. **Page S6155**

U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6115–18**

Pending:

Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1123, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6115–16**

Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1124 (to Amendment No. 1123), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions. **Page S6116**

Reid Amendment No. 1125 (to Amendment No. 1124), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions. **Page S6116**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 1126. **Page S6116**

Reid Amendment No. 1126 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 2206), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions. **Page S6116**

Reid Amendment No. 1127 (to the instructions of the motion to commit (to Amendment No. 1126)), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions. **Pages S6116–17**

Reid Amendment No. 1128 (to Amendment No. 1127), expressing the sense of the Congress that no action should be taken to undermine the safety of the Armed Forces of the United States or impact their ability to complete their assigned or future missions. **Page S6117**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 1123 (listed above) and, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, May 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Thursday, May 17, 2007; and that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked, Senate remain on the bill until its disposition.

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 Thursday, May 17, 2007. **Page S6117**

Concurrent Budget Resolution Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order on Thursday, May 17, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012, if available, not withstanding Rule XXII. **Page S6155**

Comprehensive Immigration Reform—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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 Monday, May 21, 2007, no earlier than 5:30 p.m., and that if cloture is invoked the motion be agreed to. **Page S6155**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Sessions have up to 3 hours under his control to speak on Monday, May 21, 2007, and have 2 hours under his control on Tuesday, May 22, 2007; provided further, that the hour prior to the cloture vote be reserved for the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees.

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Stevens Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to Senator Stevens in the Congressional Record be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit statements for inclusion until June 1, 2007.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States: Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying that the export to the People's Republic of China of certain materials, including an isostatic press for manufacturing automotive spare parts, is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry and that the material will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-13)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—166)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9:03 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SHORT-TERM ENERGY OUTLOOK FOR SUMMER 2007

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the short-term energy outlook for the summer of 2007, focusing on oil and gasoline, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Kevin J. Lindemer, Global Insight, Lexington, Massachusetts; Paul Sankey, Deutsche Bank, New York, New York; and Geoff Sundstrom, AAA, Heathrow, Florida.

WATER AND LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 916, to modify the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, to establish the Minidoka National Historic Site, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 1057, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the New River in the States of North Carolina and Virginia as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1209, to provide for the continued administration of Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, S. 1281, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System, H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives, and H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's