

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9369–S9531

Measures Introduced: Twenty three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1793–1815, and S. Res. 274–275.

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Measures Passed:

Authorize Representation by the Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 274, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Lewis v. Bayh*. **Page S9530**

Making Minority Party Appointments for the 110th Congress: Senate agreed to S. Res. 275, making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress. **Page S9530**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9301–10, S9317–66, S9369–S9436**

Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 248), Cornyn Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the United States that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists. **Pages S9317–21**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 2241 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2011), relative to a sense of the Senate on the consequences of a failed state in Iraq. **Page S9301**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9301**

Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Page S9301**

Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date. **Page S9301**

Dodd (for Levin) Amendment No. 2274 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Pages S9301–02**

Levin Amendment No. 2275 (to Amendment No. 2274), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Pages S9302–10**

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

The McConnell motion to invoke cloture on McConnell Amendment No. 2241 (listed above), was withdrawn. **Page S9301**

Durbin Amendment No. 2252 (to Amendment No. 2241), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2241 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S9301**

By 44 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate did not agree to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators, but a quorum was present. **Pages S9350–51**

By 41 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S9369**

By 37 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S9395**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above). **Page S9434**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on Levin Amendment No. 2087 (listed above) failed. **Page S9434**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2638, making

appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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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 Friday, July 20, 2007.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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College Cost Reduction Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

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

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 253), 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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Pending:

Kennedy Amendment No. 2327, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 2329 (to Amendment No. 2327), to increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 2330 (to Amendment No. 2327), to amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal year 2014 through 2017.

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

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House Messages:

Department of State Crisis Response Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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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: Adam Ruiz of Kentucky.

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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 relative to the issuance of an Executive Order blocking the property of persons determined to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, an act

or acts of violence that have the purpose or effect of threatening the peace or stability of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Shalom D. Stone, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

24 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Pages S9366–68**

On Wednesday July 18, 2007, the Senate received the following nominations:

Robert M. Dow, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Quorum Calls: Three quorum calls were taken today. (Total—6)

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—253)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 and adjourned on Wednesday at 5:09 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9530–31.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

AIR SERVICES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine improving air services to small and rural communities, after receiving testimony from Andrew B. Steinberg, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; John Torgerson, Alaska Department of Transportation, Anchorage; Karen Miller, Boone County Commission, Columbia, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Mark F. Courtney, Lynchburg Regional Airport, Lynchburg, Virginia; and Faye Malarkey, Regional Airline Association, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Craig, and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife.

DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of democratic developments in Sub-Saharan Africa, after receiving testimony from Barry F. Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Michael Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; Princeton N. Lyman, Council on Foreign Relations, Chris Albin-Lackey, Human Rights Watch, Akwe Amosu, Open

Society Institute, and Dave Peterson, National Endowment for Democracy, all of Washington, D.C.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109–18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109–19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109–20), convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the "proposed Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110–03), patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109–12), the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109–21), the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (the "Treaty" or "Singapore Treaty") adopted and signed by the United States at Singapore on March 28, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 110–02), and protocol to the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation Between the United States and Denmark of October 1, 1951, signed at Copenhagen on May 2, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 108–08), after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Barthold, Acting Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation, United States Congress; John Harrington, International Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Lois E. Boland, Director, Office of International Relations, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of