

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9857–S10049*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1878. **Page S9916**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1698, to provide that no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by any Act for contributions for international organizations may be made available to support the United Nations Human Rights Council, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–137) **Page S9916**

#### Measures Passed:

**Wounded Warrior Assistance Act:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1538, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9857–60**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 2402, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9858**

**U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act:** Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1716, to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers, and the bill was then passed. **Page S10045**

**Military Salute:** Senate passed S. 1877, to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag. **Page S10045**

**Authorizing Printing of Documents:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 190, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", the document-sized, annotated version of the United

States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page S10045–46**

#### Measures Considered:

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9869–S9910**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 2388 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, which was adopted on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. **Page S9869**

Murray (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2386 (to Amendment No. 2383), to amend title 18, United States Code, to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passage offense. **Page S9908**

Murray (for Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 2387 (to Amendment No. 2383), to prohibit sexual abuse of prisoners held in custody at the direction of or under an agreement with the Federal Government. **Page S9908**

Murray (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2430 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide for the control and management of *Arundo donax*, commonly known as "Carrizo cane". **Pages S9908–09**

Murray (for McCaskill) Modified Amendment No. 2425 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security establish and maintain on the website of the Department of Homeland Security a link to the website for the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S9909**

Murray (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 2390 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that all contracts of the Department of Homeland Security that provide award fees link such fees to successful acquisition outcomes. **Page S9909**

#### Pending:

Byrd/Cochran Amendment No. 2383, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9869**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2468 (to Amendment No. 2383), to state the policy of the United States

Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror and in protecting the United States Homeland and to appropriate additional sums for that purpose.

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Grassley/Inhofe Amendment No. 2444 (to Amendment No. 2383), to provide that none of the funds made available under this Act may be expended until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that all new hires by the Department of Homeland Security are verified through the basic pilot program authorized under section 401 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 or may be available to enter into a contract with a person, employer, or other entity that does not participate in such basic pilot program.

**Pages S9903–05**

Cochran (for Alexander/Collins) Amendment No. 2405 (to Amendment No. 2383), to make \$300,000,000 available for grants to States to carry out the REAL ID Act of 2005.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2416 (to Amendment No. 2383), to evaluate identification card technologies to determine the most appropriate technology for ensuring the optimal security, efficiency, privacy and cost of passport cards.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2461 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the amount provided for aviation security direction and enforcement.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2447 (to Amendment No. 2383), to reserve \$40,000,000 of the amounts appropriated for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to support the implementation of the Securing the Cities initiative at the level requested in the President's budget.

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Schumer/Hutchison Amendment No. 2448 (to Amendment No. 2383), to increase the domestic supply of nurses and physical therapists.

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Dole Amendment No. 2462 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require that not less than \$5,400,000 of the amount appropriated to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement be used to facilitate agreements described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Dole Amendment No. 2449 (to Amendment No. 2383), to set aside \$75,000,000 of the funds appropriated for training, exercise, technical assistance, and other programs under the heading State and local programs for training consistent with section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Cochran (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2476 (to Amendment No. 2383), to require the Secretary of

Homeland Security to establish reasonable regulations relating to stored quantities of propane.

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate sustained the ruling of the Chair that there was no defense of germaneness for the Graham Amendment No. 2412, to ensure control over the United States borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment constituted legislation under Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, was sustained and the amendment thus fell.

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Subsequently, Gregg Amendment No. 2415 (to Amendment No. 2412), to change the enactment date, fell when Graham Amendment No. 2412 (listed above) was ruled out of order.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2007.

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

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S9915**

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**Text of S. 1642 as Previously Passed:**  
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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—277) **Page S9896**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S110046.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine United States trade relations with China, after receiving testimony from David Spooner, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration; James P. Hoffa, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Scott N. Paul, Alliance for American Manufacturing, and Robert S. Nichols, Financial Services Forum, all of Washington, D.C.; and M. Brian O'Shaughnessy, Revere Copper Products, Inc., Rome, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 169, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 443, to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 444, to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 471, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, with amendments;

S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, with an amendment;

S. 645, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals;

S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 722, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1089, to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1203, to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy;

S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission;

H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies;

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