

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1927, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.
Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10849–S10997

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1985–2015, S.J. Res. 17, S. Res. 299–305, and S. Con. Res. 43. **Pages S10901–02**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 110–141)

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 110–145)

S. 428, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–142)

S. 1163, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–143)

S. 1300, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–144)

S. 898, to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer’s disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other

physical disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10901**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: By 60 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 309), Senate passed S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information, by the order of the Senate of Friday, August 3, 2007, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10861–72**

Adopted:

McConnell/Bond Amendment No. 2649, to provide a sunset provision. **Page S10861–72**

Minneapolis Bridge Emergency Funds: Senate passed H.R. 3311, to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10873–74**

Coleman (for Bond) Amendment No. 2654, to improve expanded eligibility for transit and travel information services. **Page S10873**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S10978**

State of Idaho Agriculture College: Senate passed H.R. 3006, to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10978**

Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office: Senate passed S. 1772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 South Elm Street in Gardner, Kansas, as the “Private First Class Shane R. Austin Post Office”. **Page S10978**

Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post: Senate passed S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the “Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office”. **Pages S10978–79**

Claude Ramsey Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1260, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6301 Highway 58 in Harrison, Tennessee, as the “Claude Ramsey Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

SSgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1335, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 508 East Main Street in Seneca, South Carolina, as the “SSgt Lewis G. Watkins Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Staff Sergeant Marvin “Rex” Young Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin “Rex” Young Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Rachel Carson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1434, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the “Rachel Carson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1617, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the “Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Leonard W. Herman Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1722, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 Banyan Trail in Boca Raton, Florida, as the “Leonard W. Herman Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Willye B. White Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2025, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11033 South State Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Willye B. White Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

George B. Lewis Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2077, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20805 State Route 125 in Blue Creek, Ohio, as the “George B. Lewis Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2078, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14536 State Route 136 in Cherry Fork, Ohio, as the “Staff Sergeant Omer T. ‘O.T.’ Hawkins Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2127, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 408 West 6th Street in Chelsea, Oklahoma, as the “Clem Rogers McSpadden Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Major Scott Nisely Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2563, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 309 East Linn Street in Marshalltown, Iowa, as the “Major Scott Nisely Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2570, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Boardwalk Drive in Fort Collins, Colorado, as the “Dr. Karl E. Carson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Buck Owens Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 118 Minner Street in Bakersfield, California, as the “Buck Owens Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2688, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 South Getty Street in Uvalde, Texas, as the “Dolph S. Briscoe, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the “Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10979**

Native American \$1 Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2358, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins

in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2653, in the nature of a substitute.

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Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2650, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid (for Bond) Amendment No. 2651 (to Amendment No. 2650), to strike the title relating to energy emergencies.

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Reid (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2652 (to Amendment No. 2652), to require appropriate reporting regarding the number of full-time employees for either the Office of Disaster Assistance or the Disaster Cadre of the Small Business Administration, to provide appropriate assistance in the event of a catastrophic national disaster.

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Appalachian Regional Development Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Congratulating Poet Laureate Charles Simic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States of America by the Library of Congress.

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OPEN Government Act: Senate passed S. 849, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Kyl/Leahy) Amendment No. 2655, of a perfecting nature.

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Measures Considered:

Protect America Bill: By 43 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 310), Senate rejected S. 2011, entitled “The Protect America Act of 2007”, and under the order of the Senate of Friday, August 3, 2007, the bill having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative,

the vote on passage was vitiated, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

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Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees be authorized to file legislative and executive reports on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Nussle Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jim Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget; that there be three hours for debate—two hours equally divided and controlled for debate between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget, and one hour controlled by Senator Sanders; provided further, that Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the provisions of Rule 31, section 5 notwithstanding, all nominations remain in status quo, except the nomination of Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 308), Timothy D. DeGuisti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Dennis R. Schrader, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. (Prior to this

action, Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration.)

Bradford P. Campbell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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 for a term expiring May 26, 2013.

James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

David W. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S10849–51, S10991, S10996**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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Text of H.R. 976 as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—310) **Pages S10851, S10870–71, S10872**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 43, at 11:08 p.m., until 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10991.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the treatment of detainees from certain members of the intelligence community.