

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted the conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, College Cost Reduction Act of 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11241–S11281

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2031–2033, and S. Res. 310–311. **Page S11269**

Measures Reported:

S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. **Pages S11269, S11270**

Measures Passed:

Adopt A School Library Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 134, designating September 2007 as “Adopt a School Library Month”. **Page S11278**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families. **Pages S11278–79**

National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, designating September 2007 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Page S11279**

National Assisted Living Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 292, designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as “National Assisted Living Week”. **Page S11279**

Little Rock Central High School: Senate agreed to S. Res. 301, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement. **Page S11279**

Museum of the History of American Diplomacy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 253, expressing the sense of the Senate that the establishment of a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy through private donations is a worthy endeavor. **Pages S11279–80**

Marquis de Lafayette 250th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 310, commending the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Marie-Joseph-Paul-Yves-Roch-Gilbert Du Motier, commonly known as the Marquis de Lafayette. **Page S11280**

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 311, supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. **Pages S11280–81**

Conference Reports:

Higher Education Access Act Conference Report: By 79 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 326) Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008. **Pages S11241–63**

Barrasso Maiden Speech—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that after the votes on the confirmations of the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, that Senator Barrasso be recognized to speak in morning business. **Pages S11256–57**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, September 10, 2007, at the conclusion of the remarks from Senator Barrasso, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages S11256–57**

Osteen/Reidinger/Sammartino Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Monday, September 10, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their designees; provided further, that at 11 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, respectively. **Pages S11256–57**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

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

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S11281**

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

Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, which was sent to the Senate on July 25, 2007. **Page S11281**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11269–70**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S11270–71**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S11271**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S11271**

Text of H.R. 2642 as Previously Passed: **Pages S11271–78**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—326) **Page S11256**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:55 a.m. and adjourned at 12:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11281.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE'S ASSESSMENT ON 18 IRAQ BENCHMARKS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a report of the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks, including the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28), after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3494–3507; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 206–207 and H. Res. 640–642, were introduced. **Pages H10318–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H10319**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3246, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the

most severely economically distressed regions in the Nation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–321, Pt. 1). **Page H10318**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pomeroy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10247**

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