

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1124, District of Columbia College Access Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11615–S11685

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2059, S. Res. 319, and S. Con. Res. 47. **Pages S11654–55**

Measures Passed:

District Of Columbia College Access Act: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 338), Senate passed H.R. 1124, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11620–25**

Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 2887, to exempt millionaires from receiving educational scholarship funds intended for needy families. **Page S11623**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 337), Coburn Amendment No. 2888, to prohibit the Federal Government from favoring public colleges and universities over private colleges and universities under the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999. **Pages S11623–25**

Mental Health Parity Act: Senate passed S. 558, to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11679–84**

Reid (for Domenici/Kennedy) Amendment No. 2908, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11684**

Measures Considered:

District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act: By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 339), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to

consideration of S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives. **Pages S11626–32**

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 S11632–45**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11632**

Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Page S11632**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S11632**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, with 60 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the amendment; provided further, that Members have until 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments to Leahy (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011). **Page S11684**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

Keith Hall, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

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

Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

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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: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—339)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11684.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NFL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Football League (NFL) retirement system, after receiving testimony from Dave R. Duerson, Burt Bell/Pete Rozelle National Football League Retirement Plan, Highland Park, Illinois; Gene Upshaw, National Football League Players Association, and Bill Bain, both of Washington, D.C.; Roger Goodell, National Football League, New York, New York; Daryl Johnston, Dallas, Texas; Brent Boyd, Reno, Nevada; Garrett Webster, Moon Township, Pennsylvania; Mike Ditka, Lake Bluff, Illinois; and Gale Sayers, Chicago, Illinois.

BREAKING THE METHAMPHETAMINE SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the methamphetamine supply chain, focusing on meeting challenges at the border, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Christy A. McCampbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Matthew C. Allen, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Gary W. Kendell, Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, Des Moines; Thomas M. Siebel, Meth Project, Palo Alto, California; and Peter D. Wolfgram, Bungalow Drug Inc., Belgrade, Montana.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Sununu, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE UNDER THE MCNULTY MEMORANDUM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine corporate fraud prosecutions and the attorney-client privilege under the McNulty Memorandum, including S. 186, to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product, after receiving testimony from United States Attorney Karin J. Immergut, District of Oregon, Department of Justice; Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Daniel Charles Richman, Columbia University School of Law, and Andrew Weissmann, Jenner and Block, both of New York, New York; and Michael L. Seigel, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee, in a closed session, ordered favorably reported the nomination of Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Committee recessed subject to the call.