

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11775–S11917

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2072–2082, and S. Res. 323–324. **Page S11853**

Measures Reported:

S. 1771, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–182) **Page S11853**

Measures Passed:

Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 3580, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11831–41**

National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month”. **Pages S11862, S11914**

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 S11782–S11831, S11841–48**

Adopted:

By 72 yeas and 25 nays (Vote No. 344), Cornyn Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and the integrity of General Petraeus and all the

members of the United States Armed Forces. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S11785–88**

Levin (for Bond) Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide certain limitations to the issuance of security clearances. **Page S11810**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 2865 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the Secretary of Defense to expand the persons eligible for continued health benefits coverage. **Page S11810**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 2867 (to Amendment No. 2011), to repeal the authority for payment of a uniform allowance to civilian employees of the Department of Defense. **Pages S11810–11**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 2868 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a continuation of eligibility for TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Selected Reserve. **Page S11811**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2871 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide flexibility in paying annuities to certain Federal retirees who return to work. **Page S11811**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 2866 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize demonstration projects on the provision of services to military dependent children with autism. **Pages S11811–12**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 2869 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize increases in compensation for the faculty and staff of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. **Page S11812**

Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2293 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the transfer to the Government of Iraq of three C–130 E tactical airlift aircraft. **Page S11812**

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2285 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require recurring reports on the readiness of the National Guard for domestic emergencies. **Page S11812**

Levin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 2880, to require a report on the High-Altitude Aviation Training Site, Colorado. **Page S11812**

Levin (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2892 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require information regarding asymmetric capabilities in the annual report on the military power of the People's Republic of China.

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Levin Amendment No. 2278 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize a land exchange in Detroit, Michigan.

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Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2119 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report from the Inspector General of the Department of Defense on a pilot program for the imposition of fines for non-compliance of contractor personnel with requirements for contractor personnel performing private security functions in areas of combat operations.

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Levin (for Carper/McCaskill) Amendment No. 2123 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for training on contingency contracting for contractor personnel outside the defense acquisition workforce.

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Levin (for Murray) Amendment No. 2921 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a plan for the participation of members of the National Guard and the Reserves in the benefits delivery at discharge program.

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Levin (for Hutchinson) Modified Amendment No. 2233 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the feasibility of housing a National Disaster Response Center at Kelly Air Field, San Antonio, Texas.

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Levin (for Snowe/Kerry) Amendment No. 2299 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require consideration of small business concerns in evaluating actions that should be taken to address any disadvantage in the performance of contracts to actual and potential contractors and subcontractors of the Department of Defense when employees of such contractors and subcontractors are mobilized as part of a United States military operation overseas.

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Levin (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2300 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require relevant reports to be submitted to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

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Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 2864 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the provisions relating to mandatory separation for years of service of Reserve officers in the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral.

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Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2262 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the sunset date for the Office of the Ombudsman of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

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Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2939 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for independent management reviews of contracts for services.

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Levin (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2940 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the enforcement of requirements applicable to undefinitized contractual actions.

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Levin (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2893 (to Amendment No. 2011), to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau.

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Levin (for Reed/Dole) Amendment No. 2941 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the termination of assistance to State and local governments after completion of the destruction of the United States chemical weapons stockpile.

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Withdrawn:

By 51 yeas and 46 nays (Vote No. 343), Boxer Amendment No. 2947 (to Amendment No. 2011), to reaffirm strong support for all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and to strongly condemn attacks on the honor, integrity, and patriotism of any individual who is serving or has served honorably in the United States Armed Forces, by any person or organization. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 345), Feingold Amendment No. 2924 (to Amendment No. 2011), to safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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Pending:

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

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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.

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Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq.

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Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, September 21, 2007; provided that the time until 9:50 a.m., be equally divided and controlled between Senators Levin and McCain, or

their designees; that the time from 9:50 a.m. to 10 a.m., be under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority Leader, or his designee, controlling the final 5 minutes; provided further, that at 10 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote; that the amendment be subject to 60 affirmative votes and that if it does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that upon disposition of Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011), Senator Biden be recognized to offer an amendment and that whenever the Senate resumes consideration of the Biden Amendment, that there be 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Biden and McCain, or their designees, with no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote; provided further, that the Biden amendment be subject to a threshold of 60 affirmative votes and that if it does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.

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Water Resources Development Act—Conference Report: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Monday, September 24, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States; provided further, that the time until 5:45 p.m. be divided for debate as follows: 30 minutes under Senator Feingold's control with the remainder of the time under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 5:45 p.m., Senate vote on adoption of the conference report.

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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 on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-26)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with United Kingdom Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation (Treaty Doc. No. 110-7).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Padilla Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—345)
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:37 p.m., until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11914.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 2034, to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to