

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11919–S11965

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2083–2085, and S. Res. 325. **Page S11952**

Measures Reported:

S. 2084, to promote school safety, improved law enforcement. (S. Rept. No. 110–183) **Page S11952**

Measures Passed:

Ukraine Parliamentary Elections: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 320, recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy, and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on September 30, 2007, preserve and extend these gains and provide for a stable and representative government, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11954**

Gang Abatement and Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11954–65**

Casey (for Feinstein/Hatch) Amendment No. 3022, of a perfecting nature. **Page S11965**

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 S11919–37**

Withdrawn:

By 47 yeas and 47 nays (Vote No. 346), Levin/Reed Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11920–25**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11920**

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 S11920**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. **Page S11920**

Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. **Pages S11925–37**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General. **Pages S11945–47, S11965**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S11953**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S11953–54**

Additional Statements: **Page S11952**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S11954**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S11954**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—346) **Page S11924**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 2:24 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11965.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill entitled, “American Infrastructure Investment and Improvement Act”;

An original bill entitled, “The Habitat and Land Conservation Act of 2007”; and

An original bill to implement the United States–Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 26, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President’s supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 25, to hold hearings to examine two years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, focusing on housing needs in the Gulf Coast, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 27, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine congestion and delays impacting travelers, focusing on possible solutions, 10 a.m., SR–253.

September 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1578, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, S. 1889, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve railroad safety by reducing accidents and to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, S. 1453, to extend the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, S. 1965, to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors, S. J. Res. 17, directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean, and S. Con. Res. 39, supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims, and a promotion list in the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 24, to hold hearings to examine scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire activity in the United States, 3 p.m., SD–366.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1208)

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. Signed on September 20, 2007. (Public Law 110–82)

S. 377, to establish a United States–Poland parliamentary youth exchange program. Signed on September 20, 2007. (Public Law 110–83)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 24 through September 29, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act; following the disposition of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.