

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act.

Senate

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Measures Introduced: One bill and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2086, and S. Res. 326–329. **Page S12002**

Measures Reported:

H.J. Res. 43, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt. (S. Rept. No. 110–184) **Page S12002**

Measures Passed:

Condemning Assassination of Antoine Ghanem: Senate agreed to S. Res. 328, condemning the assassination on September 19, 2007, of Antoine Ghanem, a member of the Parliament of Lebanon who opposed Syrian interference in Lebanon. **Pages S12010–11**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, congratulating Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. **Pages S12011–12**

Water Resources Development Act—Conference Report: By 81 yeas and 12 nays (Vote No. 347), Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S11974–96**

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, Senate will resume 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. **Page S12012**

Nominations confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ted Poe, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

William Delahunt, of Massachusetts, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—347) **Page S11995**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12012.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ON WILDFIRE ACTIVITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine scientific assessments of the impacts of global climate change on wildfire

activity in the United States, after receiving testimony from Ann Bartuska, Deputy Chief, Research and Development, and Susan Conard, National Program Leader, Fire Ecology Research, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Thomas W. Swetnam, University of Arizona, Tucson; and John A. Helms, University of California Department of Forestry and Resource Management, Berkeley, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3633–3647; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51; H. Con. Res. 217–218 and H. Res. 670–674 were introduced. **Pages H10755–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10756–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3046, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance Social Security account number privacy protections, to prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and to otherwise enhance protection against identity theft, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–339);

H.R. 3121, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–340);

H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children (H. Rept. 110–341, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1943, to provide for an effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons (H. Rept. 110–342);

H. Res. 79, recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs' efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need (H. Rept. 110–343);

H. Con. Res. 25, expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber (H. Rept. 110–344, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3

months, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–345); and

H. Res. 675, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 679) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–346). **Pages H10754–55**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10699**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H10700**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Encouraging participation in hunting and fishing, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Hunting and Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment: H. Res. 634, amended, to encourage participation in hunting and fishing, and to support the goals and ideals of National Hunting and Fishing Day and the efforts of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment;

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Honoring the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina: H. Con. Res. 186, to honor the 75th anniversary of Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; **Page H10702**

Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety: H. Con. Res. 193, to recognize all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 891; **Pages H10702–03, H10734**