

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12077–S12187

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2094–2103, and S. Res. 332–333. **Page S12141**

Measures Reported:

S. 1671, to reauthorize and improve the entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–185)

H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians.

H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the “Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2587, A Bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the “Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the “Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office”.

H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the “Robert Merrill Postal Station”.

H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the “Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the “John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3106, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”.

S. 2023, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the “Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office”. **Pages S12140–41**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S12186–87**

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 S12092–12122**

Adopted:

By 75 yeas and 23 nays (Vote No. 348), Biden Modified Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to).

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By 76 yeas and 22 nays (Vote No. 349), Kyl/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to).

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McCaskill (for Hatch/Bennett) Amendment No. 3016 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the solid rocket motor industrial base.

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McCaskill Amendment No. 3010 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the size and mix of the Air Force intertheater airlift force.

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McCaskill (for Biden) Amendment No. 3043 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strengthen the nuclear forensics capabilities of the United States.

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McCaskill (for Levin/McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3009 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the authority of the Secretary of the Navy to carry out a certain fiscal year 2005 military construction project.

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McCaskill (for Bond) Amendment No. 3046 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve and streamline the security clearance process.

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McCaskill (for Levin/McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2011), to increase the military construction project authorization for Nuclear Aircraft Carrier Maintenance Pier, Bremerton, Washington.

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McCaskill (for Levin) Modified Amendment No. 3006 (to Amendment No. 2011), to transfer administrative jurisdiction of the former Nike missile site, Grosse Ile, Michigan.

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McCaskill (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2251 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

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McCaskill (for Conrad) Amendment No. 2172 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify limitations on the retirement of B–52 bomber aircraft.

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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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Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2064), to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes.

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Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3038, to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3039 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 3040 (to Amendment No. 3039), of a technical nature.

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Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials.

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Coburn Amendment No. 2196 (to Amendment No. 2011), to eliminate wasteful spending and improve the management of counter-drug intelligence.

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McCaskill (for Webb) Modified Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 28, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 28, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Thursday, September 27, 2007, provided that, there be 2 hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to Levin Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), and that upon completion of that time, Senate vote on the cloture motion relative to that amendment; provided further, that if cloture is invoked there be 2 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, followed by a vote on Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to Levin Amendment No. 2011), and that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that there then be 2 minutes for debate prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above), and that if cloture is invoked, there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the vote on Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), and that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that Members have until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 27, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments.

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Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act: Senate began consideration of the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to H.R. 976, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid Amendment No. 3071 (to the House amendment to Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 976), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 3072 (to Amendment No. 3071), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, September 25, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, September 27, 2007, upon disposition of Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to Levin Amendment No. 2011) and Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—349)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12187.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the President's supplemental request for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Robert Gates, Secretary, Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, and General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense; and John Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State.

SUBPRIME CREDIT MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role and impact of credit rating agencies on the subprime credit markets, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Michael Kanef, Moody's Investors Service, Vickie A. Tillman, Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services, and Lawrence J. White, New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business, all of New York, New York.

GEO THERMAL INITIATIVE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1543, to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources, after receiving testimony from Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Mark D. Myers, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Iceland President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, Reykjavik; David R. Wunsch, New Hampshire Geological Survey, Concord, on behalf of the Association of American State Geologists; Susan Petty, AtlaRock Energy, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Lisa Shevenell, University of Nevada Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy, Reno; and Kenneth H. Williamson, Santa Rosa, California.

IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of global warming on the Chesapeake Bay, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Representative Gilchrest; Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine, Richmond; Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, and William C. Baker, Chesapeake Bay