

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12389–S12451

Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2125–2128, S. Res. 341–343, and S. Con. Res. 48. **Page S12433**

Measures Passed:

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 342, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation. **Page S12447**

National Mammography Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 343, designating October 19, 2007, as “National Mammography Day”. **Pages S12447–48**

United States Transportation Command Anniversary: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 319, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12448–49**

Brown (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3138, of a technical nature. **Page S12449**

International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding: Senate passed S.J. Res. 13, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. **Pages S12449–50**

Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12393–S12417**

Adopted:

Inouye (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3120, to make available from Research, Development, Test,

and Evaluation, Army, \$1,000,000 for the Smart Data Project: Real Time Geospatial Video Sensor Intelligence program. **Pages S12415, S12416**

Inouye (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3125, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, \$1,000,000 for Materials Integrity Management Research for Air Force Systems. **Pages S12415, S12416**

Inouye (for Kohl/Kennedy) Amendment No. 3128, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$2,000,000 for the DDG–51 Class Modernization-Hybrid Propulsion Permanent Magnet Drive System. **Pages S12415–16**

Inouye (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 3124, to make funds available from Other Procurement, Air Force, to accelerate the deployment of the Associate Intermodal Platform pallet system. **Page S12416**

Rejected:

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 3126, to prohibit waivers for enlistment in the Armed Forces of individuals with certain felony offenses. (By 53 yeas and 41 nays (Vote No. 360), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12408–15**

Pending:

Graham Amendment No. 3117, to improve the security of United States borders. **Pages S12406–07**

Gregg Amendment No. 3119 (to Amendment No. 3117), to change the effective date. **Pages S12407–08**

Sanders Amendment No. 3130, to increase, with an offset, the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, by \$10,000,000. **Page S12414**

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 Thursday, October 4, 2007. **Pages S12416–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 3, 2007; provided that there be 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Graham Amendment No. 3117 (listed above); provided further, that the second-degree amendment be withdrawn, no other amendment be in order to the amendment

prior to the vote, and that the time be equally divided and controlled between Senators Graham and Inouye, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment. **Page S12451**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—360) **Page S12415**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12451.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the National Flood Insurance Program's financial structure, the extent of compliance with mandatory requirements, the status of map modernization efforts and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s oversight of the program, after receiving testimony from David I. Maurstad, Assistant Administrator and Federal Insurance Administrator, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Chad Berginnis, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., Donald L. Griffin, Prop-

erty Casualty Insurers Association of America, Des Plaines, Illinois; Gerald E. Galloway, University of Maryland, College Park; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; Mark Davey, Fidelity National Property and Casualty Insurance Group, Jacksonville, Florida; and Vince Malta, Malta and Co., Inc, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson and a Member, and Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member, each of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, who was introduced by Senators Chambliss and Isakson, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Also, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William H. Graves, of Tennessee, and Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

PREPARING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FOR A PANDEMIC

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine preparing the national capital region for a pandemic, after receiving testimony from Kevin Yeskey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Christopher T. Geldart, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Colonel Robert P. Mauskapf, USMC (Ret.), Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Richmond; and Darrell L. Darnell, District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

MINE SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and challenges facing current mine safety, after receiving testimony from Kevin G. Stricklin, Administrator, Coal Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Department of