

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12831–S12884*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2158–2164, and S. Res. 345–346. **Page S12863**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Tuesday, October 9, during the adjournment: S. 805, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–192)

S. 968, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–193)

H.R. 1678, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture. (S. Rept. No. 110–194) **Page S12863**

Reported on Monday, October 15: S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya. (S. Rept. No. 110–195)

S. 2020, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the “Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 110–196)

S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### Measures Passed:

**Fire Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 345, supporting the work of firefighters to educate and protect the Nation’s communities, and the goals

and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, October 7–13, 2007, as designated by the National Fire Protection Association. **Page S12853**

**National Teen Driver Safety Week:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Driver Safety Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S12853**

#### Measures Considered:

**Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S12835–53, S12853–58**

#### Adopted:

Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 3309, to provide that certain funds be available for the development of educational activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related to the civilian space program. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 3251, to provide funds for the National Research Council study on acidification of the oceans as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for Levin) Amendment No. 3275, to require the FBI to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the length of time taken by the FBI to conduct background checks. **Page S12844**

Mikulski (for McCaskill/Mikulski) Amendment No. 3247, to require the Departments, agencies and commissions to establish and maintain on their website homepages a direct link to the websites of their Inspectors General. **Pages S12844–45**

Mikulski (for Obama/Durbin) Amendment No. 3234, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee

makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Page S12845**

Mikulski (for Pryor) Amendment No. 3263, to establish a pilot program for digital and wireless networks to advance online higher education opportunities for minority students. **Pages S12845–46**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3271, of a perfecting nature. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3272, relative to the review of IT and 2010 Census-related activities at the Bureau of the Census. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3273, of a perfecting nature. **Page S12846**

Mikulski (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3288, to provide transparency and accountability in funding for conferences and meetings of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Pages S12846–47**

Mikulski (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3318, to provide additional transparency and accountability in funding for conferences and meetings of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Page S12847**

By 85 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 364), Brown Modified Amendment No. 3260, to prohibit the use of any funds made available in this Act in a manner that is inconsistent with the trade remedy laws of the United States. **Pages S12835, S12839, S12849–50**

Casey (for Biden) Modified Amendment No. 3256, to appropriate an additional \$110,000,000 for community-oriented policing services and to provide a full offset for such amount. **Pages S12835, S12852**

Mikulski/Collins Amendment No. 3310, to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Page S12852**

Mikulski (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3239, to clarify that student loan repayment assistance does not violate section 209 of title 18, United States Code, relating to Federal salary. **Page S12852**

Pending:

Inouye Amendment No. 3214, to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies. **Page S12835**

Bingaman/Smith Amendment No. 3208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine. **Pages S12842–44**

Vitter Amendment No. 3277, to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. **Pages S12850–52**

Thune Amendment No. 3317, to provide, in a fiscally responsible manner, additional funding for United States attorneys to prosecute violent crimes in Indian country. **Page S12854**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Mikulski Amendment No. 3233, to provide additional funding for the Office on Violence Against Women, previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S12839**

Mikulski (for Reid) Amendment No. 3225, to require an analysis of the methods for collecting data regarding the status of the United States economy and a determination of whether the current data results in an overstatement of United States economic growth, domestic manufacturing output, and productivity, previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S12840**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. **Page S12884**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108–8) (Ex. Rept. 110–1). **Page S12863**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S12862**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S12862–63**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S12863**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S12863–66**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S12866–74**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S12861–62**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S12874–84**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—364) **Page S12850**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S12884.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.