

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13497–S13529

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2252–2257, and S. Res. 358–359. **Pages S13520–21**

Measures Reported:

S. 1498, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the import, export, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–210)

Report to accompany H.R. 50, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994. (S. Rept. No. 110–211)

Report to accompany H.R. 465, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. (S. Rept. No. 110–212) **Page S13520**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating Boston Red Sox 2007 World Series Champions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, congratulating the Boston Red Sox on winning the 2007 World Series. **Pages S13528–29**

Measures Considered:

Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, agreeing to the committee amendments, which will be considered as original text for purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13509–12**

Adopted:

Lott (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3475, to require Amtrak to publish a comprehensive annual financial report that allocates revenues and costs among each of its routes. **Page S13509**

Lott (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3483, to encourage private sector funding of passenger trains. **Page S13509**

Lott (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3488, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to maintain Amtrak as a national passenger rail system. **Pages S13509–10**

Lott (for Bond) Amendment No. 3485, to provide a mission statement for Amtrak. **Page S13510**

Lott (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3484, to include private rail passenger operators on the Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee. **Page S13510**

Lott (for Crapo) Amendment No. 3477, to give additional consideration to States with limited Amtrak service when considering new intercity passenger rail routes. **Page S13510**

Lott (for Allard) Amendment No. 3476, to require Amtrak to develop a plan to operate within budgetary limits, including a long-term plan. **Page S13510**

Lott (for Sanders) Amendment No. 3473, to clarify that the Secretary of Transportation should favor projects that involve the purchase of environmentally sensitive, fuel-efficient, and cost-effective passenger rail equipment in selecting projects to receive capital investment grants to support intercity passenger rail service. **Page S13510**

Lott (for Tester) Amendment No. 3472, to require Amtrak to conduct a 1-time evaluation of passenger rail service between Chicago and Seattle through Southern Montana. **Page S13510**

Withdrawn:

Allard Amendment No. 3455, to strike the provisions repealing Amtrak's self-sufficiency requirements. **Page S13510**

Bond Amendment No. 3464, to amend section 24101 of title 49, United States Code, to clarify Amtrak's mission. **Page S13510**

Pending:

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3467, to require Amtrak to disclose the Federal subsidy of every ticket sold for transportation on Amtrak. **Page S13509**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3468, to increase competition in the American rail system by allowing any qualified rail operator or transportation company to compete for passenger rail service. **Page S13509**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3469, to clarify the level of detail to be included in the modern financial accounting and reporting system required under section 203. **Page S13509**

Bond (for DeMint) Amendment No. 3470, to require the Performance Improvement Plan to address reaching financial solvency by eliminating routes and services that do not make a profit. **Page S13509**

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

Lautenberg (for Carper) Amendment No. 3454 (to Amendment No. 3452), of a perfecting nature, fell when Sununu Amendment No. 3452 was withdrawn on Thursday, October 25, 2007. **Page S13509**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, and that all second-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 12 noon, on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. **Page S13529**

Myers Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the sequential referral of the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, to the Committee on the Judiciary be extended until November 2, 2007; provided further, that if the nomination is not reported at that time

the nomination then be automatically discharged from the Committee on the Judiciary and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S13528**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife. **Page S13529**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3981–3991; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 243, were introduced. **Page H12155**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H12155–56**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3877, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–411);

H.R. 2262, to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation mining claims, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–412);

H.R. 3921, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11

Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (H. Rept. 110–413); and H.R. 3920, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance and to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–414, Pt. 1). **Page H12155**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gonzalez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H12105**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H12105**

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

Anthony DeJuan Boatwright Act: H.R. 1473, amended, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require child care providers to provide to parents information regarding whether such providers carry current liability insurance; **Pages H12106–07**