

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate passed H.R. 3963, *Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act*.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13647–S13716*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2280–2300, S.J. Res. 23, S. Res. 363–364, and S. Con. Res. 52. **Page S13684**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. (S. Rept. No. 110–214)

S. 2285, to reauthorize the Federal terrorism risk insurance program. (S. Rept. No. 110–215)

S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–216)

S. 2168, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft, with amendments.

S. 2286, to establish a nonpartisan commission on natural catastrophe risk management and insurance. **Page S13684**

#### Measures Passed:

**Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act:** By 64 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 403), Senate passed H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S13657–76**

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

By 65 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 402), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S13675–76**

**Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2546, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center," and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13713**

**Farm Bill Extension Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that after a period of morning business on Monday, November 5, 2007, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012. **Page S13713**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–31) **Page S13683**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2012.

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2011.

Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S13714, S13716**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

7 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy. **Pages S13715–16**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S13683**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—403) **Pages S13675–76**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S13714–15.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions

to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection approved for full Committee consideration S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Senators Hagel and Nelson (NE), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOAN PROGRAM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration (SBA), focusing on the efficacy of the 7(a) loan program, including the 7(a) program's purpose and the performance measures SBA uses to assess the program's results, evidence of any market constraints that may affect small businesses' access to credit in the conventional lending market, the segments of the small business lending market that were served by 7(a) loans and the segments that were served by conventional loans, and the factors that may cause uncertainty about these costs, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Grady Hedgespeth, Director of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration; Veronique de Rugy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Anthony R. Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.