

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14025–S14103

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2315–2323. **Page S14062**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–221)

S. 597, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years. (S. Rept. No. 110–222)

S. 589, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–223)

H.R. 798, to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy. (S. Rept. No. 110–224)

Report to accompany S. 775, to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–225) **Page S14062**

Measures Passed:

Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2602, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the “Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14095**

Accountability in Government Contracting Act: Senate passed S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14095–14101**

Durbin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3565, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14101**

Veto Messages:

Water Resources Development Act—Veto Message: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the veto message of the President to accompany H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and that the message be considered as having been read, and spread in full in the Journal; provided further, that Senate continue consideration of the veto message to accompany H.R. 1495, at approximately 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, November 8, 2007, and that there be 30 minutes remaining for debate divided 7½ minutes each between Senators Boxer and Inhofe, and 15 minutes for the Republican Leader, or his designee; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, the objections of the President, notwithstanding. **Pages S14044–56**

Conference Reports:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages S14028–44**

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

By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 404), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the point of order under Senate Rule 28, paragraph 3, that the text of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Bill (H.R. 2642), which constitutes Division B of the

Conference Report for H.R. 3043, is new matter, as it was not contained in either the House or Senate-passed bills. Subsequently, the point of order was sustained and the language that is the subject of the point of order is stricken. **Page S14043**

By 56 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 405), Senate agreed to the motion to recede from its amendment to H.R. 3043 and concur with a further amendment. **Pages S14043–44**

Adopted:

Hutchison/Harkin Amendment No. 3557, in the nature of a substitute.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Charles A. Gargano, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

Eric J. Tanenblatt, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—405) **Pages S14043, S14044**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Thurs-

day, November 8, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14101.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CARBON SEQUESTRATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine carbon sequestration technologies, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Burruss, Research Geologist, Energy Resources Team, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Howard Herzog, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and Environment, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Charles E. Fox, Kinder Morgan, Houston, Texas; Sally M. Benson, Stanford University Global Climate and Energy Project, Stanford, California; Ron Wolfe, Sealaska Corporation, Juneau, Alaska; and Bryan Hannegan, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States government enforcement of intellectual property rights, including S. 522, to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and S. 2317, to amend titles 17 and 18, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to strengthen and harmonize the protection of intellectual property, after receiving testimony from Senator Bayh; Chris S. Israel, Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement, Department of Commerce; Christopher L. Moore, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade Policy and Programs, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs; and Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Chairman, Task Force on Intellectual Property, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2300, to improve the Small Business Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.