

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14709–S14748

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2405–2407, and S. Con. Res. 58. **Page S14741**

Measures Reported:

S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14741**

Measures Passed:

United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: By 77 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 413), Senate passed H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14716–19, S14719–28**

Welcoming First Ministers of Northern Ireland: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 58, welcoming First Minister Dr. Ian Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the United States. **Page S14746**

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 376, providing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare a commercial fishery failure for the groundfish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island and immediately propose regulations to implement section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S14746–47**

Temporary District Court Judgeships: Senate passed S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships. **Page S14747**

Emergency and Disaster Assistance Fraud Penalty Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds. **Pages S14747–48**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2131, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the “Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building”. **Page S14748**

Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”. **Page S14748**

Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”. **Page S14748**

Measures Considered:

Temporary Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Pages S14731–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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, December 6, 2007. **Page S14731**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. **Page S14748**

Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–696, announced the appointment of Senator Alexander as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Allard. **Page S14746**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2013.

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Page S14748**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—413) **Page S14727**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14748.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2332, to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership, with amendments;

S. 1581, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments;

S. 2307, to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, with amendments;

S. 2355, to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, with amendments; and

Promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commission Corps (NOAA).

CREDIT CARD PRACTICES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine credit card practices, focusing on unfair interest rate increases, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Hochschild, Discover Financial Services, Riverwoods, Illinois; Bruce L. Hammonds, Bank of America, Wilmington, Delaware; Ryan Schneider, Capital One Financial Corporation, McLean, Virginia; Janet Hard, Freeland, Michigan; Bonnie Rushing, Naples, Florida; and Millard Glasshof, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

NEW MADRID SEISMIC ZONE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine the earthquake zone within the central Mississippi Valley, extending from northeast Arkansas, through southeast Missouri, western Tennessee, western Kentucky to southern Illinois, known as the Madrid Seismic Zone, after receiving testimony from Glenn M. Cannon, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Operations Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; John R. Hayes, Jr., National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; David Applegate, Senior Science Advisor for Earthquakes and Geological Hazards, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; David Maxwell, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), Conway, on behalf of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC); and Callen Hays, Memphis Light, Gas, and Water, Memphis, Tennessee.

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing a comprehensive response to food safety problems, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Joseph Corby, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany; Paul B. Young, Waters Corporation, Newtownards, Northern Ireland; and Michael R. Taylor, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Cal Dooley, Grocery Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.