

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14749–S14805

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2408–2418, and S. Res. 388–389. **Pages S14786–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 704, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–234)

S. 1178, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–235)

S. 1780, to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent. (S. Rept. No. 110–236)

S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2045, to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of non-compliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Considered:

Temporary Tax Relief Act: Senate continued 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.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S14774**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 6, 2007; that there be 1 hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and the time be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that the 20 minutes immediately prior to the cloture vote be divided 10 minutes each for the Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes, and that Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S14803–04**

Farm Bill Extension Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14774–77**

Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs. **Pages S14774–77**

Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512. **Page S14774**

Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date. **Page S14774**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 7, 2007. **Page S14774**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S14803–04.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

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; and

The nominations of John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson, and Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, both to be Members of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and William H. Graves, of Tennessee, Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, and Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, all to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (Public Law 93–415), focusing on protecting children and communities, after receiving testimony from J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Shay Bilchik, Georgetown University Public Policy Institute Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Washington, D.C.; Deirdre Wilson Garton, Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission, Madison, Wisconsin; Anne Marie Ambrose, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Harrisburg; and Richard Miranda, Tucson Police Department, Tucson, Arizona.

FORECLOSURE CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the foreclosure crisis, focusing on helping families save their homes, including S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline P. Cox, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Thomas B. Bennett, Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama; Mark M. Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, Inc., West Chester, Pennsylvania; Joseph R. Mason, Drexel University LeBow College of Business, and Henry J. Sommer, National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mark S. Scarberry, American Bankruptcy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Nettie McGee, Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Bob Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HEALTH AND WELFARE NEEDS OF ELDERLY REFUGEES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the elderly who have been displaced by war, poverty, and persecution abroad, after receiving testimony from Kelly Ryan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Brent Orrell, Acting Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families, Department