

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14807–S15001

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2419–2432, and S. Res. 390–394. **Pages S14847–48**

Measures Reported:

S. 1245, to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region. (S. Rept. No. 110–237)

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Measures Passed:

Temporary Tax Relief Act: By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 415), Senate passed H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend alternative minimum tax relief, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14835–38**

Adopted:

Baucus Amendment No. 3804, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14835–38**

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

By 46 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 414), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S14809–14**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill (listed above) failed. **Page S14814**

Everglades National Park 60th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 392, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park. **Pages S14998–99**

Omaha, Nebraska Westroads Mall Tragedy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 393, expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events of December 5, 2007, at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska. **Page S14999**

National Cancer Research Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 394, recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer

Research and declaring the month of May 2007 as National Cancer Research Month. **Pages S14999–S15000**

National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 54, supporting the designation of a week as “National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S15000**

Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund: Senate passed H.R. 4118, to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15000**

Emancipation Hall: Senate passed H.R. 3315, to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15000**

House Messages:

Higher Education Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2371, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14827**

Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the Senate amendment to H.R. 710, to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S14827–29**

Farm Bill Extension Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be a limitation of 20 first-degree amendments per side to H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012; that the amendments be from the original list of amendments already agreed to on Wednesday, November 14, 2007; that all other provisions of the

previous agreement continue in effect, and that managers amendments cleared by both managers not be counted toward the 20 first-degree amendments; provided further, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 to H.R. 2419, be delayed to occur at a later time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S14838**

Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act House Message—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 6, to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, notwithstanding the receipt of the papers from the House of Representatives; that the Majority Leader be immediately recognized to move to concur in the House amendment and to file cloture on that motion; that there be 20 minutes of debate equally divided on the Majority Leader's motion to be followed by a cloture vote on that motion; provided further, that no other motions or amendments be in order prior to that vote.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

William E. Smith, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

George W. Venables, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Page S15001**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—415) **Pages S14814, S14838**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15000.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ARMY CONTRACTING REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations entitled "Urgent Reform Required: Army Expeditionary Contracting", after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Chairman, Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations; and Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Lieutenant General Ross N. Thompson, III, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Kathryn A. Condon, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General Army Material Command, all of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the foreign assistance of the United States to Pakistan, focusing on the effectiveness of financial aid, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; James R. Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); and Teresita C. Schaffer, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Lawrence Korb, Center for American