

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1323–S1391

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2673–2680, and S. Res. 463. **Pages S1384–85**

Measures Reported:

S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects. (S. Rept. No. 110–266)

S. 2160, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 110–267) **Page S1384**

Measures Passed:

Andean Trade Preference Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5264, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1388–90**

Minting and Issuance of Certain \$1 Coins: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5478, to provide for the continued minting and issuance of certain \$1 coins in 2008, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1390**

Noise Compatibility Projects: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 996, to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1390**

Measures Considered:

Global Strategic Report: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2634, to require a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates. **Pages S1334–64**

The motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1364**

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act

and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. **Pages S1364–76**

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

By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 35), 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. **Page S1365**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S1364–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, February 29, 2008. **Page S1391**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275 (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 21, 2004), the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Senator Coleman as Co-Chairman vice Senator Lott, and Senator Voinovich vice Senator Coleman. **Page S1391**

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 81–754, as amended by Public Law 93–536 and Public Law 100–365, appointed Senator Cardin to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, vice Senator Dodd. **Page S1391**

National Commission on Children and Disasters: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 110–161, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Children and Disasters: Ernie Allen of Virginia and Mary Almeta Carlson of Alaska. **Page S1391**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark on Social Security; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–39)

Page S1383

Messages from the House: **Pages S1383–84**

Measures Referred: **Page S1384**

Executive Communications: **Page S1384**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1385–86**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
Pages S1386–87

Additional Statements: **Pages S1382–83**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S1387**

Authorities for Committees to Meet:
Pages S1387–88

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1388**

Record Votes: One recorded vote was taken today. (Total—35) **Page S1365**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HALLMARK/WESTLAND MEAT RECALL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the recent Hallmark/Westland Meat Company meat recall, after receiving testimony from Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture; and Wayne

Pacelle, Humane Society of the United States, and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual "Monetary Policy Report to the Congress", after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Robert Sturgell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ECONOMIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of increased minimum wages on the economies of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, after receiving testimony from Representative Faleomavaega; Jay Berman, Senior Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor; Nikolao I. Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; American Samoa Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Pago Pago; and Governor Benigno R. Fitial, and Resident Representative Pedro A. Tenorio, both of Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 177 and H.R. 2085, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee