

Murray Amendment No. 4478 (to Amendment No. 4387), to increase funding for housing counseling with an offset. **Page S2722**

Mikulski Amendment No. 4494 (to Amendment No. 4478), to make additional funds available to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation to increase legal assistance available to homeowners at risk of foreclosure and assistance to community organizations working to preserve homeownership and prevent foreclosure, with an offset. **Page S2722**

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

By yeas 92 and nays 6 (Vote No. 93), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to close further debate on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4387 (listed above). **Page S2726**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, and that all time during any morning business, recess, or adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture. **Page S2765**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-43) **Pages S2740-41**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) (Treaty Doc. No. 110-16).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S2765**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2741-42**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—93) **Page S2726**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2765.)

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5714-5733; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 323-324; and H. Res. 1082, 1085-1091, were introduced. **Pages H2068-70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2070-71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1198, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-565);

H.R. 1237, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology

preparations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-566);

H.R. 1418, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-567);

H.R. 2464, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-568);

H.R. 3701, to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning falls among older adults, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-569);

H.R. 3825, 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 and to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–570);

H.R. 2063, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and to establish school-based food allergy management grants, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–571, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 1083, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2537) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring (H. Rept. 110–572); and H. Res. 1084, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2016) to establish the National Landscape Conservation System (H. Rept. 110–573). **Page H2068**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Capps to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2017**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2017**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring military children during “National Month of the Military Child”: H. Res. 265, amended, to honor military children during “National Month of the Military Child”; **Pages H2020–22**

Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial: H.J. Res. 70, amended, to congratulate the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and to commemorate the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 161; **Pages H2022–24, H2046**

Recognizing the tremendous service that members of the Armed Forces have given to the Nation, especially those who have been wounded in combat: H. Res. 1020, amended, to recognize the tremendous service that members of the Armed Forces have given to the Nation, especially those who have been wounded in combat; **Pages H2024–25**

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007: H.R. 1198, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; **Pages H2025–27**

Wakefield Act: H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 162; **Pages H2027–29, H2046–47**

Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 1237, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations; **Pages H2029–34**

Safety of Seniors Act of 2007: S. 845, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2034–36**

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007: H.R. 2063, amended, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and to establish school-based food allergy management grants; **Pages H2036–38**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools.”. **Page H2038**

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007: 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 and to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H2038–41**

Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act: S. 793, amended, to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 163. **Pages H2041–45, H2047–48**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. **Page H2045**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans: H. Res. 1077, to call on the Government

of the People's Republic of China to end its crack-down in Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution that respects the distinctive language, culture, religious identity, and fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans. **Pages H2048–58**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–103). **Pages H2019–20**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2019.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 73 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H2019**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2046, H2046–47 and H2047–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Ed Schafer, Secretary, Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary, Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Iraq and progress made by the government of Iraq in meeting benchmarks and achieving reconciliation, after receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to Iraq, Department of State; and General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 on

Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Ship Programs, and Vice Admiral Barry McCullough, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, both of the Department of the Navy, and Lieutenant General James F. Amos, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Combat Development and Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislation to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from William Kovacic, Chairman, and Pamela Jones Harbour, Jon Leibowitz, and J. Thomas Rosch, all Commissioners, all of the Federal Trade Commission.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the transition to digital television, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Meredith A. Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2259 and H.R. 813, bills to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects, H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan, H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply