

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

House Committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures, including the Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S3039–S3103**

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2868–2875, and S. Res. 517–518. **Pages S3079–80**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2087, to amend certain laws relating to Native Americans to make technical corrections. (S. Rept. No. 110–326)

S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3079**

#### Measures Passed:

**Week of the Young Child:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, designating the week of April 13–19, 2008, as “Week of the Young Child”. **Page S3103**

#### Measures Considered:

**Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3046–67**

#### Rejected:

DeMint Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions to report back, with an amendment striking all new earmarks and spending increases for existing earmarks. (By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the motion). **Pages S3047–56**

#### Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 4146, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3046–47**

Coburn Amendment No. 4538 (to Amendment No. 4146), to create a bipartisan, bicameral special committee to investigate the improper insertion of

an earmark for Coconut Road into the conference report of the 2005 highway bill after both chambers of Congress had approved identical versions of the conference report. **Pages S3058–60**

Boxer Amendment No. 4539 (to the text of the committee substitute to be inserted), to call for a review by the Department of Justice of allegations of violations of Federal criminal law. **Pages S3060–61**

Coburn Amendment No. 4540 (to Amendment No. 4539), relative to the Coconut Road Investigation. **Pages S3061–67**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Boxer Amendment No. 4146 (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, April 18, 2008. **Page S3052**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12:45 p.m., on Thursday, April 17, 2008. **Page S3103**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S3077–78**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3078**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S3087**

**Text of H.R. 3221, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S3087–S3102**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—104) **Page S3056**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3103.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense medical programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General, and Major General Gale S. Pollock, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army, Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, USN, MC, Surgeon General, and Rear Admiral Christine M. Bruzek-Kohler, USN, NC, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy, and Lieutenant General James G. Roudebush, Surgeon General, and Major General Melissa A. Rank, Assistant Surgeon General, Nursing Services and Medical Force Development, both of the United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the supplemental request for war funding for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony from former Representative Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, Thomas O. Hunter, President and Director, Sandia National Laboratories, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, George H. Miller, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Michael R. Anastasio, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a

hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Paul Cherecwich, Jr., Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 relative to military beneficiary organizations regarding the quality of life of Active, Reserve, and retired military personnel and their members, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), and Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), both of the Military Coalition, and Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, and Master Sergeant Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and Meredith M. Beck, Wounded Warrior Project, Arlington, Virginia.

### U.S. CREDIT MARKETS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine credit markets in the United States, focusing on proposals to mitigate foreclosures and restore liquidity to the mortgage markets, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Arthur J. Murton, Director, Division of Insurance and Research, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Scott M. Polakoff, Senior Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and