

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3213–S3271*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2898–2900, and S. Res. 524–528. **Page S3257**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 110–328)

Report to accompany S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis. (S. Rept. No. 110–329)

S. 1853, to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–330)

H. Con. Res. 307, expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers.

S. Res. 497, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008.

S. 431, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, with amendments. **Page S3254**

#### Measures Passed:

**Recognizing 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the Modern State of Israel:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 522, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3267**

**National Community Health Aide, Community Health Practitioner, and Dental Health Aide Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 526, designating April 20 through 26, 2008, as “National Commu-

nity Health Aide, Community Health Practitioner, and Dental Health Aide Week”. **Pages S3267–68**

**National Adopt A Library Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, designating April 23, 2008, as “National Adopt a Library Day”. **Page S3268**

**Global Youth Service Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 528, designating April 25, 2008, as “Global Youth Service Day”. **Pages S3268–69**

**E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3196, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3269**

**Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 3468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3269**

**Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 3532, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the “Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3269**

**Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3720, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the “Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3270**

**John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3803, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the “John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3270**

**Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3936, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the “Sgt. Jason

Harkins Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3270**

**Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the “Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex:** Senate passed H.R. 4166, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the “Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 4211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the “Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Felix Sparks Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4240, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the “Felix Sparks Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4454, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the “Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building”, in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5135, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the “Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5220, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the “Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Sgt. Michael M. Kasbkoush Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5400, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the “Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Julia M. Carson Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 5472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Julia M. Carson Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the “Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Veterans’ Benefits Enhancement Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans. **Pages S3221–27, S3227–33, S3233–48**

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

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 109), 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 proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be agreed to.

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**Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2831, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and that the

time until 6:00 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that at 6:00 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and that all time during any adjournment, recess or morning business count against cloture.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—109) Page S3225

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3271.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the role of the credit rating agencies, after receiving testimony from former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and John C. Coffee, Jr., Columbia University Law School, Arturo Cifuentes, R.W. Pressprich and Company, Stephen W. Joynt, Fitch Ratings, Inc., Claire Robinson, Moody's Investors Service, and Vickie A. Tillman, Standard and Poor's, all of New York, New York.

### FUTURE OF THE INTERNET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the internet, after receiving testimony from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Michele Combs, Christian Coalition of

America, Robert W. Hahn, American Enterprise Institute Center for Regulatory and Market Studies, and Kyle McSarrow, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Patric M. Verrone, Writers Guild of America, West, Los Angeles, California; Justine Bateman, FM78.tv, Studio City, California; and Lawrence Lessig, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California.

### FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, focusing its report on the future of the surface transportation system in the United States, after receiving testimony from Frank J. Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Madison; Jack Schenendorf, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Heminger, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, California, Matthew K. Rose, BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and Patrick E. Quinn, U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, all on behalf of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 934 and H.R. 1374, bills to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, S. 2833, to provide for the management of certain public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, and S. 2834, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, and improve public land in Washington County, Utah, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Crapo; Julie Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; James J. Eardley, Washington County, Saint George, Utah; William H. Meadows, Washington, D.C., and Craig Gehrke, Boise, Idaho, both of the Wilderness Society; and Chad C. Gibson, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, Wilder, Idaho.

### INTERNATIONAL DEFORESTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental