

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3459–S3552

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2928–2938, and S. Res. 539–541. **Pages S3507–08**

Measures Reported:

S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3507**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of Maine v. Douglas Rawlings*, Jonathan Kreps, James Freeman, Henry Braun, Robert Shetterly, and Dudley Hendrick. **Pages S3461–62**

Higher Education Act Extension: Senate passed S. 2929, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Page S3475**

Commemorating Dith Pran: Senate agreed to S. Res. 515, commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran. **Pages S3549–50**

Political Situation in Zimbabwe: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 533, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the political situation in Zimbabwe, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3550**

Measures Considered:

FAA Reauthorization Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4585, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3484–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, and that Senator Durbin be recognized to offer an amendment. **Page S3550**

Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House on H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Inouye, Pryor, Boxer, Klobuchar, Stevens, Hutchison, and Sununu. **Page S3549**

Independent Office of Advocacy and Small Business Regulatory Reform Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 2902, to ensure the independent operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. **Page S3549**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Permanent Representative on the

Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

William Edward Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Hugo Llorens, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs.

Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

17 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

Patricia McMahan Hawkins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Paul G. Gardephe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Clark Waddoups, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3550.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the