

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 24 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3553–S3648*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2939–2950, and S. Res. 542–543. **Pages S3594–95**

#### Measures Passed:

**Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Durbin (for Kennedy/Enzi) Amendment No. 4592, to improve access to student loans. **Page S3644**

**Healthy Start Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3644**

**Senator McCain:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 511, recognizing that John Sidney McCain III, is a natural born citizen. **Pages S3645–46**

#### Measures Considered:

**FAA Reauthorization Act:** Senate continued 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, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Withdrawn:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4585, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3554–59, S3560–81**

Durbin Amendment No. 4587 (to Amendment No. 4585), to strike the provision relating to required funding of new accruals under air carrier pension plans. **Pages S3554–59, S3560–81**

#### Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3581**

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Reid Amendment No. 4628 (to Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Page S3581**

Reid Amendment No. 4629 (to Amendment No. 4628), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3581**

Reid Amendment No. 4630 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Pages S3581–82**

Reid Amendment No. 4631 (to Amendment No. 4630), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3582**

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

Durbin Amendment No. 4587 (to Amendment No. 4585), to strike the provision relating to required funding of new accruals under air carrier pension plans, fell when Rockefeller Amendment No. 4585 was withdrawn. **Pages S3554–59, S3560–81**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

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#### Appointments:

**Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the Second Session of the 110th Congress: Senators Voinovich and Murkowski.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S3646**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael M. Anello, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3646.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and 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, after receiving testimony from Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

#### 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 and nuclear weapon non-proliferation efforts of the United States, after receiving testimony from William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Matthew Bunn, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Siegfried S. Hecker, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California.

#### NRO/SPACE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in closed session to examine the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)/Space Programs, after receiving testimony from Scott F. Large, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, all of the Department of Defense.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, CAPITOL POLICE, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the United States Capitol Police, and the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol, Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; and James Billington, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress.

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces 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.

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*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland 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.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: An original bill entitled “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009”;

An original bill entitled “Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009”;

An original bill entitled “Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009”; and

An original bill entitled “Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2009”.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of