

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4425–S4557

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3035–3044, and S. Res. 571. **Pages S4486–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–337)

S. Res. 550, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia. **Page S4485**

Measures Passed:

Higher Education Act of 1965: Senate passed S. 3035, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages S4425–26**

Crazy Horse Memorial: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 496, honoring the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4427–28**

Credit and Debit Card Receipt Clarification Act: Senate passed H.R. 4008, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to make technical corrections to the definition of willful noncompliance with respect to violations involving the printing of an expiration date on certain credit and debit card receipts before the date of the enactment of this Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4439–40**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 482, designating July 26, 2008, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4443–44**

Protecting Our Children Comes First Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2517, to amend the Missing

Children’s Assistance Act to authorize appropriations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4549**

KIDS Act: Senate passed S. 431, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4549–54**

Reid (for Schumer/McCain) Amendment No. 4798, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4553–54**

100th birthday of late President Lyndon Baines Johnson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 571, recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer. **Pages S4554–55**

100th birthday of late President Lyndon Baines Johnson: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 354, recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4555**

Congratulating and Saluting Focus: HOPE: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 79, congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 40th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S4555–56**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4444–71, S4475–76**

Pending:

Reid Motion to Concur in the House Amendment No. 2 to the Senate amendment to the bill with Amendment No. 4803, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4475**

Reid Amendment No. 4804 (to Amendment No. 4803), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4475**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2642, Military Construction And Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, with an amendment, Reid Amendment No. 4803 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 22, 2008. **Pages S4475–76**

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

Senator Menendez raised a point of order under Rule XVI, Paragraph 4, against the Reid motion to concur in the House Amendment with Amendment No. 4789 (to House Amendment No. 2 to the Senate Amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4475**

Chair sustained a point of order against the Reid Amendment No. 4789 as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the motion thus fell. **Page S4475**

The following amendments fell when the motion to concur fell:

Reid Amendment No. 4789 (to House Amendment No. 2 to the Senate Amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4460**

Reid Amendment No. 4790 (to Amendment No. 4789), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4460**

A unanimous-consent was reached providing that at approximately 12:00 noon on Wednesday May 21, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 2642. **Page S4557**

Johnson Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the time from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, be reserved for Senators to make tributes to former President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, in honor of the centennial of his birth, with the time equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Republican Leader, or their designees. **Pages S4556–57**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50) **Page S4483**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 136), G. Steven Agee, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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Michael G. McGinn, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2010. **Pages S4435–39, S4440–43 S4557**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Husein A. Cumber, of Florida, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Asif J. Chaudhry, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S4557**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Hans von Spakovsky, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2012, which was sent to the Senate on August 2, 2007. **Page S4557**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—136) Page S4443

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4556–57.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

H.R. 634, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, with an amendment;

An original bill entitled "Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act"; and

An original bill to make certain technical corrections to Title III of SAFETEA-LU.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, including S. 1766, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of energy, and S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, focusing on containing the costs of a cap-and-trade program for carbon dioxide emissions, after receiving testimony from Brent Yacobucci and Larry Parker, both Specialists in Energy and Environmental Policy, Resource, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Brian J. McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc.109–14), Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc.109–15), Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc.109–16), Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc.109–17), Extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the "Protocol"), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–11), Extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "MLA Agreement"), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–12), Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc.107–12), Mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc.109–13), and Treaty between the United States of America and Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed on July 28, 2006, at Kuala Lumpur (Treaty Doc.109–22), after receiving testimony from Susan Biniaz, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State;