

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4559–S4707

Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3045–3047, S.J. Res. 33, S. Res. 572–573, and S. Con. Res. 83.

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Measures Passed:

Accountability for Abuses in Somalia: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 541, supporting humanitarian assistance, protection of civilians, accountability for abuses in Somalia, and urging concrete progress in line with the Transitional Federal Charter of Somalia toward the establishment of a viable government of national unity, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Recognizing Cuba Solidarity Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 573, recognizing Cuba Solidarity Day and the struggle of the Cuban people as they continue to fight for freedom.

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Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008, Senate resume 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 there be 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled between the Majority Leader and Republican Leader, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the Reid Motion to Concur in House Amendment No. 2 with Reid Amendment No. 4803 be withdrawn, Reid Amendment No. 4804 also be withdrawn, and Senate then vote on adoption of the Reid Motion to Concur with an amendment in House Amendment No. 2 with Reid Amendment No. 4803; provided further, that the Reid Motion to Concur be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold and that if the motion achieves that threshold, it be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and

laid upon the table; provided further, that if the motion fails to achieve the 60-vote threshold, it be withdrawn, and the Majority Leader be recognized to move to concur in House Amendment No. 2 with an amendment which is the text of the Webb GI bill, the motion be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold, and that if it achieves that threshold, the motion to concur with an amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; provided further, that if the motion fails to achieve 60 affirmative votes, it be withdrawn, and Senate disagree to House Amendment No. 2; that upon disposition of House Amendment No. 2, the Majority Leader be recognized to move to concur in House Amendment No. 1 with an amendment which is the text of the Committee-reported Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 on Iraq policy and funding; that the Senator Sanders then be recognized to make a Rule XVI point of order against Section 11312 of the motion to concur in House Amendment No. 1 with an amendment and that if the point of order is sustained, the Majority Leader be recognized to move to concur in House Amendment No. 1 with an amendment which is the text of Committee-reported Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 without section 11312, that the motion be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold, and that if it achieves that threshold, it be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; provided further, that if the motion fails to achieve the 60-vote threshold, it be withdrawn, and the Majority Leader be recognized to move to concur in House Amendment No. 1 with an amendment which is the text of Committee Amendment No. 2 without section 11312, that the motion be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold, and that if the motion achieves that threshold, it be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; provided further, that if the motion fails to achieve that threshold, it then be withdrawn, and the Senate disagree to House Amendment No. 1; further, that no further points of order be in order, with no intervening action or debate.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LOW-CARBON ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry, and Credit concluded a hearing to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, after receiving testimony from Dick Wittman, Agricultural Carbon Market Working Group, and Derik Broekhoff, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, DC; Laurie A. Wayburn, Pacific Forest Trust, San Francisco, California; Ruben N. Lubowski, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; and Steven Corneli, NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2766, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel;

S. 1499, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels;

S. 2555, to permit California and other States to effectively control greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles;

S. 2844, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, with amendments;

S. 2707, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network;

H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;

S. 1566, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act;

S. 2700, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to double liability limits for single-hull tankers and tank barges for 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2728, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, with an amendment;

H.R. 3248, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2403, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson, III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse";

S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse";

S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, NE as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building";

H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building";

H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building";

H.R. 781, to redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the "Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam".

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the