

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act (Supplemental Appropriations).

Senate upon reconsideration passed H.R. 2419, Food Conservation and Energy Act, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

H. Con. Res. 355, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4709–S4850

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3048–3073, S.J. Res. 34–36, S. Res. 574–579, and S. Con. Res. 84–85. **Pages S4792–93**

Measures Reported:

S. 2420, to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–338)

S. 1581, to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–339)

S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida. (S. Rept. No. 110–340)

S. 2307, to amend the Global Change Research Act of 1990, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–341)

S. Res. 563, designating September 13, 2008, as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day”.

S. Res. 567, designating June 2008 as “National Internet Safety Month”.

S. 1210, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4791**

Measures Passed:

Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act: Senate passed H.R. 6081, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide benefits for military personnel, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4772–74**

Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act: Senate passed S. 1965, to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4837–39**

Reid (for Stevens) Amendment No. 4819, to strike the authorization of appropriations and the additional child pornography amendments.

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Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 2062, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4839–44**

Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4820, to modify provisions relating to use of treatment of funds, amounts, an allocation formula, and a demonstration program. **Page S4844**

Federal Food Donation Act: Senate passed S. 2420, to encourage the donation of excess food to

nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 563, designating September 13, 2008, as “National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day”.

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National Internet Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 567, designating June 2008 as “National Internet Safety Month”.

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Gasoline Usage: Senate agreed to S. Res. 577, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of gasoline and other fuels by Federal departments and agencies.

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Congressional Club 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 578, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club.

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National Hurricane Preparedness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, designating the week beginning May 26, 2008, as “National Hurricane Preparedness Week”.

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Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 85, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor Frank W. Buckles, the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 355, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Measures Considered:

Climate Security Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 22, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 2, 2008.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the mo-

tion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 2, 2008, and that the time from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Veto Messages:

Food Conservation and Energy Act—Veto Message: By 82 yeas to 13 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 140), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding.

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House Messages:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act: Senate resumed 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:

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Adopted:

By 75 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 137), 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. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to).

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By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 139), Reid Motion to Concur in the amendment of the House No. 1 to the amendment of the Senate to the bill with Reid Amendment No. 4818, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to).

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Withdrawn:

The motion to invoke cloture on in the House Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2642, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, with an amendment, Reid Amendment No. 4803.

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

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By 34 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 138), Reid Motion to Concur in the amendment of the House No. 1 to the amendment of the Senate to the bill with Reid Amendment No. 4817, in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was

reached providing that the motion, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn.)

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

Chair sustained a point of order against Reid Motion to Concur in the amendment of the House No. 1 to the amendment of the Senate to the bill with Reid Amendment No. 4816, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill, and the amendment thus fell.

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Budget Resolution Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when the Senate considers the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, all statutory time be yielded back except for 15 minutes to be equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget; that upon the use of that time the vote on adoption of the conference report occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader following consultation with the Republican Leader.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael B. Bemis, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2013.

Patrick J. Durkin, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2009.

David F. Girard-diCarlo, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

John J. Faso, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2013.

Joe Manchin III, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison

Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 5, 2012.

Harvey M. Tettlebaum, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring October 3, 2012.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S4790–91**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S4741, S4742, S4749**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4849.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force–Iraq, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 144 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.