

reached providing that the motion, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn.)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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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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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.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1919, to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, after receiving testimony from Warren Maruyama, General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and Lael Brainard, Brookings Institution, John R. Magnus, TradeWins LLC, and Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

**ANTI-DOPING TREATY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on October 19, 2005 (Treaty Doc.110–14), after receiving testimony from Scott M. Burns, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Joan Donoghue, Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Jair Lynch, U.S. Olympic Committee, former Olympic Medalist, Washington, D.C.; and Travis T. Tygart, United States Anti-Doping Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine improving the security clearance process, focusing on reform efforts to streamline, standardize, and update the process, after receiving testimony from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Elizabeth McGrath, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation; John P. Fitzpatrick, Director, Special Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Kathy L. Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, Office of Personnel Management.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BACKLOGS**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of probate backlogs at the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Gary Svanda, Madera City Council, Madera, California; Robert Chicks, Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Bowler, Wisconsin; and Douglas Nash, Seattle University School of Law Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate, Seattle, Washington.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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

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

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

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

The nominations of Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, William T. Lawrence, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and William Walter Wilkins, III, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

**CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine efforts to provide civil legal assistance to low-income Americans, focusing on the Legal Services Corporation, and improvements needed in governance, accountability, and grants management, and oversight, after receiving testimony from Jeanette Franzel, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office; Helaine M. Barnett, Washington, D.C., and Jonann C. Chiles, Little Rock, Arkansas, both of the Legal Services Corporation; Rebekah Diller, New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York; Lora J. Livingston, American Bar Association (ABA), Austin, Texas; Jo-Ann Wallace, National Legal Aid and Defender Association,

Washington, D.C.; Wilhelm H. Joseph, Jr., Maryland's Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Baltimore; and Kenneth F. Boehm, National Legal and Policy Center, Falls Church, Virginia.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

#### MEDICARE PART D

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Medicare program

for the most vulnerable, focusing on senior citizens at risk, and including Medicare Part D and the Social Security Administration's implementation of the low-income subsidy, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; N. Joyce Payne, AARP, and Laura Summer, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Lisa Emerson, Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program, Salem, Oregon; and Judy Korynasz, Hillsboro, Oregon.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 6123–6166; and 20 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88–89; H. Con. Res. 361–365; and H. Res. 1220–1232, were introduced. (See next issue.)

**Additional Cosponsors:** (See next issue.)

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5540, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network (H. Rept. 110–667);

H.R. 3667, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–668);

H.R. 5876, to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–669);

H.R. 554, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–670, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–671); and

H.R. 3774, to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–672). (See next issue.)

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4455**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 1221, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 188 nays with 10 voting “present”, Roll No. 352. **Pages H4468–69**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Providing for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012:* H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 306 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 353. **Pages H4469–H4655**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 20th:

*Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora:* H. Res. 1194, to reaffirm the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 10 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 354 and **Pages H4655–56**

*Recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who*