

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4993–S5126*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3079–3083, and S. Res. 582–583. **Pages S5039–40**

#### Measures Reported:

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”.

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. 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.

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

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, New York, as the “Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse”.

S. 2942, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center.

S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building”. **Page S5039**

#### Measures Passed:

*American Eagle Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 583, designating June 20, 2008, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Pages S5119–20**

#### Measures Considered:

**Climate Security Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5014–20**

##### Pending:

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5014–15**

Reid Amendment No. 4826 (to Amendment No. 4825), to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments. **Page S5017**

Reid Amendment No. 4827 (to Amendment No. 4826), to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments. **Pages S5017–18**

Reid Amendment No. 4828 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825), to provide for the enactment date. **Page S5018**

Reid Amendment No. 4829 (to Amendment No. 4828), to change the enactment date. **Page S5018**

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 4830, to provide for the enactment date. **Page S5019**

Reid Amendment No. 4831 (the instructions of the Reid motion to commit), to change the enactment date. **Page S5019**

Reid Amendment No. 4832 (to Amendment No. 4831), to change the enactment date. **Page S5019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 6, 2008. **Page S5019**

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

By 27 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 143), Senate rejected the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

**Page S5015**

**Consumer-First Energy Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Page S5020**

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, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 6, 2008. **Page S5020**

Subsequently, the motion to close further debate was withdrawn. **Page S5020**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008. **Page S5120**

### Conference Reports:

**Budget Resolution Conference Report:** By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 142), Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S5005–08**

**Food, Conservation, and Energy Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 5, 2008, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012; that there be 60 minutes of debate divided in the following manner: Senator DeMint, 30 minutes, Senator Coburn, 20 minutes, and 10 minutes to be controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time,

Senate vote on passage of the bill; and that no amendments be in order to the bill. **Pages S5020–21**

**Signing Authority-Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, June 9, 2008. **Page S5120**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Bulgaria with Proposed Protocol of Amendment (Treaty Doc. No. 110–18).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S5120**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2014.

William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

Eric J. Tanenblatt, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador.

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister,

for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Brennan, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Marianne Matuzic Myles, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Layshae Ward, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Joseph Evan LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Stephen James Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2012.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Nancy M. Zirkin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Kerry Kennedy, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Lily Fu Claffee, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs).

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Patricia McMahon Hawkins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. (Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

William Walter Wilkins III, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy.

Pages S5024–26, S5124–26

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

William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

Pages S5120–24

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

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Page S5126

**Messages from the House:**

Page S5037

**Measures Referred:**

Page S5037

**Measures Read the First Time:**

Page S5120

**Executive Communications:**

Pages S5037–39

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S5040–41  
**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S5041–48  
**Additional Statements:** Pages S5034–37  
**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S5048–S5118  
**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** Pages S5118–19  
**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S5119  
**Privileges of the Floor:** Page S5119  
**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2) Page S5015  
**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—143) Pages S5007–08, S5015  
**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 and adjourned at 12:18 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S5120.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O’Malia, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Stabenow, each to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2009.

### VEHICLE ROOF STRENGTH

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine passenger vehicle roof strength, after receiving testimony from Senator Coburn; James F. Ports, Jr., Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen L. Oesch, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and Michael J. Stanton, Association

of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc., both of Arlington, Virginia; Robert Strassburger, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, all of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Garcia, Endicott, New York.

### CHINA IN AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the engagement of China and its expanding role in Africa, focusing on the implications for the policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and James Swan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, both of the Department of State; Elizabeth C. Economy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

### TERRORISM DETAINEE POLICY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the detainee policy, focusing on handling terrorism detainees within the American justice system, after receiving testimony from John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; James J. Benjamin, Jr., Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP, New York, New York; Amos N. Guiora, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City; and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Benjamin Wittes, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

### SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE TO INVISIBLE WOUNDS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care programs at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, focusing on treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, after receiving testimony from Norma Perez, Mental Health Integration Psychologist, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, Ira Katz, Deputy Chief of Patient Care Services, Officer for Mental Health, Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.