

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, Budget Resolution for FY 2009.

Senate passed H.R. 6124, Food, Conservation, and Energy Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3084–3095, S.J. Res. 38, and S. Res. 584–587. **Pages S5204–05**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Whether Public Statements Regarding Iraq by U.S. Government Officials were Substantiated by Intelligence Information”. (S. Rept. No. 110–345)

Special Report entitled “Intelligence Activities Relating to Iraq Conducted by the Policy Counterterrorism Evaluation Group and the Office of Special Plans within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy”. (S. Rept. No. 110–346)

H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments. (S. Rept. No. 110–344)

S. 2355, to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–347) **Page S5204**

Measures Passed:

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act: By 77 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 144), Senate passed H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5182–88**

Salvaging on the Coast of Florida: Senate passed 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.

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International Center Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 3913, to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5331**

Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 311, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S5331**

Congratulating Arizona State University Women’s Softball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 586, congratulating the Arizona State University women’s softball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Softball Championship. **Pages S5331–32**

Measures Considered:

CONSUMER-FIRST ENERGY ACT: Senate continued 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. **Pages S5152–82**

Conference Reports:

BUDGET RESOLUTION CONFERENCE REPORT—VOTE RATIFICATION: Senate having received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has 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, Senate Vote No. 142, taken on

Wednesday, June 4, 2008, with respect to this matter is ratified. **Page S5174**

CLIMATE SECURITY ACT—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:00 a.m., on Friday, June 6, 2008, Senate resume consideration of S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4825, in the nature of a substitute, and that Senators be authorized to file second-degree amendments until 10:00 a.m., on Friday, June 6, 2008.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination, Lieutenant General Stanley A. McChrystal, in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—144)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STATE OF THE BANKING INDUSTRY (PART II)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, after receiving testimony from Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Joann M. Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Timothy J. Karsky, North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions, Bismarck, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine off-highway vehicle management on public lands, after receiving testimony from Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, and Jayne Belnap, Research Ecologist, United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Edward Moreland, American Motorcyclist Association, Washington, D.C.; Greg Mumm, BlueRibbon Coalition, Rapid City, South Dakota; Nada Culver, Wilderness Society, Denver, Colorado; Bradley Powell, Trout Unlimited, Payson, Arizona; Frank Adams, Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, Mesquite.

TAX REFORM FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the choices for small business in advance of tax reform, focusing on Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 Schedule C, Form 1065 Schedule K–1, and Schedule S, after receiving testimony from Douglas A. Shackelford, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School; Eric J. Toder, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and Samuel P. Starr, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dewey Martin, Husson College Accounting Department, Hampden, Maine, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business.

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR DISASTERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and