

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

House Committees ordered reported 6 measures, including the Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5727–S5769

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3145–3157, and S. Con. Res. 91. **Page S5753**

Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 38, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative. **Page S5753**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 337, honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict. **Page S5769**

Honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 91, honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown, of Lake Jackson, Texas, extending gratitude to her and her family, and pledging continuing support for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. **Page S5769**

Measures Considered:

Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Pages S5711–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 2008. **Page S5769**

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act—Veto Message: By 80 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 151), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 6124, to provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S5739–41**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–53) **Page S5751**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

J. V. Schwan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2017. **Page S5769**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5769.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

SHIPMENT OF SENSITIVE MISSILE COMPONENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the report titled "Investigation into the Shipment of Sensitive Missile Components to Taiwan," also known as the "Donald Report" from Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, USN, Director, Office of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, and Deputy Administrator, Office of Naval Reactors, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

WILDFIRE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the preparedness of federal land management agencies for the 2008 wild-fire season, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Ron Thatcher, National Federation of Federal Employees' Forest Service Council, Libby, Montana; Casey Judd, Federal Wildland Fire Service Association, Inkom, Idaho;

and Deborah Miley, National Wildlife Suppression Association, Lyons, Oregon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S.J. Res. 38, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative;

An original bill entitled "Iran Sanctions Act of 2008"; and

The nominations of Richard T. Morrison, and David Gustafson, both of Virginia, and Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, and Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting personal information, focusing on steps the federal government has in place to ensure privacy, after receiving testimony from Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Hugo Teufel, III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; and Peter P. Swire, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Bethesda, Maryland.

IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving energy efficiency, focusing on increasing the use of renewable sources of energy, and reducing the "carbon footprint" of the Capitol complex, after receiving testimony from Terrell G. Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Brendan Owens, United States Green Building Council, and Jean Carroon, National Trust for Historic Preservation Sustainable Preservation Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

FAIRNESS IN NURSING HOME ARBITRATION ACT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to examine S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, after receiving testimony from Alison E. Hirschel, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care, East Lansing, Michigan;