

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8897–S8961

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3503–3513, and S. Res. 663–664. **Pages S8947–48**

Measures Reported:

S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. (S. Rept. No. 110–468)

S. 2907, to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–469) **Page S8947**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 88 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate passed S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8931–33**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 5290, to change the enactment date. **Page S8933**

Reid Amendment No. 5291 (to Amendment No. 5290), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8933**

Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 3002, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S8933**

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Military Construction Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 3003, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S8933**

Department of Energy National Security Act: Senate passed S. 3004, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Pages S8933–34**

Guaranteed Student Loans: Senate passed H.R. 6889, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8960**

Dalai Lama and the Government of China: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 643, calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8960–61**

Sanders (for Feingold) Amendment No. 5630, to amend the preamble. **Pages S896061**

Measures Considered:

Advancing America's Priorities Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities. **Page S8934**

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, September 19, 2008.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8934**

Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act—Closure: Senate began 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. **Page S8934**

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 closure will occur on Friday, September 19, 2008.

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Authorities for Committees To Meet:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—201) **Page S8933**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8961.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, and Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, who were both introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), Bruce M. Ramer, of California, and Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the "John W. Warner Rapids";

H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System;

An original bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act;

S. 2080, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1387, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2970, to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies;

An original bill to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones;

An original bill to protect pregnant women and children from dangerous lead exposures;

H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1771, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes;

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams;

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia;