

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8963–S9168*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3514–3527, and S. Res. 665–668. **Page S9025**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1070, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–470)

H.R. 3247, to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–471)

S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–472)

S. 2969, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–473)

S. Res. 540, recognizing the historical significance of the sloop-of-war USS Constellation as a reminder of the participation of the United States in the transatlantic slave trade and of the efforts of the United States to end the slave trade.

S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, with amendments.

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#### Measures Passed:

**National Save for Retirement Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 601, designating October 19 through October 25, 2008, as “National Save for Retirement Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9164–65**

**Lander Trail 150th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 623, recognizing the importance of the role of the Lander Trail in the settlement of the American West on the 150th anniversary of the Lander Trail, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Neighbor Day, National Good Neighbor Day, and National Neighborhood Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 650, recognizing the importance of National Neighbor Day, National Good Neighbor Day, and National Neighborhood Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9164–65**

**National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 667, designating September 2008 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. **Pages S9164–65**

**Bennett Freeze:** Senate passed S. 531, to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93–531, commonly known as the “Bennett Freeze”. **Pages S9165–66**

**United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act:** Senate passed S. 2606, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9166–67**

Casey (for Lieberman/Collins) Amendment No. 5631, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9167**

**Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, Senate begin 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, and that the bill be considered under the following limitations: that there be 60 minutes of general debate on the bill, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that the only first-degree amendments in order be the following, with no other amendments in order, they be subject to an affirmative 60-vote threshold, that if

the amendment achieves that threshold, then it be agreed to, that if the amendment does not achieve that threshold, then it be withdrawn, and that each amendment be subject to a debate time limitation of 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled in the usual form: Baucus-Grassley amendment in the nature of a substitute relative to energy tax extenders with offset; Reid or designee perfecting amendment relative to AMT with offset; Baucus-Grassley perfecting amendment relative to tax extenders/AMT without full offset; that it be in order for Senator Conrad to raise a budget point of order against the amendment; and that once the debate time has been used or yielded back, a motion to waive the applicable point of order be considered to have been made; provided further, that if the motion to waive is successful, then the amendment be agreed to, and that if the motion to waive is not successful, the amendment be withdrawn; that Senator Conrad control up to 10 minutes of time during the debate on this amendment; provided further, that regardless of the outcome of the vote with respect to the Baucus-Grassley amendment in the nature of a substitute, that Senate vote on or in relation to the remaining 2 amendments covered in this agreement; that the votes on or in relation to the above-listed amendments occur in the order listed after the use or yielding back of time; that upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be withdrawn.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049 be withdrawn. **Page S9009, S9167**

**Advancing America's Priorities Act—Cloture:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities, be withdrawn.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared on September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-64) **Pages S9022-23**

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

One Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S9168**

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**Text of S. 3001, S. 3002, S. 3003, S. 3004 as Previously Passed:** **Page S9042-S9164**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 8:49 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9168.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### TRANSPARENCY IN ACCOUNTING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine transparency in accounting, proposed changes to accounting for off-balance-sheet entities, after receiving testimony from Lawrence W. Smith, Member, Financial Accounting Standards Board; John W. White, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, and James L. Kroeker, Deputy Chief Accountant, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, New Orleans; Don Young, Young and Company LLC, Norwalk, Connecticut; Elizabeth F. Mooney, Capital Group Companies, San Francisco, California; and George P. Miller, American Securitization Forum, New York, New York.

### BUS SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine bus safety, including S. 2326, to improve the safety of motorcoaches, after receiving testimony from Senator Brown; John Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and David Kelly, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Peter J. Pantuso, American Bus Association, and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for