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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7509–S7581

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1457, and S. Res. 211. **Page S7555**

Measures Reported:

S. 475, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency. (S. Rept. No. 111–46)

S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–47) **Page S7555**

Measures Passed:

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7573**

National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month". **Pages S7573–74**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7509–50**

Withdrawn:

Levin/McCain Amendment No. 1469, to strike \$1,750,000,000 in Procurement, Air Force funding for F–22A aircraft procurement, and to restore operation and maintenance, military personnel, and other

funding in divisions A and B that was reduced in order to authorize such appropriation. **Page S7509**

Pending:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S7509**

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Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1511), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Page S7510**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 17, 2009. **Page S7510**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2009. **Page S7574**

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Appointments:

HELP Committee Appointment: The Majority Leader, under the order of May 5, 2009, and under the auspices of S. Res. 18, made a temporary appointment of Senator Whitehouse to serve on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, while retaining the authority to make a permanent appointment to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The Majority Leader, announced that as of Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Senator Franken be appointed to serve on a permanent basis to the slot that was occupied by Senator Whitehouse. **Page S7543**

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, announced the joint appointment of Phil Angelides of California to serve as Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. **Page S7574**

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to

Public Law 111–21, appointed the following to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

The Honorable Bob Graham of Florida, Heather Murren of Nevada, and Byron Georgiou of Nevada.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

Keith Hennessey of Virginia, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin of Virginia.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATING HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Donohue, Director, Division of Investment Management, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Dinakar Singh, TPG-Axon Capital, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, and Richard Bookstaber, all of New York, New York; Trevor Loy, Flywheel Ventures, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mark Tresnowski, Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Private Equity Council; and Joseph A. Dear, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento.

CELL PHONES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities, including S. 251, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit targeted interference with mobile radio services within prison facilities, after receiving testimony from former Representative Steve Largent, Washington, D.C., on behalf of CITA—The Wireless Association; Texas State Senator John Whitmire, Houston; Gary D. Maynard, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary, Towson; John M. Moriarty, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inspector General, Austin; and Richard A. Mirgon, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, Carson City, Nevada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senators Graham and DeMint, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and