

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7667–S7722

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1470–1475, and S. Res. 217. **Page S7699**

Measures Reported:

S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries 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. (S. Rept. No. 111–52)

H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act. (S. Rept. No. 111–53)

H.R. 388, 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. (S. Rept. No. 111–54) **Pages S7698–99**

Measures Passed:

Condemning and Combating Anti-Semitism: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 11, condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7719**

Hagan (for Collins) Amendment No. 1639, to amend the preamble. **Pages S7720–21**

New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 951, to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon;

Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission’s command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S7721**

Hagan (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1640, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7721**

Hagan (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1641, to amend the title. **Page S7721**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed 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 S7667–96**

Adopted:

Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 1614, to limit prosecutions until the Attorney General establishes standards for the application of the death penalty. **Page S7683**

Levin (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 1615, to authorize the death penalty. **Page S7683**

Levin (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 1617, to require that hate-crimes offenses be identified and prosecuted according to neutral and objective criteria. **Pages S7683–86**

By a unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. 234), Levin (for Sessions) Amendment No. 1616, to prohibit assault or battery of a United States serviceman on account of the military service of the United States serviceman or status as a serviceman. **Pages S7686–89**

Pending:

Thune Amendment No. 1618, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State. **Pages S7689–96**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, and that notwithstanding the order of July 16, 2009, the Levin-McCain amendment relative to the F-22, be considered on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, beginning immediately after the opening of the Senate and extending for up to 2 hours of debate, and the vote on the amendment occurring upon the use or yielding back of time, as provided for under the previous order which established the parameters of considering the amendment; with the other provisions of the order of July 16, 2009, governing consideration of the Levin-McCain amendment relative to the F-22 remaining in effect; provided further, that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, after the opening of the Senate, Senate continue consideration of the bill, and Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), with the time until 12 noon for debate with respect to Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above), and the time be equally divided and controlled between Senators Thune and Durbin, or their designees; with no amendments in order to Thune Amendment No. 1618 (listed above) during its pendency; that adoption of the Thune amendment requires a 60-affirmative vote threshold; provided further, that if the amendment achieves that threshold, then it be agreed to; provided that it does not achieve that threshold, then the amendment be withdrawn; provided further, that at 12 noon, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment. **Page S7693**

Impeachment Trial of Samuel B. Kent—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene as a Court of Impeachment in the trial of Samuel B. Kent at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, and that the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that the Senate will at that time receive the honorable managers on the part of the House of Representatives. **Page S7697**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Evan J. Segal, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S7721, S7722**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jill Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2014.

Daniel R. Elliott, III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Environmental Quality.

Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs).

Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014. **Page S7722**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—234) **Page S7687**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7722.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3258–3268; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 167; and H. Res. 661–662 were introduced. **Page H8409**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8409–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2498, to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “William O. Lipinski Federal Building” (H. Rept. 111–213);

H.R. 2093, amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–214) and

H.R. 1665, to structure Coast Guard acquisition processes and policies (H. Rept. 111–215). **Page H8409**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8359**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8359**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 593. **Pages H8359, H8388–89**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing: H. Res. 607, to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 594; **Pages H8360–62, H8389**

Instructing the managers on the part of the House of Representatives in the impeachment proceeding now pending against Samuel B. Kent: H. Res. 661, to instruct the managers on the part of the House of Representatives in the impeachment proceeding now pending against Samuel B. Kent to advise the Senate that the House of Representatives does not desire further to urge the articles of impeachment against Samuel B. Kent; and **Page H8377**

New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal Act: H.R. 2245, to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of

the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission’s command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr., by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 595. **Pages H8385–87, H8389–90**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H8387**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H8387–88**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Authorizing the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy: H.R. 2729, amended, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy; **Pages H8362–64**

Providing for a program of research, development, and demonstration on natural gas vehicles: H.R. 1622, amended, to provide for a program of research, development, and demonstration on natural gas vehicles; **Pages H8364–67**

Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month: H. Res. 507, amended, to support the goals of National Dairy Month; **Pages H8367–69**

Recognizing the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need: H. Res. 270, to recognize the establishment of Hunters for the Hungry programs across the United States and the contributions of those programs efforts to decrease hunger and help feed those in need; **Pages H8369–71**

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture: H. Con. Res. 164, to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture; **Pages H8371–73**

Commending the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary: S. Con. Res. 30, to commend the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; **Pages H8373–76**

Recognizing the historical and national significance of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football: H. Con. Res. 123, to recognize the historical and national significance

of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football; **Pages H8376–77**

A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act: H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children; **Pages H8377–79**

Korean War Veterans Recognition Act: H.R. 2632, to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day; and **Pages H8379–81**

Fank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2009: H.R. 1675, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities. **Pages H8381–85**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on page H8390.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8388–89, H8389, H8389–90. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1274, to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition on disclosure of maritime transportation security information is not used inappropriately to shield certain other informa-

tion from public disclosure, S. 1451, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide for modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, an original bill entitled "SAFETEA-LU", and the nominations of Polly Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Safety Board, both of the Department of Transportation, Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 561 and H.R. 1404, bills to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, to hold a hearing to examine state and local views on clean energy jobs, climate-related policies, and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles Aaron Ray, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Donald Henry Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Earl Michael Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael Anthony Battle, Sr., of Georgia, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Pamela Jo Howell Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine climate change and global security in SD–419, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the wheat market, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the current employment verification system, 2:15 p.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, to continue hearings to review economic conditions facing the dairy industry, part two, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, to mark up H. Res. 602, Requesting that the President and directing that the Security of Defense transmit to the House of Representatives all information in their possession relating to specific communications regarding detainees and foreign persons suspected of terrorism, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on shaping a workforce for today's acquisition environment that can meet DOD's needs, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 3200, American's Affordable Health Choices Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the Chairman on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m.; and a hearing entitled "Systemic Risk: Are Some Institutions Too Big to Fail and If So, What Should We Do About It?" 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing "Security the Modern Electric Grid from Physical and Cyber Attacks," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) satellite imagery, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, executive, briefing on the DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Disability and Special Needs Policy Team, 11:30 a.m. 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on Ramifications of the Auto Industry Bankruptcies, Part II, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Federal Bureau of Prisons, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 644, Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1738, Downey Regional Water Reclamation and Groundwater Augmentation Project of 2009; H.R. 2265, Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act of 2009; H.R. 2442, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009; H.R. 2522, To raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project; H.R. 2741, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project; H.R. 2950, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District; and H.R. 1065, White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Following the Money: Report of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP)," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2920, Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3246, Advanced Vehicle Technology Act of 2009; H.R. 3165, Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2009; H.R. 3029, to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power general systems; and H.R. 3247, To establish a social and behavioral science research program at the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Encouraging the Participation of Female Students in STEM fields, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Trade Advisory Committee System, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Pakistan Nuclear Security, 3 p.m., 304-HVC.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Cyprus' religious cultural heritage, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the Federal Statistical System in the 21st century, focusing on the role of the Census Bureau, 1 p.m., 2203, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, July 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1390, National Defense Authorization Act, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to the Levin-McCain amendment relative to the F-22.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 21

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: 1) H. J. Res. 56—Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; 2) H. Res. 654—Honoring the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation; 3) H. Res. 538—Resolution supporting Olympic Day and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago, Illinois, as the host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; 4) H. Res. 285—Congratulating the

people of the Republic of Lithuania for its 1000th anniversary of Lithuania and celebrating the rich history of Lithuania; 5) H.R. 1511—Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2009; 6) H. Res. 519—Expressing appreciation to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States; 7) H.R. 2498—The “William O. Lipinski Federal Building” Designation Act; 8) H. Res. 508—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the general aviation industry should be recognized for its contributions to the United States; 9) H.R. 2093—Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009; 10) H.R. 1665—Coast Guard Acquisition Reform Act of 2009; 11) H.R. 1752—To provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration; 12) H.R. 2510—Absentee Ballot Track, Receive, and Confirm Act; 13) H.R. 2728—William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act; 14) H.R. 2972—The “Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Offices Designation Act; 15) H. Res. 534—Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Children and Families Day”; 16) H. Res. 350—Honoring the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, the community, and the Nation; and 17) H. Res. 566—Congratulating the 2008–2009 National Basketball Association Champions, the Los Angeles Lakers, on an outstanding and historic season.

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