

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7723–S7808*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1476–1489, S.J. Res. 218–219, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S7779**

#### Measures Passed:

**Minority Party Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 218, making minority party appointments for the 111th Congress. **Page S7807**

**Food and Nutrition Service 40th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 164, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S7807–08**

**New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal Act:** Senate passed 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., clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7808**

#### 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 S7723–70**

#### Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 235), 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. **Pages S7723–41**  
McCain (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1628, to express the sense of the Senate on imposing sanctions with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran. **Pages S7745–50**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1515, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans’ dependency and indemnity compensation. **Pages S7751–52**

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 236), Lieberman Amendment No. 1528, to provide authority to increase Army active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2010 as well as fiscal years 2011 and 2012. **Pages S7765–66, S7768**

#### 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 S7752–55**

Brownback Amendment No. 1597, to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should redesignate North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism. **Pages S7756–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. **Page S7808**

#### Appointments:

**Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–25, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission: Sig Rogich of Nevada, and Frank Fahrenkoph of Nevada. **Page S7807**

**Floor Privileges—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate convenes as a Court of Impeachment with regard to the case of Samuel B. Kent, the following list of staff from the House of Representatives be provided floor privileges during those proceedings:

Phil Tahtakran, Branden Ritchie, Ryan Clough, Michael Lenn, Danielle Brown, Alan Baron, Allison Halataei, Jessica Klein, Kirsten Konar. **Page S7807**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—236) **Pages S7741, S7768**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7808.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit:* Senators Lincoln (Chair), Leahy, Stabenow, Nelson (NE), Casey, Bennet, Cornyn, Cochran, McConnell, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology:* Senators Stabenow (Chair), Conrad, Nelson (NE), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Thune, Lugar, Roberts, Johanns, Grassley, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Hunger, Nutrition, and Family Farms:* Senators Brown (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Lincoln, Stabenow, Casey, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support:* Senators Casey (Chair), Leahy, Conrad, Baucus, Lincoln, Brown, Roberts, Cochran, Johanns, Grassley, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant & Animal Health:* Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Conrad, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Klobuchar, Johanns, Lugar, McConnell, and Roberts.

*Senators Harkin and Chambliss are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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 information from public disclosure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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 and Member of the National Transportation 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.

### FEDERAL LAND ASSISTANCE, MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, focusing on progress the agencies have made in managing wildland fires, after receiving testimony from Jay Jensen, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and R. Max Peterson, former Chief, United States Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget; Patricia Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Leah MacSwords, Kentucky State Forester, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.