

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7809–S7944

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1490–1504, S. Res. 220–221, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S7868–69**

Measures Reported:

S. 1494, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 111–55)

S. 1064, to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted under such Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–56)

S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–57)

S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. (S. Rept. No. 111–58)

S. 1498, to provide an extension of highway programs authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. (S. Rept. No. 111–59)

S. 151, to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings.

S. 1496, to extend National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authorizations funded by the Highway Trust Fund. **Page S7868**

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:

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Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (vote No. 238), Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1761, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States should fully enforce existing sanctions, and should explore additional sanctions, with respect to North Korea and to require a review to determine whether North Korea should be re-listed as a state sponsor of terrorism. **Pages S7841–46**

Cardin Amendment No. 1475, to require the Secretary of Defense to report on the numbers and percentages of troops that have served or are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who have been prescribed antidepressants or drugs to treat anxiety. **Pages S7848–49**

Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1472, to modify the reporting requirement for the defense nanotechnology research and development program. **Page S7851**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1518, to require the Secretary of the Army to expand the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative (FSBI) throughout the Army in order to improve the quality of life and living environments for single soldiers. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1569, to require a plan to manage vegetative encroachment at training ranges. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Gregg/Shahen) Amendment No. 1553, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct a previously authorized Armed Forces Reserve Center in vicinity of specified location at Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Pryor) Amendment No. 1471, to release to the State of Arkansas a reversionary interest in Camp Joseph T. Robinson. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1512, to require additional disclosure of poor performance in the contractor performance database. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1473, to modify the provision requiring the inclusion of pension obligations for certain Department of Energy facilities in the budget request of the President to include pension obligations for all Department of Energy facilities. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1561, to expand the authority of the Ombudsman under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Burr) Amendment No. 1520, to require a report on the re-determination process of the Department of Defense used to determine the eligibility of permanently incapacitated dependents of retired and deceased members of the Armed Forces for benefits provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Defense. **Pages S7851, S7852**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 1600, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an audit of assistance to local educational agencies for the education of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Amendment No. 1555, to permit the extension of eligibility for enrollment in Department of Defense elementary and secondary schools to certain additional categories of dependents. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1488, to include in the study on options for educational opportunities for dependent children of members of the Armed Forces consideration of the impact of such options on students with special needs. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1476, to permit the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to certain Indian tribes certain relocatable military housing units. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)/Vitter) Amendment No. 1612, to modify the provision clarifying responsibility for preparation of the biennial global positioning system report. **Pages S7851, S7853**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1560, to make technical corrections regarding certain military construction projects at Cannon Air Force Base and Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. **Pages S7851, S7853–54**

Levin (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1500, to include analysis of military whistleblower reprisal appeals in the assessment by the Comptroller General of the United States of military whistleblower protections. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1535, to require the Director of National Intelligence to report on Cuba and Cuba's relations with other countries. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 1536, to require the Director of National Intelligence to report on political and other support provided by Venezuelan officials to terrorist and other groups. **Pages S7851, S7854**

Levin (for Thune/Johnson) Amendment No. 1510, to provide technical changes to land conveyance matters regarding Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. **Pages S7851, S7854–55**

Levin (for Barrasso/Enzi) Amendment No. 1492, to authorize a land conveyance at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming. **Pages S7851, S7855**

Levin (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1495, to authorize a land conveyance at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. **Pages S7851, S7855–56**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1599, to authorize a land conveyance at Haines Tank Farm, Haines, Alaska. **Pages S7851, S7856**

Levin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1636, to authorize land conveyances of certain parcels in the Camp Catlin and Ohana Nui areas, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. **Pages S7851, S7856**

Levin (for Udall (CO)) Amendment No. 1619, to authorize the Department of Defense to participate in programs for the management of energy demand or reduction of energy usage during peak periods. **Pages S7851, S7856–57**

Levin (for McCain/Levin) Amendment No. 1638, to require a master plan to provide world class military medical facilities in the National Capital Region. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1642, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of spending in the final quarter of fiscal year 2009 by the Department of Defense. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1499, to authorize an Air Force Academy athletics support program. **Pages S7851, S7857**

Levin (for McCain) Amendment No. 1634, to express the sense of Congress regarding airfares for members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S7851, S7857–58**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1676, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review the assessment and plan for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense element of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. **Pages S7851, S7858**

Levin (for Begich) Amendment No. 1677, to avoid a break in production of the Ground-based Interceptor missile until the Department of Defense completes the Ballistic Missile Defense Review and to ensure there is no gap in homeland defense by ensuring that Missile Field 1 at Fort Greely, Alaska, does not complete decommissioning until seven silos have been emplaced at Missile Field 2 at Fort Greely. **Pages S7851, S7858**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 239), 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.

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Withdrawn:

By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 237), 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. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn.)

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Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 1760, to pursue United States objectives in bilateral arms control with the Russian Federation.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on 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, July 24, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 23, 2009; provided that upon disposition of Kyl Amendment No. 1760 (listed above), it be in order for Senator Lieberman to offer Amendment No. 1627, and a side-by-side or second-degree amendment be offered by Senator Bayh, to Amendment No. 1627.

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Impeachment of Former Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the impeachment proceedings of former Judge Samuel B. Kent, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, taking the following action:

The Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives to continue proceedings on behalf of the House concerning the impeachment against former Judge Samuel B. Kent, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the oath was administered to those Senators who were not present when the articles of impeachment were presented, by the Acting President pro tempore.

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The Majority Leader entered a motion that the articles of impeachment against former Judge Samuel B. Kent, Judge, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, be dismissed, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify the House of Representatives, and the motion was agreed to.

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Subsequently, the Court of Impeachment stands adjourned sine die.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey Alan Goldstein, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

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Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total–3)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—239)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7865.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL WARMING LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of agriculture and forestry in global warming legislation, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Holdren, Director, White House Office of Science and Technology; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, Turtle Lake, North Dakota; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Josiah Pierce, American Forest Foundation, Baldwin, Maine, on behalf of the Forest Climate