

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2080–2083, S. Res. 330, and S. Con. Res. 68. **Page S13451**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, December 8, during the adjournment:

S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative (S. Rept. No. 109–185)

S. 1400, 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. 109–186)

S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–187)

S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 109–188)

S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–189)

S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance. (S. Rept. No. 109–190)

S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–191)

S. 1025, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–192)

S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 109–193)

S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–194)

S. 1552, to amend Public Law 97–435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 109–195)

S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs. (S. Rept. No. 109–196)

S. 1760, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District. (S. Rept. No. 109–197)

S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–198)

S. 2027, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 109–199)

S. 881, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam. (S. Rept. No. 109–200)

S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107–153 to modify a certain date. (S. Rept. No. 109–201)

S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–202)

S. 1408, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–203)

S. 1753, to establish a unified national hazard alert system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–204)

Reported today:

S. 731, to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–205)

S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–206)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Senator Eugene J. McCarthy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, relative to the death of Eugene Joseph McCarthy, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota. Page S13455

Commemorating Alan A. Reich: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 321, commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Alan A. Reich, and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S13455

National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 1231, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S13455–56

National Indian Gaming Commission Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 1295, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide for accountability and funding of the National Indian Gaming Commission. Page S13456

United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement; that there be 60 minutes of debate; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, at a time to be determined. Pages S13456–57

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act: Senate disagreed to the House amendment to S. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Inouye, and Nelson (FL). Page S13457

Appointments:

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Title VI, Section 637, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Jerome F. Climer, of Virginia. Page S13457

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota, in accordance with S.Res.330, adjourned at 5:41 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13457.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMERCIAL AVIATION PASSENGER SCREENING PROCEDURES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's new security procedures and changes to the prohibited items list, including an enhanced focus on explosives detection, applying screening resources to the greatest risk, and improving security by eliminating predictability, receiving testimony from Edmund Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; and James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Patricia Friend, Association of Flight Attendants, CWA, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearing will continue on January 19, 2006.