

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2643, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8523–S8640*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1701–1722, and S. Res. 258–259. **Pages S8610–11**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 110–108)

S. 1710, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. (S. Rept. No. 110–107)

S. 966, to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–109) **Page S8607**

#### Measures Passed:

*First Higher Education Extension Act of 1965:* Senate passed S. 1704, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Page S8573**

*Transitional Medical Assistance and Abstinence Education Program Extension:* Senate passed S. 1701, to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007. **Page S8637**

*Commending Oregon State University Baseball Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series. **Pages S8637–38**

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1639, to provide for com-

prehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S8526, S8532–73, S8579–99**

#### Rejected:

Division I of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 229), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S8571**

Division II of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Division III of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 231), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S8579–85**

Division IV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 232), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S8585–87**

Division VI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 55 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 233), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S8587–88**

#### Withdrawn:

Division V of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934. **Page S8587**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, of a perfecting nature.

**Pages S8526, S8534–70**

Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934, (By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 234), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S8588–96**

Division VIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division IX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division X of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XIV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XVI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XVII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XVIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XIX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XXI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

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Division XXV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XXVI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Division XXVII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934.

Kennedy Amendment No. 1978 (to Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934), to change the enactment date.

**Pages S8597–99**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

The following amendments fell when their respective Divisions were tabled:

Feinstein Amendment No. 1957 (to Division I of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934), to change the enactment date.

**Pages S8570–71**

Specter Amendment No. 1958 (to Division II of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Modified Amendment No. 1934), to change the enactment date.

**Pages S8571–72**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2007; that there be one hour, equally divided and controlled for debate only between Senator Kennedy and Senator Specter, or their designees; that Senate vote

on the motion to invoke on the bill; provided further, that Senators be authorized to file germane second-degree amendments until 10 a.m. **Page S8599**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 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. **Pages S8601–02**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of 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, June 29, 2007. **Page S8602**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

**International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate request the return of the papers on S. 1612, to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, from the House of Representatives; provided further, that upon the compliance of the request, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make corrections in the engrossment of the bill. **Page S8638**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Scott M. Burns, of Utah, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Reed Charles O'Connor, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S8640**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S8607–10**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S8611–13**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S8613–21**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S8636–37**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S8637**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—234) **Pages S8571, S8573, S8584–85, S8587, S8588, S8596**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8599.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 704, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 950, to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1650, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, with amendments;

S. 1661, to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad, with amendments; and

Certain promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard.

### NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO RURAL WATER PROJECTS ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1171, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements

Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, after receiving testimony from Robert Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; New Mexico State Representative Patricia A. Lundstrom, Gallup, on behalf of Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments; John R. D'Antonio, Jr., New Mexico State Engineer, Santa Fe; Herbert R. Guenther, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix; Mark Sanchez, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Joe Shirley, Jr., Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona.

### WATER QUALITY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality to examine protecting water quality at America's beaches, focusing on the implementation of the BEACH Act (Public Law 106-284), including the extent to which EPA has implemented the Act's provisions, EPA's BEACH Act grant allocation formula, and the experiences of the Great Lakes states in developing and implementing beach monitoring and notification programs using their grant funds, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pallone and Bilbray; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Cindy Zipf, Clean Ocean Action, Sandy Hook, New Jersey; Carlton Dufrechou, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Metairie, Louisiana; and Mara Dias, Surfriider Foundation, East Hampton, New York.

### STEALTH TAX

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Alternative Minimum TAX (AMT), focusing on middle-class taxpayers and possible reforms of the AMT, after receiving testimony from Frank Degen, National Association of Enrolled Agents, Setauket, New York; Leonard E. Burman, Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael J. Graetz, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 392, to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period;