

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9069–S9187

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1772–1785, and S. Res. 269–270. **Page S9135**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9076–S9124**

Adopted:

Levin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2019), to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan for the provision to members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder the services that best meet their individual needs. **Page S9102**

Levin (for Graham) Amendment No. 2154 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve the distribution of benefits under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. **Page S9103**

Levin (for Craig/Akaka) Amendment No. 2115 (to Amendment No. 2019), to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder collaborates to the maximum extent practicable with the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher education, and other appropriate public and private entities. **Page S9103**

Levin (for Craig/Akaka) Amendment No. 2114 (to Amendment No. 2019), to require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury collaborates to the maximum extent practicable with the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher edu-

cation, and other appropriate public and private entities. **Page S9103**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2089 (to Amendment No. 2019), to require the development of a program on comprehensive pain management in the Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. **Page S9103**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2090 (to Amendment No. 2019), to require the development of a program on comprehensive pain management in the Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury. **Pages S9103–04**

Levin (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2162 (to Amendment No. 2019), to prohibit upon appeal a reduction in disability rating once such rating has been assigned by an informal physical evaluation board of the Department of Defense. **Page S9104**

By 90 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 245), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 2024 (to Amendment No. 2011), to state the policy of the United States on the protection of the United States and its allies against Iranian ballistic missiles. **Pages S9076–79, S9112–13**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2132, to provide and enhance rehabilitative treatment and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury and to improve health care and benefits programs for veterans. **Page S9115**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Modified Amendment No. 2160 (to Amendment No. 2019), to provide extended benefits under the TRICARE program for the primary caregivers of members of the uniformed services who incur a serious injury or illness on active duty. **Page S9115**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Graham) Modified Amendment No. 2159 (to Amendment No. 2019), to provide for the reimbursement of certain former members of the uniformed services with service-connected disabilities for follow-on specialty care and related services. **Page S9115**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 246), Levin Amendment No. 2019 (to Amendment No.

2011), to provide for the care and management of wounded warriors, as amended.

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Sununu Amendment No. 2184 (to Amendment No. 2135), of a perfecting nature.

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Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute.

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Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2012), to change the enactment date.

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Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq.

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Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 2100 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the United States that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists.

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Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 2135, relative to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al-Qaeda to justice.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2007; that the time until 9:30 a.m. be for debate on Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 2135 (listed above), as amended, and that Senator Dorgan and Senator Sununu each control 10 minutes; provided further, Senate vote on or in relation to Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 2135 at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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Appointments:

National Council on the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts: Senator Whitehouse.

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senator as a delegate of the Senate delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110th Congress: Senator Sanders.

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the following Senators as delegates to the British-American Interparliamentary Group con-

ference during the 110th Congress: Senators Grassley, Shelby, and Gregg.

Vietnam Education Foundation: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–554, appointed Senator Webb to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by the Public Law 105–275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), as amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the appointment of the following Senator to serve as a member of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Senator Coleman.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the initial assessment report relative to the Iraqi benchmarks; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–20)

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

International Convention for Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (Treaty Doc. No. 110–4).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas P. O'Brien, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

Edward Meacham Yarbrough, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years vice James K. Vines, resigned.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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| Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—246) | Pages S9112–13, S9116 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9186.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING:

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; and

H.R. 2829, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

CROSS-BORDER EXCHANGE MERGERS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine cross-border exchange mergers, focusing on the global view, after receiving testimony from Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, and Ethiopis Tafara, Director, Office of International Affairs, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Noreen Culhane, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Group, and Adena Friedman, National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ) Stock Market, Inc., both of New York, New York; Allen Ferrell, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Damon A. Silvers, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine telephone number portability, including S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate

number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider, after receiving testimony from Tony Clark, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ted Schremp, Charter Communications, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; Jonathan Banks, United States Telecom Association, and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, CTIA—The Wireless Association, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary, who was introduced by Senator DeMint, and Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, both of the Department of Energy, and James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who was introduced by Senators Craig and Crapo, and Brent T. Wahlquist, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 488 and H.R. 1100, bills to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina, S. 617, to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans, S. 824 and H.R. 995, bills to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission, S. 1380, to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado, and S. 1182, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, and S. 1728, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau Advisory Commission,