

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11355–S11460

Measures Introduced: Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2037–2039, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Res. 315–317. **Page S11414**

Measures Reported:

S. 1138, to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities. (S. Rept. No. 110–151)

S. 1687, to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response. (S. Rept. No. 110–152)

S. 1027, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes. (S. Rept. No. 110–153) **Page S11413**

Measures Passed:

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007 as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Page S11459**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Minority Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 317, to constitute the minority party’s membership on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen. **Pages S11418, S11459**

Percy Sutton Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11459–60**

Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fis-

cal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11356–67, S11370–S11405

Adopted:

Murray (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2794, of a perfecting nature. **Page S11373**

Murray (for Obama) Amendment No. 2799, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to enter into a contract in an amount greater than \$5,000,000 or to award a grant in excess of such amount unless the prospective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liability. **Page S11373**

Murray (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2823, to require a report on plans to alleviate congestion and flight delays in the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace. **Pages S11373–74**

Murray (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2803, to clarify how the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall manage and dispose of multifamily properties owned by the Secretary. **Page S11374**

Klobuchar/Coleman Modified Amendment No. 2816, to make available amounts authorized to be appropriated for the repair and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35W bridge that collapsed on August 1, 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. **Pages S11359, S11375, S11377–78, S11381**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 2796, to prohibit the use of funds to implement the proposed Air Traffic Control Optimum Training Solution of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S11356, S11384**

Murray (for Bond/Dodd) Amendment No. 2832, to establish mitigation activities and alternatives to mortgage foreclosures when viable and to reasonably ensure the long-term affordability of any mortgage assisted under this amendment. **Page S11386–87**

Murray (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 2800, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant programs. **Pages S11386**

Murray (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2845, to permit pilots to serve in multicrew covered operations until attaining 65 years of age. **Page S11387–88**

By 75 yeas and 23 nays (Vote No. 331), Dorgan Amendment No. 2797, to prohibit the establishment of a program that allows Mexican truck drivers to operate beyond the commercial zones near the Mexican border. **Pages S11356, S11384–85, S11388–90**

Murray (for Menendez/Launtenberg) Amendment No. 2829, to require a study by the Government Accountability Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Reed) Amendment No. 2852, to enable States to receive federally guaranteed loans for the benefit of nonentitlement areas. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Sanders/Leahy) Amendment No. 2817, to ensure that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development awards capital fund bonuses to deserving high-performing public housing authorities. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2819, to increase support for infrastructure improvements at tribal colleges and universities, with an offset. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2820, to expand the scope of Inspector General's investigation of rail service disruptions and other delays in the delivery of certain commodities. **Page S11404**

Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2830, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development a direct link to the website for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S11404**

Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2831, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain on the homepage of the website of the Department of Transportation a direct link to the website for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Transportation. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 2850, to provide that the Federal Transit Administration conduct a study to evaluate the infrastructure of certain rail transit systems. **Page S11404**

Murray (for Martinez/Allard) Modified Amendment No. 2839, to direct funding to the American Dream Downpayment Initiative. **Pages S11404–05**

Murray (for Dorgan) Modified Amendment No. 2846, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to develop and implement a plan to monitor the compliance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with current employer relocation restrictions. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 2848, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development to submit certain budgetary information to the Congress. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 2857, to prohibit the Federal Transit Administration from using funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate regulations to carry out section 5309 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Bond/Shelby) Amendment No. 2859, to limit the amount available for the Urban Partnership Congestion Initiative under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Hutchison/Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 2825, to prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls on certain highways constructed using Federal funds in Texas. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Snow/Carper) Modified Amendment No. 2837, to encourage the use of recycled materials in highway projects. **Page S11405**

Murray (for Specter) Amendment No. 2856, to strike the prohibition on the use of appropriations by Amtrak to support routes on which deep discounts are available. **Page S11405**

Menendez Amendment No. 2834, to provide additional funding to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to implement guidance in connection with assisting persons with limited English proficiency and to provide for an offset of such increase. **Pages S11400–04**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 2810, to prohibit funds appropriated under title I from being used for earmarks until all structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges have been repaired, with limited exceptions. (By 82 yeas and 14 nays (Vote No. 330), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11364–67, S11378–81**

By 29 yeas and 69 nays (Vote No. 332), Cornyn Amendment No. 2842, to ensure that every motor carrier entering the United States through the cross-border motor carrier demonstration program is inspected and meets all applicable safety standards established for United States commercial motor vehicles. **Pages S11390–94**

Coburn Amendment No. 2811, to prohibit the use of funds made available under this Act for bicycle paths so that the funds can be used to improve bridge and road safety. (By 80 yeas and 18 nays (Vote No. 333), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11381–84, S11396**

Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2795, to provide funding for 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless, disabled, and elderly persons in the State of Louisiana. **Pages S11375–77**

Menendez/Lautenberg Amendment No. 2826, to require a study by the Government Accountability

Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States. **Pages S11399–S11400, S11405**

Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 2812, to remove an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota. **Pages S11383, S11398–99**

Coburn Amendment No. 2813, to ensure that no funds made available under this Act shall be used to carry out any activity relating to the design or construction of the America's Wetland Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana, until the date on which the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Louisiana, certifies to Congress that all residents of the State of Louisiana who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita in 2005 are no longer living in temporary housing. **Page S11383**

Coburn Amendment No. 2814, to prohibit the use of funds for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana, and to reduce the amounts made available for the Economic Development Initiative and the Community Development Fund.

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Cornyn/Inhofe Amendment No. 2808, to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Senate, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11356–64**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following be the only amendments, other than the managers' amendment which has been cleared by the managers and leaders, remaining in order, and that no second-degree amendment be in order prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendments: Coburn Amendment No. 2812, Coburn Amendment No. 2813, Coburn Amendment No. 2814 (all listed above), and a DeMint amendment relating to the Davis-Bacon Act; provided further, that there be 2 minutes for debate prior to each vote, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that after the first vote in the sequence, the remaining votes be limited to 10 minutes; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that when Senate continues consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, that there be 20 minutes of debate with respect to the DeMint Amendment, with the time

equally divided and controlled between Senators DeMint and Kennedy, or their designees.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Ronald Spoechel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—333) **Pages S11381, S11393–94, S11396**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11460.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration H.R. 3222, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.