

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13589–S13646

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2267–2279, and S. Res. 361–362. **Page S13624**

Measures Reported:

S. 2271, to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies. (S. Rept. No. 110–213) **Page S13624**

Measures Passed:

Collection of Donations to United States Military Personnel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism. **Page S13645**

American Society of Agronomy 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy. **Pages S13645–46**

Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1808, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13646**

Navy SEALs National Museum: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2779, to recognize the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13646**

Measures Considered:

State Children's Health Insurance Program: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI

of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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

By 62 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 401), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S13610**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be considered as if the vote had occurred at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 and concluded at 6:50 p.m. with the time following the conclusion of morning business prior to the vote equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S13598**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2007; provided further, that all time consumed in morning business during Wednesday, October 31, 2007 as Thursday, November 1, 2007, as well as the time during the adjournment, count post-cloture. **Page S13646**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—401) **Page S13610**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13646.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CLIMATE DISCLOSURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities, including how economics can inform national and global responses to the risks and opportunities of climate change, and how those risks might be connected with the health of financial markets, after receiving testimony from Gary W. Yohe, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut; Jeffrey A. Smith, Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP, New York, New York; Mindy S. Lubber, Ceres, on behalf of the Investor Network on Climate Risk, Boston, Massachusetts; and Russell Read, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento, California.

BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE FOR RESPONSIBLE FISCAL ACTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2063, to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans, after receiving testimony from Representative Hoyer; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; former Representative Leon E. Panetta, Panetta Institute for Public Policy, Seaside, California; and William D. Novelli, AARP, and Robert L. Bixby, Concord Coalition, both of Washington, DC.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid, Ensign, and DeMint; Edward F. Sproat III, Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Robert J. Meyers, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada Attorney General, Carson City; and James Y. Kerr II, North Carolina Utilities Commissioner, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Com-

missioners, and Kenneth A. Cook, Environmental Working Group, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the "Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103-39);

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the "proposed Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-03);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20); and

The nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE GULF COAST

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery