

Reid Amendment No. 3984 (to Amendment No. 3983), to change the enactment date. **Page S715**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3985. **Page S715**

Reid Amendment No. 3986 (to the instructions of the Reid motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S715**

Reid Amendment No. 3987 (to Amendment No. 3986), of a perfecting nature. **Page S715**

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

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 8), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 3983 (listed above). **Pages S715–25**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3983 (listed above) failed. **Page S725**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–36)

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

International Convention Against Doping in Sport (Treaty Doc. No. 110–14).

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. **Page S751**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan D. Pepler, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S751**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—8) **Pages S709–10, S725**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:32 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 782 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller), all of the Department of Defense.

2009: BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's fiscal year 2009 budget and revenue proposals, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives

on the Surface Transportation Commission report, focusing on current and future transportation needs of the United States, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Debra L. Miller, Kansas Department of Transportation, Topeka, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and Janet F. Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Gregory M. Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from

Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

KOREAN PENINSULA DENUCLEARIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Six-Party Talks for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Sudan from Richard Williamson, President's Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5222–5242; 1 private bill, H.R. 5243; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 288; and H. Res. 957–962 were introduced. **Page H620**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H621–23**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on February 1, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 3111, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 110–506, Pt. 1).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 955, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–522) and H. Res. 956, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 110–523). **Page H620**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baird to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H561**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Stephen L. Swisher, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. **Page H561**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Louisiana, Mr. Baker, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 430. **Page H562**

Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the existing vacancy thereon and effective February 12, 2008, the Speaker's reappointment of the same member to a six-year term expiring February 11, 2014: Mr. Todd Gaziano of Falls Church, Virginia. **Page H562**