

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5973–S6096*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3183–3186, and S. Res. 598–600. **Page S6019**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2504, to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America. (S. Rept. No. 110–399)

S. 2565, to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6017**

#### Measures Passed:

**Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse:** Senate passed H.R. 430, to designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6080**

**Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station:** Senate passed H.R. 2728, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the “Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6080**

**James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse:** Senate passed H.R. 3712, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse.”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6080**

**Timothy J. Russert Highway:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3145, to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the “Timothy J. Russert Highway”, the bill was then referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

and then discharged from further consideration, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6080**

**Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., Federal Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 2403, to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the “Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., Federal Courthouse”. **Pages S6080–81**

**Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 2837, to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse”. **Pages S6080–81**

**J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building:** Senate passed S. 3009, to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building”. **Pages S6080–81**

**Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam:** Senate passed H.R. 781, to redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the “Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6080–81**

**Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building:** Senate passed H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6080–81**

**Richard B. Anderson Federal Building:** Senate passed H.R. 4140, to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the “Richard B. Anderson Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6080–81**

**Little Sioux Scout Ranch Tornado:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 599, expressing the condolences of the

Senate to those affected by the tragic events following the tornado that hit the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Little Sioux, Iowa, on June 11, 2008.

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***Khobar Towers Terrorist Bombing:*** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 32, honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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***Commemorating the 44th Anniversary of the Deaths of Civil Rights Workers:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 600, commemorating the 44th anniversary of the deaths of civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, Mississippi, while working in the name of American democracy to register voters and secure civil rights during the summer of 1964, which has become known as “Freedom Summer”.

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#### Measures Discharged:

**Timothy J. Russert Highway Bill—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 3145, to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the “Timothy J. Russert Highway”, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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#### House Messages:

**Foreclosure Prevention Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5975–92, S6003–06, S6082–95**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4983, of a perfecting nature.

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Bond Amendment No. 4987 (to Amendment No. 4983), to enhance mortgage loan disclosure requirements with additional safeguards for adjustable rate mortgages with an initial fixed rate and loans that contain prepayment penalty.

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Dole Amendment No. 4984 (to Amendment No. 4983), to improve the regulation of appraisal standards.

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Sununu Amendment No. 4999 (to Amendment No. 4983), to amend the United States Housing Act

of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

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Kohl Amendment No. 4988 (to Amendment No. 4983), to protect the property and security of homeowners who are subject to foreclosure proceedings.

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

By 83 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 155), 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 concur in the House Amendment striking section 1 through Title V and inserting certain language to the Senate amendment to the bill with Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4983 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the motion to concur and that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count against the post-cloture time for debate under rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

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**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 originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–54)

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**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate consider the nominations of William T. Lawrence, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, that they be debated concurrently for 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Leaders, or their designees; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed, with 2 minutes of debate time, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, between the votes, and the second vote in the sequence be 10 minutes in duration.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 63 yeas 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 156), Helene N. White, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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Steven T. Walther, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009. **Pages S6006, S6096**

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S6003, S6096**

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S6003, S6096**

Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011. **Pages S6006, S6096**

Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2013. **Pages S6006, S6096**

Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2009. **Pages S6006, S6096**

Matthew S. Petersen, of Utah, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S6006, S6096**

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

David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

Holly A. Kuzmich, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Christopher M. Marston, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education. **Page S6096**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, which was sent to the Senate on January 22, 2008. **Page S6096**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S6015–16**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—156) **Pages S5978, S6003**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6096.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change impacts on the transportation sector, focusing on ways to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable performance of the highway, transit, rail, maritime, pipeline, and aviation networks, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, USN (Ret.), Deputy Secretary of Transportation; James M. Turner, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Thomas C. Peterson, Senior Scientist, Climate Services Division, National Climatic Data Center, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), both of the Department of Commerce; Mead Treadwell, Chairman, United States Arctic Research Commission; John D. Porcari, Maryland Department of Transportation, Hanover, Maryland, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; G. Edward Dickey, Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the National Academies; and David Friedman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, and John M. Meenan, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.