

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6879–S6946*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3278–3287, S.J. Res. 44, and S. Res. 615. **Pages S6936–37**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–424) **Page S6936**

#### Measures Passed:

*Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 35, to amend Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S6946**

#### Measures Considered:

**Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 17, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur one hour after convening on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. **Page S6918**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, the hour prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6946**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2008. **Page S6946**

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

Kiyo A. Matsumoto, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Paul G. Gardephe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S6892–95, S6946**

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

John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Anthony John Trenga, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S6946**

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 7:29 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6946.)

### 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 Department of State, foreign operations, and related