

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8145–S8219

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3454–3459, and S. Res. 652. **Page S8179**

Measures Reported:

S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations relating to the notice to be provided claimants with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the substantiation of claims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–449)

S. 2494, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam. (S. Rept. No. 110–450) **Page S8179**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after agreeing to the motion to proceed thereto, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5290, to change the enactment date. **Page S8159**

Reid Amendment No. 5291 (to Amendment No. 5290), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8159**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 5292 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Pages S8159–60**

Reid Amendment No. 5293 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit to the bill), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8160**

Reid Amendment No. 5294 (to Amendment No. 5293), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S8160–61**

Levin (for Leahy/Byrd) Amendment No. 5323, to provide for a suspension of certain statutes of limitations when Congress has authorized the use of military force. **Page S8161**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no motion to proceed to any legislative or executive calendar item be in order during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. **Page S8161**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the motion and pending amendments be set aside so that the Senate may consider the following first-degree amendments: Leahy Amendment relative to statute of limitations, Vitter Amendment relative to missile defense with 2 hours of debate, Nelson (FL) Amendment relative to SBP–DIC offset, Kyl Amendment relative to X-ban radar; that no amendments be in order to the amendments prior to a vote; that any debate time provided under the agreement be equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that if a sequence of votes is established under the provisions of a separate unanimous-consent agreement, then there be 2 minutes equally divided and controlled prior to any vote; that in any sequence, the succeeding votes be 10 minutes in limitation; provided further, that during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, the ban on motions to proceed continue to be in effect. **Page S8161**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. **Page S8218**

House Messages:

Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Herbig, Jr. Federal Courthouse: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to 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”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8217–18**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2012.

Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Pamela A. Redfield, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Loretta A. Preska, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

J. Mac Davis, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

12 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S8218–19**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on October 18, 2007.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on October 18, 2007. **Page S8219**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8218.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GEORGIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in open and closed hearings to examine the current situation in Georgia and implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assist-

ant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary for Policy, Lieutenant General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC, Director for Operations, J–3, and Brigadier General Michael T. Flynn, Director for Intelligence, J–2, USA, both of the Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND GAS PRICES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the ability of public transportation systems to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, after receiving testimony from William M. Millar, American Public Transportation Association, and Robert Puentes, Brookings Institution Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative, both of Washington, D.C.; Andrew H. Darrell, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; Dorothy W. Dugger, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Oakland, California; Keith Parker, Charlotte Area Transit System, Charlotte, North Carolina; and David W. Kilmer, Red Rose Transit Authority, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Benjamin Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; David W. Edgerley, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Baltimore; Mayor Larry Thoma, Elgin, Oklahoma; and Leanne Mazer, Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Cumberland, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving health care quality, focusing on an integral step toward reforming the health care system, after receiving testimony from Peter V. Lee, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California; Samuel R. Nussbaum, WellPoint, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana; Greg Schoen, Fairview Northland Medical Center, Princeton, Minnesota; Kevin Weiss, American Board of Medical Specialties, Evanston, Illinois; and William Roper, National Quality Forum, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.