

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8221–S8328*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3460–3468, S. Res. 653–654, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Page S8275**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 3052, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients. (S. Rept. No. 110–451) **Page S8275**

#### Measures Passed:

**Highway Trust Fund:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8256–64**

Boxer (for Baucus) Amendment No. 5427, to change the date of restoration. **Page S8257**

**Honoring Anne Legendre Armstrong:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 645, honoring the life of Anne Legendre Armstrong, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8326**

**Honoring Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 654, honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Member of the House of Representatives for the 11th Congressional District of Ohio. **Page S8326**

#### Measures Considered:

**National Defense Authorization Act:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

##### Adopted:

Kyl Amendment No. 5414, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide activities, \$89,000,000 from the acti-

vation and deployment of the AN/TPY–2 forward-based X-band radar. **Pages S8250–51**

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. **Pages S8229–31, S8251**

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 199), Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 4979, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation. **Pages S8240–42, S8244–50, S8264–66**

##### Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 198), Vitter Amendment No. 5280, to authorize, with an offset, an additional \$100,000,000 for Procurement, Defense-wide, and an additional \$171,000,000 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide, for near-term missile defense programs and activities. **Pages S8231–40, S8242–44, S8251–56, S8264**

##### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5290, to change the enactment date. **Page S8228**

Reid Amendment No. 5291 (to Amendment No. 5290), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8228**

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. **Page S8228**

Reid Amendment No. 5293 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit to the bill), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8229**

Reid Amendment No. 5294 (to Amendment No. 5293), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8229**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 11, 2008. **Page S8326**

**Moment of Silence—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2008, Senate observe a moment of silence to honor the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. **Page S8326**

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S8274**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—199)	Pages S8264, S8264–65

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8326.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

### PREPAID CALLING CARD MARKET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve consumer protection in the prepaid calling card market, including S. 2998, to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services, after receiving testimony from Representative Engel; William Kovacic, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, and Gus West, Hispanic Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Patricia L. Acampora, New York State Public Service Commission, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and Rosemary O'Brien, Military Marketing, both of New York, New York.

### HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the Federal Highway Bridge Program, focusing on an assessment of S. 3338, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and H.R. 3999, to

amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Madison, Jr., Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Gary M. Ridley, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Andrew Herrmann, Hardesty and Hanover, LLP, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and John Krieger, United States Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.

### BOTTLED WATER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine the quality and environmental impacts of bottled water, after receiving testimony from Emily Lloyd, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Flushing, New York; Mae Wu, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Wenonah Hauter, Food and Water Watch, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen C. Edberg, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut; and Joseph K. Doss, International Bottled Water Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 3038, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1070, to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1577, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and