

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9169–S9221

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3528–3537, S. Res. 669–677, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Page S9204**

Measures Reported:

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 State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–474)

S. 1933, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems. (S. Rept. No. 110–475)

S. 199, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 110–476)

S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–477)

S. 3109, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system. (S. Rept. No. 110–478)

S. 3175, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, to make technical corrections to that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–479)

S. 3192, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–480) **Pages S9203–04**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating Irena Sendler: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 96, commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 614, designating the month of August 2008 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

The Ohio State University Football Team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 653, celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of The Ohio State University football team for achieving its 800th all-time victory, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Child Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 644, designating September 2008 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefiting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by these charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the future of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Runaway Prevention Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 646, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Assisted Living Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 652, designating the week beginning September 8, 2008, as “National Assisted Living Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration 50th Anniversary: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 651, honoring the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 50th anniversary of its establishment, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 163, expressing the sense of Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker syndrome and hydrocephalus, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

USS Nautilus (SSN 571) 50th Anniversary: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 648, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS *Nautilus* (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Space Foundation 25th Anniversary: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 502, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 93, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Heat Stroke Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 296, expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as “National Heat Stroke Awareness Month” to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs 40th Anniversary: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 634, recognizing July 30, 2008, as the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the resolution establishing the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National Celiac Disease Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 657, designating September 13,

2008, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9179–85**

National First Responder Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 670, designating September 25, 2008, as “National First Responder Appreciation Day”. **Pages S9179–85**

University of Maryland School of Medicine 200th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 671, congratulating the University of Maryland School of Medicine on its 200th anniversary. **Pages S9179–85**

National Day of Encouragement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 672, designating September 12, 2008, as “National Day of Encouragement”. **Pages S9179–85**

Workplace Wellness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 673, recognizing the importance of workplace wellness as a strategy to help maximize employees’ health and well being. **Pages S9179–85**

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 674, designating September 22, 2008, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day” to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults. **Pages S9179–85**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 675, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S9179–85**

Red Ribbon Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 676, supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week. **Pages S9179–85**

Native American Heritage Day Act: Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9186**

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999. **Pages S9217–18**

Albuquerque Indian School Act: Senate passed S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. **Page S9218**

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act: Senate passed H.R. 6893, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, provide for tribal foster care

and adoption access, improve incentives for adoption, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9218**

North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5834, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9218–19**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 5632, to make certain technical and clarifying amendments. **Page S9219**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 677, to authorize testimony and legal representation in Ramsey, et al. v. Wilson, et al. **Pages S9219–20**

Measures Considered:

Advancing America's Priorities Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities. **Page S9220**

Unemployment Compensation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 3507, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S9220**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bob Corker, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. **Pages S9169, S9221**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S9220**

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Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 6:42 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9220.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6980–6995; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 422; and H. Res. 1471–1475, 1477–1479, were introduced. **Pages H8577–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8578–79**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6577, to express the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin (H. Rept. 110–863);

H.R. 5352, to protect seniors in the United States from elder abuse by establishing specialized elder abuse prosecution and research programs and activi-

ties to aid victims of elder abuse and to provide training to prosecutors and other law enforcement related to elder abuse prevention and protection, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–864, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (H. Rept. 110–865); and

H.R. 6524, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota (H. Rept. 110–866, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1476, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5244) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to