

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7217–S7276

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1408–1418, and S. Res. 210. **Page S7261**

Measures Reported:

S. 423, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal-year budget authority. (S. Rept. No. 111–41) **Page S7258**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 1407 (to Amendment No. 1371), to permanently reauthorize the EB–5 Regional Center Program. **Page S7230**

Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation for aliens permanent and to improve verification of immigration status of employees. (By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 219), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S7227, S7228–30, S7230

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 220), DeMint Amendment No. 1399 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the completion of at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the southwest border by December 31, 2010. **Pages S7227–28, S7230–31**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 221), Feingold Amendment No. 1402 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require grants for Emergency Operations Centers and financial assistance for the predisaster mitigation program to be awarded without regard to earmarks.

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By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 222), McCain Amendment No. 1406 (to Amendment No. 1373),

to strike the provision relating to the Loran-C signal, as recommended by the Administration.

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Pending:

Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7227–51, S7253**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1373), to prohibit amounts made available under this Act from being used to amend the final rule to hold employers accountable if they hire illegal aliens. **Page S7231**

Grassley Amendment No. 1415 (to Amendment No. 1373), to authorize employers to voluntarily verify the immigration status of existing employees.

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Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (to Amendment No. 1373), to strike the earmark for the City of Whitefish Emergency Operations Center.

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Hatch Amendment No. 1428 (to Amendment No. 1373), to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the religious workers and Conrad-30 visa programs, to protect orphans and widows with pending or approved visa petitions.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 10, 2009. **Page S7253**

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2009, that there be 10 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Tester and Kyl, or their designees; provided that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to a vote on or in relation thereto; provided further, that upon the use or

yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Kyl/McCain Amendment No. 1432 (listed above).

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National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 13, 2009, after the pledge, prayer, and any Leader remarks, Senate begin consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 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.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Irene Cornelia Berger, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Roberto A. Lange, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—222)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7276.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee

consideration an original bill making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for fiscal year 2010.

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2010.

EFFECTS OF CREDIT CRISIS ON RURAL BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions concluded a hearing to examine the effects of the economic crisis on community banks and credit unions in rural communities, after receiving testimony from Jack Hopkins, CorTrust National Bank Association, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Frank Michael, Allied Credit Union, Stockton, California, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Arthur C. Johnson, American Bankers Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Ed Templeton, SRP Federal Credit Union, North Augusta, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; and Peter Skillern, Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina, Durham.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 588, to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 649, to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 668, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1194, to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1308, to reauthorize the Maritime Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.