

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8149–S8214

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1521–1529, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 225, and S. Con. Res. 37.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 81, supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

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Measures Passed:

Hawaii as the 50th State 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 225, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State.

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Miami Dade College Land Conveyance Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of land held by the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice in Miami Dade County, Florida, to facilitate the construction of a new educational facility that includes a secure parking area for the Bureau of Prisons, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact: Senate passed S.J. Res. 19, granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

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Measures Considered:

Energy and Water Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Voinovich/Carper Amendment No. 1841 (to Amendment No. 1813), to clarify the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the

acquisition and lease of certain additional office space.

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Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 243), McCain Amendment No. 1814 (to Amendment No. 1813), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out any project or site-specific location identified in the committee report unless the project is specifically authorized or to carry out an unauthorized appropriation.

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1813, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid Amendment No. 1846 (to Amendment No. 1813), to modify provisions relating to the Department of the Interior.

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Alexander Amendment No. 1862 (to Amendment No. 1813), to limit disbursement of additional funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program to certain automobile manufacturers, to impose fiduciary duties on the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to shareholders of such automobile manufacturers, to require the issuance of shares of common stock to eligible taxpayers which represent the common stock holdings of the United States Government in such automobile manufacturers.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 1813 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2014.

Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

Kelvin James Cochran, of Louisiana, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

David S. Ferriero, of North Carolina, to be Archivist of the United States.

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Text of H.R. 2647 as Previously Passed:

Text of S. 1390 as Previously Passed:

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—243) **Page S8181**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year 2010.

FINANCIAL REGULATORY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory modernization, focusing on insurance, after re-

ceiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; Hal S. Scott, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation; and Martin F. Grace, Georgia State University Center for Risk Management and Insurance Research, Atlanta.

NATIONAL HURRICANE INITIATIVE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1485, to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, and S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, after receiving testimony from Kelvin K. Droegemeier, Member, National Science Board, National Science Foundation; Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Gordon L. Wells, University of Texas Center for Space Research, Austin; Leslie Chapman-Henderson, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Tallahassee, Florida; and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, who was introduced by Representative Bordallo, and Jonathan B. Jarvis, of California, to be Director, National Park Service, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, both of the Department of the Interior, James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, who was introduced by Representative McGovern, Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Ertharin Cousin, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as a Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, David Killion, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural