Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2016–2017. **Pages S11051–52**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, August 29, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 16, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. (S. Rept. No. 110–146)

S. 1233, to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–147)

S. 1315, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–148)

Reported on Tuesday, September 4:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008". (S. Rept. No. 110–149)

S. Res. 22, reaffirming the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail. **Page S11051**

Measures Passed:

Treatment of Anemia: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 305, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11080–81**

Measures Considered:

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11010–19**

Adopted:

Reed/Hutchison Amendment No. 2656, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S11010–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. **Page S11081**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

1996 Protocol to Convention on Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes (Treaty Doc. No. 110–5); and

Amendment to Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (Treaty Doc. No. 110–6).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S11081**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 69 yeas 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 311), Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S11019–38, S11082**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Dan Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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

Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

David Palmer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years, which was sent to the Senate on May 21, 2007.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—311) **Page S11038**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11081.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the treatment of detainees from certain members of the intelligence community.

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT ON IRAQI BENCHMARKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an independent assessment of Iraq, focusing on securing, stabilizing, and rebuilding the country, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 3470–3471; 1 private bill, H.R. 3472; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 629–631, were introduced. **Page H11076**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11076–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2992, to amend the Small Business Act to improve trade programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–312);

H.R. 3020, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–313);

H.R. 1908, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–314); and

H.R. 1011, to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek