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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate passed H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2119–2124, S.J. Res. 19, and S. Res. 338–340. **Page S12379**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008". (S. Rept. No. 110–186)

Report to accompany S. 1693, to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–187) **Page S12379**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 359), Senate passed consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12350–72**

Adopted:

Levin (for Domenici/Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 2937 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed funding reduction for the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility. **Page S12355**

Levin (for Carper) Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2011), to allow additional types of vehicles to be used to meet minimum Federal fleet requirements. **Pages S12355–56**

Levin (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3099 (to Amendment No. 2011), to make available from Shipbuilding and Conversion for the Navy, $1,172,710,000 for advanced procurement relating to the Virginia class submarine program. **Page S12356**

Levin (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3102 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategy to complete the remediation at the Moab site, and the removal of the tailings to the Crescent Junction site, in the State of Utah by not later than January 1, 2019. **Page S12356**

Levin (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 2264 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve the administration and oversight of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. **Pages S12356–57**

Levin (for Murray) Modified Amendment No. 2953 (to Amendment No. 2011), to assist school districts serving large numbers or percentages of military dependent children affected by the war in Iraq or Afghanistan, or by other Department of Defense personnel decisions. **Page S12357**

Levin (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 3005 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service. **Pages S12357–61**

Levin (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 2957 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration. **Pages S12358–61**

Levin (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3103 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a pilot program on commercial fee-for-service air refueling support for the Air Force. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Nelson (FL)/Martinez) Amendment No. 3107 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify the purposes for which the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at the National Museum of Naval Aviation at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, may operate the National Flight Academy. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 3082 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide, with an offset, an additional $15,000,000 Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for a program of research on Gulf War illnesses. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Baucus/Tester) Modified Amendment No. 2325 (to Amendment No. 2011), relative to the removal of missiles from the 564th Missile Squadron. **Page S12361**

Levin (for Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 2897 (to Amendment No. 2011), to establish a Joint Pathology Center located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. **Pages S12361–62**

Levin (for Kennedy/Biden) Modified Amendment No. 2068 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require reports on the mitigation of effects of explosively formed projectiles and mines. **Page S12362**

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 3112 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate on the Air Force Logistics Center. **Page S12362**

Levin (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 3032 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide an effective date for section 531. **Pages S12362–63**

Levin (for Sanders) Modified Amendment No. 2905 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a pilot program on military family readiness and servicemember reintegration. **Pages S12354, S12363–64**

Levin (for Hutchison) Modified Amendment No. 3027 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the feasibility of establishing a Border State Aviation Training Center. **Page S12363**

By 51 yeas and 44 nays (Vote No. 358), Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3058 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Pages S12350, S12364–69**

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12350**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3109 (to Amendment No. 3958), to provide for certain public-private competition requirements. **Pages S12350, S12368**

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of Friday, September 28, 2007, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn.

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, McCain, Warner, Inhofe, Sessions, Collins, Chambliss, Graham, Dole, Cornyn, Thune, Martinez, and Corker. **Page S12385**

National Passport Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 338, supporting the goals and ideals of National Passport Month. **Pages S12385–86**

Burma Sense of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 339, expressing the sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma. **Pages S12386–88**

Recognizing Outstanding Hispanic Scientists: Senate agreed to S. Res. 340, recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States. **Page S12388**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Page S12388**

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

Protocols of 2005 to the Convention concerning Safety of Maritime Navigation and to the Protocol concerning Safety of Fixed Platforms on the Continental Shelf (Treaty Doc. No. 110–8).

The treaty was 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 S12385**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. **Page S12388**

Messages from the House: **Page S12379**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12379–81**

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Text of H.R. 1124 as Previously Passed: **Pages S12384–85**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—359) **Pages S12368–69, S12370**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12388.)

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3707–3716; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 221; and H. Res. 694–698 were introduced. **Pages H11069–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11070–71**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3648, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–356) and

H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 2). **Page H11069**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11032**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H11032**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m. **Page H11032**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commending the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its great contribution to the appreciation, understanding, and future of the United States Armed Forces, the City of Houston, Texas, and Ellington Field: H. Res. 691, to commend the Wings Over Houston Airshow for its great contribution to the appreciation, understanding, and future of the United States Armed Forces, the City of Houston, Texas, and Ellington Field; **Pages H11032–34**

Honoring the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command: H. Res. 640, amended, to honor the sacrifices and commitments of the men, women, and families of the United States Transportation Command; **Pages H11034–36**

Recognizing the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors: H.R. 2779, to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors; **Pages H11036–37**

Commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom: H. Con. Res. 185, amended, to commend the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 924; **Pages H11037–40, S11044–45**

Agreed to amend the title to read as follows: "Commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom.". **Page H11045**

Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2276, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building", by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 925; **Pages H11040–41, S11045–46**

Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3325, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office", by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 926; **Pages H11041–42, S11046**

Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3382, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North William Street in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "Philip A. Baddour, Sr. Post Office"; and **Pages H11042–43**

Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3233, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building". **Pages H11043–44**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11044**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H11032.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11044–45, H11045–46 and H11046 . There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, *p. D1289)*

H.R. 954, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the ''Percy Sutton Post Office Building''. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–87)

H.R. 3218, to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as ''Cal Ripken Way''. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–88)

H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months. Signed on September 28, 2007. (Public Law 110–89)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine issues and challenges facing current mine safety disasters, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the National Capitol for pandemic preparedness, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine preserving the rule of law in the fight against terrorism, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, time to be announced, room to be announced.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Aid Programs, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled ''Digital Future of the United States: Part VI: The Future of Telecommunications Competition,'' 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled ''Systemic Risk: Examining Regulators' Ability to React to Threats in the Financial System,'' 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled ''Credit-Based Insurance Scores: Are They Fair?'' 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, hearing on Ethiopia and the State of Democracy: Effects on Human Rights and Humanitarian Conditions in the Ogaden and Somalia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Leveraging Remittances for Families and Communities, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, briefing on the Status of the Investigation into FL–13 Congressional District Contested Election, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the United States Trustee Program: Watchdog or Attack Dog? 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Gang Crime Prevention and the Need to Foster Innovative Solutions at the Federal Level, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Private Security Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 928, Improving Government Accountability Act; H.R. 3648, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude dischargers of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3246, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development act of 2007, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Nanotechnology Education, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on United States Fire Administration Reauthorization: Addressing the Priorities of the Nation's Fire Service, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on The

Federal Safe Routes to School Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iran, 12:30 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Activity, Part I, 10 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through September 30, 2007

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	138	126	..
Time in session	1,058 hrs., 48′	1,134 hrs., 55′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	S12,342	H11,029	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	E2,021	..
Public bills enacted into law	21	66	..
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	5	5	..
Measures passed, total	421	794	1,215
Senate bills	59	25	..
House bills	80	357	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	..	..
House joint resolutions	4	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	16	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	25	67	..
Simple resolutions	234	337	..
Measures reported, total*	324	342	666
Senate bills	185	2	..
House bills	57	230	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	7	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	4	7	..
Simple resolutions	66	103	..
Special reports	16	7	..
Conference reports	1	6	..
Measures pending on calendar	..	43	..
Measures introduced, total	2,512	4,673	7,185
Bills	2,110	3,706	..
Joint resolutions	18	54	..
Concurrent resolutions	47	220	..
Simple resolutions	337	693	..
Quorum calls	6	7	..
Yea-and-nay votes	357	439	..
Recorded votes	..	477	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 185 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 355 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through September 30, 2007

Civilian nominations, totaling 388, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	176
Unconfirmed	187
Withdrawn	24
Returned to White House	1
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,644, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,304
Unconfirmed	340
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,061, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,053
Unconfirmed	8
Army nominations, totaling 5,994, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,928
Unconfirmed	66
Navy nominations, totaling 4,584, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,583
Unconfirmed	1
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,334, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,329
Unconfirmed	5

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	21,005
Total confirmed	20,373
Total unconfirmed	607
Total withdrawn	24
Total returned to the White House	1

Next Meeting of the **SENATE**

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3222, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

9 a.m., Tuesday, October 2

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) S. 474—A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.; (2) H. Res. 657—Expressing heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding during August 2007 in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin; (3) H.R. 3068—Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2007; (4) S. 1612—International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act; (5) H. Res. 635—Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith; (6) H. Res. 564—Recognizing that violence poses an increasingly serious threat to peace and stability in Central America and supporting expanded cooperation between the United States and the countries of Central America to combat crime and violence; (7) H. Con. Res. 203—Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran; (8) H. Res. 676—Declaring that it shall continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability; (9) H.R. 2828—To provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998; (10) H.R. 2003—Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007; (11) H.R. 3432—200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007; (12) H.R. 3571—To amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term; (13) H. Con. Res. 200—Condemning the violent suppression of Buddhist Monks and other peaceful demonstrators in Burma and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi''; and (14) H.R. 3087—To require the President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other senior military leaders, to develop and transmit to Congress a comprehensive strategy for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces in Iraq.

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