

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S3649–S3733*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2951–2969, and S. Res. 544–548. **Pages S3698–99**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Farm Security and Rural Investment Act Extension:*** Senate passed S. 2954, to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 2, 2008. **Page S3727**

***Jicarilla Apache Reservation:*** Senate passed H.R. 3522, to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3727**

***Technical Corrections:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 340, to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 493. **Page S3727**

***National Child Care Worthy Wage Day:*** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 112, supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3727**

***Iraq Reconstruction Assistance:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 494, expressing the sense of the Senate on the need for Iraq's neighbors and other international partners to fulfill their pledges to provide reconstruction assistance to Iraq, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3727–28**

Cantwell (for Reid) Amendment No. 4653, to improve the resolution. **Page S3728**

***National Drug Court Month:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 534, designating the month of May 2008 as “National Drug Court Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3728–29**

***National Substitute Teacher Recognition Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, designating May 5 through 9, 2008, as National Substitute Teacher Recognition Week. **Page S3729**

***Honoring Recipients of the El Dorado Promise Scholarship:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 545, honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship. **Page S3729**

***National Physical Fitness and Sports Month:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 546, designating May 2008 as “National Physical Fitness and Sports Month” and the week of May 1 through May 7, 2008 as “National Physical Education and Sports Week”. **Pages S3729–30**

***North American Occupational Safety and Health Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 547, designating the week of May 4 through May 10, 2008, as “North American Occupational Safety and Health Week” and May 7, 2008, as “Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day”. **Pages S3730–31**

#### **Measures Considered:**

***FAA Reauthorization Act:*** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3655–89**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3655–89**

Reid Amendment No. 4628 (to Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Page S3655**

Reid Amendment No. 4629 (to Amendment No. 4628), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3655**

Reid Amendment No. 4630 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4627), to change the enactment date. **Page S3655**

Reid Amendment No. 4631 (to Amendment No. 4630), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3655**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 4636, to change the enactment date. **Pages S3656–89**

Reid Amendment No. 4637 (to Amendment No. 4636), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3656–89**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 4642 (to Amendment No. 4637), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3660–89**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 1, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. **Page S3689**

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 Monday, May 5, 2008. **Pages S3689, S3733**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first-degree amendments be filed by 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 5, 2008. **Page S3733**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–45) **Pages S3695–96**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sean Joseph Stackley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Liliana Ayalde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic. **Page S3733**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3696**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3696**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S3696**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Pages S3696–97**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3733.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### HOMELESS VETERANS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies to examine the issue of homeless veterans in the United States, after receiving testimony from Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Beversdorf, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Steven R. Berg, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Paul Lambros, Plymouth Housing Group, Seattle, Washington.

### FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR HOMEBUYERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine financial literacy for today's homebuyers, focusing on quality consumer education and counseling, after receiving testimony from Sarah Bloom Raskin, Maryland Office of Financial Regulation, Takoma Park, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS); Kenneth D. Wade, NeighborWorks America, Washington, D.C.; and Ronni Cohen, Delaware Money School, Claymont.