

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6343–S6369

Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3224–3227, and S. Res. 607–610. **Pages S6362–63**

Measures Reported:

S. 3227, to impose sanctions on Iran and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 110–408)

S. 1738, to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6362**

Measures Passed:

Death of former United States Senator Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 608, relative to the death of Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of North Carolina. **Page S6367**

Tay-Sachs Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 594, designating September 2008 as “Tay-Sachs Awareness Month”. **Pages S6367–68**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6368**

Measures Considered:

Foreclosure Prevention Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of

the Senate to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. **Pages S6354–56**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives, striking Title VI through XI, to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S6355–56**

FISA Amendments Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all debate time on the amendments must be utilized during the Tuesday, July 8, 2008 session of the Senate, and that at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, immediately after the opening of the Senate, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, with the debate time previously specified prior to the cloture vote commencing at that time, and that Senator Bingaman control 10 minutes of the time controlled by the Majority Leader; provided further, that after all debate time has been used or yielded back, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments; that Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and then passage of the bill, as previously ordered; provided further, that the previous order with respect to debate time between votes and vote time in a sequence and all other provisions of the previous order remain in effect. **Page S6368**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate begin consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, and that all time in adjournment, recess, or morning business and consideration of the bill count post-cloture. **Page S6368**

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

Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Treaty Doc. No. 110–19).

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 S6368**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

David Gustafson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008. **Pages S6368, S6369**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S6359, S6368**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—163) **Pages S6355–56**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former United States Senator Jesse Alexander Helms, Jr., at 7:05 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6368–69.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 379.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, SEE DAILY DIGEST, p. D783)

H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–252)

H.R. 6327, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–253)

S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–254)

S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–255)

S. 3180, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on June 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–256)

H.R. 5690, to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–257)

S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–258)

S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi. Signed on July 1, 2008. (Public Law 110–259)