

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3450–3453. **Pages S8130–31**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 22, during the adjournment:

S. 2700, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to double liability limits for single-hull tankers and tank barges for 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–445)

S. 2728, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–446)

S. 3362, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs. (S. Rept. No. 110–447)

Reported on Monday, September 8:

Report to accompany S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings. (S. Rept. No. 110–448)

S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Department of State Authorities Extension: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6456, to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8141**

National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 647, designating September 9, 2008, as “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day,” and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8141**

National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged

from further consideration of S. Res. 649, designating September 18, 2008, as “National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day,” and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8141–42**

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, designating the week of September 14–20, 2008, as National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week, to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families. **Page S8142**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 622, designating the week beginning September 7, 2008, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.” **Page S8142**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S8104–10**

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

By a unanimous vote of 83 yeas (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S8109–10**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, and that time during any recess, adjournment, or morning business count post-cloture. **Page S8143**

Measures Discharged:

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5057, to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S8141**

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

A message from the President of the United States, transmitted pursuant to law, a message stating that the statutory prerequisite to become effective is no longer satisfied, as required by section 123 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, for the proposed Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy transmitted to the Senate on May 13, 2008; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-62)

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

Hague Convention on International Recovery of Child Support and Family Maintenance (Treaty Doc. No. 110-21).

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 S8142**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert B. Eley, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Patrick J. Wolf, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring March 15, 2012.

John L. Winn, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Paul E. Peterson, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Douglas J. Besharov, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

Elizabeth Ann Bryan, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for

Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Lynn S. Fuchs, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Caroline M. Hoxby, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2012.

Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2014.

Dave Heineman, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011.

James X. Dempsey, of California, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term of five years expiring January 29, 2013.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

33 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—197)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8143.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.