

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8315–S8376

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1685–1692, and S. Res. 253–254. **Page S8356**

Measures Reported:

S. 1686, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. (S. Rept. No. 110–89) **Page S8356**

Measures Considered:

Employee Free Choice Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 800, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during organizing efforts.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 800 and resume consideration of S. 1639, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, en bloc; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled for debate between Senator Kennedy and Senator Enzi, or their designees; that the time from 11:30 a.m. until 11:40 a.m. be reserved for the Republican Leader and the time from 11:40 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. be reserved for the Majority Leader; provided further, that Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 800, and that, following said vote, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1639, pursuant to the order of Thursday, June 21, 2007; and that following the conclusion of the second vote, Senate stand in recess until 2:15 p.m. **Page S8371**

The information relative to H.R. 6, CLEAN Energy Act, that appeared in the Digest of Friday, June 22, 2007 was incomplete. The permanent Record has been changed to reflect the following:

Clean Energy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding, the June 21, 2007 passage of H.R. 6, to move the United States towards greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, that the following amendment be agreed to:

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1867 (to the title of H.R. 6), to amend the title of the bill.

Swearing in of Senator Barrasso: Senator John Barrasso, of Wyoming, was sworn in to fill the unexpired term, until the vacancy of that term, caused by the death of Senator Craig Thomas, is filled by election as provided by law. **Pages S8327–28**

Nursing Home Fire Safety Act—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1615, to provide loans and grants for fire sprinkler retrofitting in nursing facilities, be discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S8376**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

William W. Mercer, of Montana, to be Associate Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S8376**

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Text of H.R. 6 as previously passed:
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8371.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXCESSIVE SPECULATION IN THE NATURAL GAS MARKET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

held a hearing to examine excessive speculation in the natural gas market, receiving testimony from Arthur Corbin, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, Kennesaw, on behalf of the American Public Gas Association; Paul Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, Washington, D.C.; Sean Cota, New England Fuel Institute, Watertown, Massachusetts; Vincent Kaminski, Rice University Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management, Houston, Texas; Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore; and Shane Lee, former Natural Gas Trader, Amaranth Advisors LLC, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Committee will continue hearings on July 9, 2007.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 2844–2855; 1 private bill, H.R. 2856; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 513, 515–516 were introduced. Pages H7069–70

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7070–71

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2011, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 110–209);

H.R. 2669, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–210); and

H. Res. 514, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2643) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–211). Page H7069

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H7013

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H7013

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

Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H7013–14

Recognizing the innumerable contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States: H. Res. 505, to recognize the innumerable contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to the continuing prosperity and affluence of the United States; Pages H7014–15

George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 2011, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; Pages H7015–17

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the public service of Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom: H. Res. 416, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the public service of Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom;

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