

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S403–S458*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2562–2571, and S. Res. 433–436. **Page S445**

**Measures Passed:**

*Technical Corrections:* Senate passed S. 2571, to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. **Page S454**

*Honoring United States Coast Guard:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 433, honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and selfless service to the United States have led to more than 1 million lives saved over the course of its long and storied 217-year history. **Pages S454–55**

*Catholic Schools Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Pages S455–56**

*National School Counseling Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 436, designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as “National School Counseling Week”. **Page S456**

*Honoring United States Coast Guard:* Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 429, honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the confiscation of over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S456**

*Electoral Crisis in Kenya:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 431, calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S456–57**

*Protect America Act Extension:* Senate passed H.R. 5104, to extend the Protect America Act of

2007 for 15 days, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S457**

**Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the adoption of a motion to proceed to H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, not displace any pending measures. **Page S457**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S443**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S458.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term federal budget outlook, focusing on action that is needed to avoid the possibility of a serious economic disruption in the future, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas H. Shulman,

of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 70 public bills, H.R. 5151–5220; 1 private bill, H.R. 5221; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 284–287; and H. Res. 946–954 were introduced. **Pages H554–58**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H558–59**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–521). **Page H554**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H481**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. **Page H483**

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

**Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008:** H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 35 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 25 and **Pages H485–H509**

**Extending the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days:** H.R. 5104, amended, to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 30 days. **Pages H510–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.”. **Page H517**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, January 28th:

**Commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national championship game:** H. Res. 933, amended, to commend the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series national cham-

pionship game, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 26.

**Pages H509–10**

**New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act:** The House passed H.R. 1528, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, by a recorded vote of 261 ayes to 122 noes, Roll No. 28. **Pages H517–35**

Rejected the Bishop (UT) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 27. **Page H533**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H531**

Accepted:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that states that State and local laws regarding hunting, fishing, trapping and netting shall be the exclusive laws regarding these activities on the trail. **Pages H532–33**

Rejected:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–519) that sought to delay designation of the trail until all environmental analyses and the review required by Public Law 107–338 have been completed by the Secretary of the Interior. **Pages H531–32**

H. Res. 940, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H517–22**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 6th. **Page H537**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H508–09, H509–10, H534–35 and H535. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and at 8:20 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con.