

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Pryor read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1093–S1147

Measures Introduced: On Friday, February 15, 2008, under the order of the authority of the Senate of February 14, 2008, the following three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2655–2657. On Monday, February 25, 2008, the following nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2658–S. 2666 and S. Res. 458–460. **Page S1121**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, February 22, during the adjournment:

S. 2324, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–262) **Page S1121**

Reported on Monday, February 25, 2008:

S. 2142, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–263) **Page S1121**

S. 2450, to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. (S. Rept. No. 110–264) **Page S1121**

Report to accompany S. 2045, to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs. (S. Rept. No. 110–265) **Page S1121**

Measures Passed:

Northern Illinois University Shooting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 458, expressing the condolences of

the Senate to those affected by the devastating shooting incident of February 14, 2008, at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. **Pages S1100–01**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 460, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of National Association of Manufacturers v. Taylor, et al. **Page S1145**

Measures Considered:

Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 29), Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4070 (to Amendment No. 3899), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1109**

Dorgan (for Thune) Amendment No. 4021 (to Amendment No. 3899), to require a study of tribal justice systems. **Page S1113**

Dorgan (for Johnson) Modified Amendment No. 4019 (to Amendment No. 3899), to provide for testimony by Service employees in cases of rape and sexual assault. **Page S1113**

Withdrawn:

Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4073 (to Amendment No. 3899), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1109–10**

Pending:

Vitter Amendment No. 3896 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a section relating to limitation on use of funds appropriated to the Service. **Pages S1101, S1113–14**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1101**

Smith Amendment No. 3897 (to Amendment No. 3899), to modify a provision relating to development of innovative approaches. **Pages S1101, S1110–13**

Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4015 (to Amendment No. 3899), to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an Indian health savings account demonstration project.

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Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4066 (to Amendment No. 3899), of a perfecting nature.

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

By 85 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 28), 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 Dorgan Amendment No. 3899 (listed above).

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Chair sustained a point of order that DeMint Amendment No. 4080 (to Amendment No. 4070), to rescind funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, for the City of Berkeley, California, and any entities located in such city, and to provide that such funds shall be transferred to the Operations and Maintenance, Marine Corps account of the Department of Defense for the purposes of recruiting, was not germane to the bill, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate continue consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday February 26, 2008; that the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Indian Affairs each have 10 minutes of debate; that the voting sequence be as follows:

Vitter Amendment No. 3896,

Smith Amendment No. 3897,

Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4015, and

Murkowski (for DeMint) Amendment No. 4066; that upon disposition of all pending amendments, Dorgan Amendment No. 3899, as amended be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill; provided further, that the cloture motion on the bill be withdrawn, with no debate time in order except for the 2 minutes prior to each vote; that after the first vote, vote time be limited to 10 minutes each; that the other provisions of the February 14, 2008 order of the Senate remain in effect.

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Troop Redeployment: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2633, to provide for the safe redeployment of United States troops from Iraq.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill 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, Feb-

ruary 14, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. **Pages S1144–45**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2663, to provide for the safe redeployment of United States troops from Iraq; that there be 20 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, the time be divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, and that the Majority Leader control the final 10 minutes prior to the vote; provided further, that the other provisions of the February 14, 2008 order of the Senate remain in effect.

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Global Strategic Report: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2634, to require a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill 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, February 14, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

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Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Pryor performed the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Carol Dillon Kissal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

Joseph A. Benkert, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Pages S1146–47**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—29) **Page S1109**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1145–46.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On January 24, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Reed (RI) (Chairman), Menendez, Johnson, Schumer, Bayh, Casey, Akaka, Tester, Allard, Enzi, Bennett, Hagel, Bunning, Crapo, and Corker;

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Johnson (Chairman), Tester, Menendez, Akaka, Reed (RI), Schumer, Bayh, Carper, Hagel, Bennett, Allard, Bunning Crapo, Dole, and Corker;

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Schumer (Chairman), Akaka, Casey, Reed (RI), Carper, Brown, Tester, Crapo, Dole, Martinez, Allard, Enzi, and Hagel;

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Carper (Chairman), Brown, and Bunning;

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Bayh (Chairman), Brown, Johnson, Casey, Dodd, Martinez, Enzi, Dole, and Bennett.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, February 21, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.