

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2955–S2984*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2850–2854, S. Res. 513, and S. Con. Res. 76. **Page S2977**

#### Measures Passed:

**Purple Heart Family Equity Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1119, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2981**

**Celebrating Army Reserve Centennial:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States. **Pages S2981–82**

**Celebrating Army Reserve Centennial:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2982**

**Conflicts in Chad, the Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 470, calling on the relevant governments, multilateral bodies, and non-state actors in Chad, the Central African Republic, and Sudan to devote ample political commitment and material resources towards the achievement and implementation of a negotiated resolution to the national and regional conflicts in Chad, the Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2982–83**

**Technical Corrections:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 76, to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 1858. **Page S2983**

#### Measures Considered:

**Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections. **Pages S2961–72**

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

By 93 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 103), 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 proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2971**

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, April 15, 2008, and that all time during any morning business, recess, or adjournment of the Senate count against cloture. **Page S2984**

**Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3352, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and that the bill be placed on the Senate calendar. **Page S2981**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2973–74**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S2974**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S2973**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2980–81**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S2981**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—103) **Page S2971**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2984.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 5781–5787; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1104–1106, were introduced. **Pages H2265–66**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2266–67**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on April 10, 2008 as follows:

H.R. 3548, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style for Government documents issued to the public, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–580). Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 281, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–581);

H.R. 5036, to direct the Administrator of General Services to reimburse certain jurisdictions for the costs of obtaining paper ballot voting systems for the general elections for Federal office to be held in November 2008 and to reimburse jurisdictions for the costs incurred in conducting audits or hand counting of the results of the general elections for Federal office to be held in November 2008, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–582, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5715, to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families (H. Rept. 110–583);

H.R. 5719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–584);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers (H. Rept. 110–584, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1102, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5719) to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers (H. Rept. 110–585);

H. Res. 1103, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2634) to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries (H. Rept. 110–586);

H. Res. 1068, permitting active duty members of the Armed Forces who are assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Department of Defense at the House of Representatives to obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–587);

H.R. 5493, to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration (H. Rept. 110–588); and

H.R. 5570, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the sunset in the special immigrant nonminister religious worker visa program, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–589).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2227**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2227**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph T. Holcomb, Director of Pilgrimages, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. **Page H2227**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Wynn, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, effective 5 p.m. on April 9, 2008. **Page H2228**

**Official Objectors for the 110th Congress:** On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the