

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2985–S3037*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2855–2867, and S. Res. 514–516. **Pages S3025–26**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–325) **Page S3025**

#### Measures Passed:

*Congratulating Boston College Men's Ice Hockey Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, congratulating the Boston College men's ice hockey team on winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Ice Hockey Championship. **Pages S2994–95**

*Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the 1983 Bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 516, solemnly commemorating the 25th anniversary of the tragic April 1983 bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut and remembering those who lost their lives and those who were injured. **Page S3034**

**Measures Considered: Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration. **Pages S2993–94, S2995–S3019**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. **Pages S3034–35**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Helene N. White, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S3035–37**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on March 19, 2007.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3034–35.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior,

after receiving testimony from former Senator Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: FDA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Andrew von Eschenbach, Commissioner, United States Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### U.S. CREDIT MARKETS AND STUDENT LOANS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine credit markets in the United States, focusing on the impact on the cost and availability of student loans, after receiving testimony from John F. Remondi, Sallie Mae, Inc., Reston, Virginia; Tom Deutsch, American Securitization Forum, New York, New York, on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association; Patricia A. McGuire, Trinity Washington University, and Sarah Flanagan, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Kantrowitz, FinAid.org, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

#### LANDS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 570 and H.R. 1011, bills to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness or a wilderness study area, to designate the Kimberling Creek Potential Wilderness Area for eventual incorporation in the Kimberling Creek Wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, S. 758, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility, H.R. 1311, to provide for the conveyance of the Alta-Hualapai Site to the Nevada Cancer Institute, S. 1680, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska, S. 2109, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, S. 2124, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, and S. 2581, to designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, after receiving testimony from Senators Warner and Boxer; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Henri Bisson, Acting Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs, and Elena Daly, Director, National Landscape Conservation System, Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior; J.J. Murray, Virginia Wilderness Committee, Charlottesville; Stanley Senner, Audubon Alaska, Anchorage; and Della Trumble, King Cove, Alaska, on behalf of the Agdaagux Tribe.

#### PHARMACEUTICALS IN DRINKING WATER

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine pharmaceuticals in the nation's drinking water, focusing on assessing potential risks and actions to address this issue, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director for Water, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Shane Snyder, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Henderson, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; David Pringle, New Jersey Environmental Federation, Trenton, on behalf of the New Jersey Environmental Federation and Clean Water Action; and Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Alan Goldhammer, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, both of Washington, D.C.

#### TAX REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform, focusing on the fundamentals for advancement, after receiving testimony from Daniel N. Shaviro, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Michael J. Graetz, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; and Jason Furman, Brookings Institution, and Robert Carroll, Tax Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

#### TREATIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the "Geneva Protocol III"), adopted at Geneva on December 8, 2005, and signed by the United States on that date, the Amendment to Article 1 of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on

the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (the “CCW Amendment”), and the CCW Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War (the “CCW Protocol V”) (Treaty Doc. 109–10), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Convention) and, for accession, The Hague Protocol, concluded on May 14, 1954, and entered into force on August 7, 1956 with accompanying report from the Department of State (Treaty Doc. 106–01), and protocols to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the Amended Mines Protocol), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol), and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) (Treaty Doc. 105–01), after receiving testimony from John B. Bellinger, Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Charles A. Allen, Deputy General Counsel (International Affairs), and Brigadier General Michelle D. Johnson, Deputy Director for the War on Terrorism and Global Effects, J–5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, both of the Department of Defense.

#### NUCLEAR TERRORISM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on confronting the challenges of various nuclear attack scenarios, after receiving testimony from John R. Gibb, New York State Emergency Management Office, Albany; Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University John F. Kennedy

School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Cham E. Dallas, University of Georgia College of Public Health, Athens; and Roger C. Molander, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

#### 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 Decennial Census, focusing on automation and information technology in order to improve census coverage, accuracy, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, and Steve H. Murdock, Director, United States Census Bureau, both of the Department of Commerce; and Mathew Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

#### TOMATO WORKERS’ WORKING CONDITIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ending abuses and improving working conditions for tomato workers, after receiving testimony from Lucas Benitez, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and Roy Reyna, both of Immokalee, Florida; Charlie Frost, Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Naples, Florida; Mary Bauer, Southern Poverty Law Center Immigrant Justice Project, Montgomery, Alabama; Reginald L. Brown, Florida Tomato Growers Exchange, Maitland; and Eric Schlosser, Monterey, California.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.