

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3935–S3986

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2993–3000, and S. Res. 555–557. **Page S3975**

Measures Reported:

S. 2996, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 110–333)

S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership. (S. Rept. No. 110–334)

S. Res. 537, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. **Pages S3974–75**

Measures Passed:

Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 537, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. **Pages S3984–85**

Congratulating Charter Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 556, congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education. **Pages S3985–86**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund,

and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3946–66**

Adopted:

Dodd (for Coburn) Amendment No. 4724 (to Amendment No. 4707), to study alternative approaches to ensure the future of the National Flood Insurance Program by requiring greater efficiency and financial accountability. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for Coburn) Amendment No. 4725 (to Amendment No. 4707), to deny premium subsidies to homeowners who refuse to accept an offer of Federal assistance to alter or relocate their property in an effort to minimize future flood damages and costs. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 4727 (to Amendment No. 4707), to impose a civil penalty for noncompliance with certain reporting requirements. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for McCaskill) Modified Amendment No. 4728 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require clear and comprehensible disclosure of conditions, exclusions, and other limitations pertaining to flood insurance coverage. **Page S3962**

Dodd (for Dole) Amendment No. 4730 (to Amendment No. 4707), to provide two additional members to the Technical Mapping Advisory Council. **Page S3962**

Dodd (for Menendez) Modified Amendment No. 4733 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to enhance communication and outreach to States, communities, and property owners about the effects of changes to flood risk maps and flood insurance purchase requirements, and to engage with communities to enhance communication and outreach to their residents on such matters. **Page S3962**

Dodd (for Thune/Johnson) Amendment No. 4735 (to Amendment No. 4707), to modify the project for flood control, Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. **Page S3962**

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4736 (to Amendment No. 4707), to ensure that the purchase price of flood insurance policies required to be purchased in areas of residual risk accurately reflects the level of flood protection provided by any levee, dam, or other man-made structure in such area. **Page S3962**

DeMint Amendment No. 4711 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require the Director to conduct a study on the impact, effectiveness, and feasibility of amending section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to include widely used and nationally recognized building codes as part of the floodplain management criteria developed under such section. **Page S3946**

Landrieu/Nelson (FL) Further Modified Amendment No. 4706 (to Amendment No. 4707), to improve the Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate. **Pages S3946, S3962–64**

By 68 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 122), Durbin Modified Amendment No. 4715 (to Amendment No. 4707), to provide that no changes in flood insurance status for any areas located in the St. Louis District of the Corps of Engineers can go into effect until the remapping process is completed for that entire District. **Pages S3951–52, S3964–65**

Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 4716 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require persons located in flood prone areas to hold flood insurance as a condition for receiving federal disaster assistance. **Pages S3947–48**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 4709 (to Amendment No. 4707), to establish a National Catastrophe Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program. **Page S3946**

DeMint Modified Amendment No. 4710 (to Amendment No. 4707), to end the premium subsidy for any property purchased after the date of enactment of this Act. **Pages S3946, S3958–59**

Ensign/Reid Amendment No. 4734 (to Amendment No. 4707), to provide compensation to the citizens of Fernley, Nevada damaged by the failure of the Truckee Canal. **Pages S3950–51, S3960**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4707, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3946**

McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4707), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3946**

Allard Amendment No. 4721 (to Amendment No. 4720), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3946**

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

By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 121), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Con-

gressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4707, in the nature of a substitute. The point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21, FY08 Congressional Budget Resolution, was not sustained. **Page S3950**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no further amendments be in order, except as provided in a previous agreement with respect to McConnell and Reid amendments; that the previous order with respect to roll call votes on Monday, May 12, 2008, be modified to reflect that the previously ordered votes occur on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, after Senate convenes and following the opening sequence of events, that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between the Leaders, or their designees, prior to the commencement of the votes ordered under a previous order; that prior to each vote there be two minutes of debate equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and that after the first vote in the sequence, each succeeding vote be limited to ten minutes in duration; that the other provisions of the previous order remain in effect; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, that all post-cloture time be yielded back, and the motion to proceed be agreed to. **Page S3964**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs). (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S3986**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Glen E. Conrad, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2011.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2011.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—122)	Pages S3950, S3965

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:42 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY AND AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Army and Air Force, after receiving testimony from Keith E. Eastin, Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Lieutenant General Robert Wilson, U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Major General Raymond W. Carpenter, Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, and Brigadier General Julia Ann Kraus, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, all of the Department of the Army, and Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations, Brigadier General James Rubeor, Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Brigadier General Stanley Clarke III, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, all of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

FUTUREGEN PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's decision to restructure the FutureGen program and obtain information about the elements of the original and revised approaches to advance carbon capture and storage technologies, after receiving testimony from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy; and Paul Thompson, FutureGen Alliance, Washington, D.C.

U.S. CLIMATE MODELING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing on improving the capacity of United States climate modeling—using quantitative methods to simulate the interactions of the atmosphere, oceans, land surface, and ice to project the future climate, after receiving testimony from Alexander MacDonald, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; James J. Hack, Director, National Center for Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Bruce K. Carlisle, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston; Daniel A. Reed, Computing Research Association (CRA), Redmond, Washington; Edward Sarachik, University of Washington, Seattle; and John E. Walsh, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

MOVEMENT OF GOODS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance to the economy of the United States of the efficient movement of goods on the nation's highways and to explore ways to improve the efficiency, after receiving testimony from Michael Gallis, Michael Gallis and Associates, Charlotte, North Carolina; Charles Potts, Heritage Construction and Materials, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association; and Mortimer Downey, Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Washington, D.C.

SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security field offices, focusing on the resources and workforce needed to deliver quality service to the public, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Linda S. McMahon, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Social Security Administration; Richard E. Warsinskey, National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Witold Skwierczynski, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Baltimore, Maryland.

NEXT GENERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine recruiting and hiring the next generation of federal