

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4047–S4122*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3010–3014, S.J. Res. 32, and S. Res. 561–563. **Page S4106**

#### Measures Passed:

***Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act:*** By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate passed H.R. 3121, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program and to provide for such program to make available multiperil coverage for damage resulting from windstorms and floods, after the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Development was discharged from its further consideration, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 2284, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4048–72**

#### Adopted:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 124), Dorgan (for Reid) Amendment No. 4737 (to Amendment No. 4707), to increase the supply and lower the cost of petroleum by temporarily suspending the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Pages S4058–59**

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4707, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4048, S4059**

#### Withdrawn:

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 123), McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4707), of a perfecting nature. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S4048, S4056–57**

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

Allard Amendment No. 4721 (to Amendment No. 4720), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4707), was withdrawn. **Page S4048**

Subsequently, S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, was returned to the Senate calendar. **Pages S4048, S4061**

***Anniversary of NORAD:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 561, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. **Pages S4119–20**

***Concerns of Police Survivors Anniversary:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 562, honoring Concerns of Police Survivors as the organization begins its 25th year of service to family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. **Pages S4120–21**

#### Measures Considered:

**Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4072–95**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Gregg/Kennedy) Amendment No. 4751, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4072–79**

Hatch Amendment No. 4755 (to Amendment No. 4751), to provide for a public safety officer bill of rights. **Pages S4079–82**

Alexander Amendment No. 4760 (Amendment No. 4751), to guarantee public safety and local control of taxes and spending. **Pages S4082–85**

Leahy Amendment No. 4759 (to Amendment No. 4751), to reauthorize the bulletproof vest partnership grant and provide a waiver for hardship for the

matching grant program for law enforcement armor vests. **Pages S4085–92**

Corker Amendment No. 4761 (to Amendment No. 4751), to permit States to pass laws to exempt such States from the provisions of this Act. **Pages S4092–95**

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

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 126), 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 S4072**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. **Page S4121**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of a proposed Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM—48)

**Pages S4103–04**

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

John R. Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Carol Ann Rodley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S4121–22**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S4104**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S4104, S4121**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S4104**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4115–19**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S4119**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Pages S4057, S4058–59, S4061, S4072**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4121.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), after receiving testimony from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; and Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### CLIMATE CHANGE IN COASTAL REGIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of climate change on the reliability, security, economics, and design of critical energy infrastructure in coastal regions of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Wilbanks, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Terry Wallace, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, both of the Department of Energy; Virginia Burkett, Chief Scientist for Global Change Research, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Lisa Polak Edgar, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee; Charles T. Drevna, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Washington, D.C.; and Ted Falgout, Port Fourchon, Galliano, Louisiana.

### MERCURY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation on mercury, including S. 2643, to amend the Clean Air Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate regulations to control hazardous air pollutant emissions from electric utility steam generating units, S. 906, to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and