

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5461–S5534*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3111–3118, S. Res. 591, and S. Con. Res. 89. **Pages S5523–24**

#### Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 512, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC. **Page S5530**

**Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1100, to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina. **Page S5530**

**Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 407, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon. **Page S5530**

**Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

**Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 497, to authorize the Marion Park Project, a committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion. **Page S5530**

**More Water, More Energy, and Less Waste Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water

produced in connection with development of energy resources. **Page S5530**

**Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988. **Page S5530**

**American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project. **Page S5530**

**Minidoka National Historic Site Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington. **Page S5530**

**Contract Renegotiation:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 235, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District. **Page S5530**

**Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System. **Page S5530**

**Wilson's Creek National Battlefield:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

**Energy Technology Transfer Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and

commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies. **Page S5530**

*Former Representative Jim Weaver:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives. **Page S5530**

*Alaska Water Resources Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1114, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska. **Page S5530**

*Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 658, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

*Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 839, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized. **Page S5530**

*Wild Sky Wilderness Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 886, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness. **Page S5530**

*New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1904, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. **Page S5530**

*Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1388, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail. **Page S5530**

*Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1520, to establish the Champlain Quadracentennial Commemoration Commission, the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission. **Page S5530**

*Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 2094, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. **Page S5530**

*Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1337, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District. **Page S5530**

*Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 30, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project. **Page S5530**

*Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 299, to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park. **Page S5530**

*Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 359, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement. **Page S5530**

*Bob Hope Memorial Library:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library". **Page S5530**

*Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial Study Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 807, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

*Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 815, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard. **Page S5530**

*Denali National Park and Alaska Railroad Exchange Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 830, to authorize the exchange of certain interests in land in Denali National Park in the State of Alaska. **Page S5530**

***Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1021, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

***Lower Republican River Basin Study Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1025, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas. **Page S5530**

***Grand Canyon National Park:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park. **Page S5530**

***National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Amendments Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1239, to amend the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 to authorize additional funding to carry out the Act. **Page S5530**

***Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and Pathfinder Modification Authorization Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1462, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir. **Page S5530**

***Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1526, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program. **Page S5530**

***Bureau of Reclamation Site Security Costs Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities. **Page S5530**

***Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 3079, to amend the joint resolution that approved the covenant establishing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Page S5530**

***Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H.R. 1922, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System. **Page S5530**

***National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States:*** Senate indefinitely postponed H. Con. Res. 116, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States". **Page S5530**

***Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

***Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. **Page S5530**

***New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans. **Page S5530**

***North Unit Irrigation District Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 266, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District. **Page S5530**

***Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 265, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon. **Page S5530**

***Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 264, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon. **Page S5530**

***Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 263, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy. **Page S5530**

***Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act:*** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain

buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

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*Alaska Water Resources Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 200, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska.

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*Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 220, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

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*Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 471, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail.

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*National Heritage Areas and National Heritage Corridors Technical Corrections Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 817, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide additional authorizations for certain National Heritage Areas.

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*Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 797, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

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*Juab County Surface and Ground Water Study and Development Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1110, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah.

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*Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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*Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

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*Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 175, to provide for

a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

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*Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York.

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*Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 955, to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

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*Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1148, to establish the Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Commission and the Hudson-Fulton 400th Commemoration Commission.

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*Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 289, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area.

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*National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2179, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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*Natural Resource Projects and Programs Authorization Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2180, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

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*National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2483, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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*National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2616, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy.

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*Coastal Heritage Trail:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey.

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*Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act:* Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1143, to

designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System. **Page S5530**

**Acadia National Park Improvement Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park. **Page S5530**

**Wolf House Study Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System. **Page S5530**

**Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition. **Page S5530**

**National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States:** Senate indefinitely postponed S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the “National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States.” **Page S5530**

#### Measures Considered:

**Consumer-First Energy Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3044, to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices. **Pages S5472–S5517**

**Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 3 p.m.; that the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees; provided further, that the final 40 minutes prior to the vote be controlled as follows: 10 minutes each for Senators Grassley, Baucus, McConnell, and Reid, or their designees, in that order. **Pages S5530–34**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5530.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SPYWARE IMPLICATIONS

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact and policy implications of spyware on consumers and businesses, including S. 1625, to protect against the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, after receiving testimony from Eileen Harrington, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Arthur A. Butler, Ater Wynne LLP, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions; Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Benjamin Edelman, Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Vincent Weafer, Symantec Corporation, Culver City, California, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance.

### SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine sovereign wealth funds, government investment funds, funding by foreign currency reserves, but managed separately from official currency reserves, focusing on foreign policy consequences in an era of new money, after receiving testimony from Jagdish Bhagwati, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Daniel W. Drezner, Tufts University Fletcher School, Boston,