

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5669–S5705

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3141–3144. **Page S5697**

Measures Passed:

Juneteenth Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 584, recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5703–04**

National Men's Health Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 585, supporting National Men's Health Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5704**

Measures Considered:

Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Pages S5678–80, S5681–82**

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

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 150), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5681–82**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill (listed above) failed. **Page S5682**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. **Page S5705**

House Messages:

Diesel Emission Reduction: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2146, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5704–05**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the designation of Shara L. Aranoff as Chairman and Daniel Pearson as Vice Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, effective June 17, 2008; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–52) **Page S5690**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—150) **Pages S5682**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5705.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government to examine the role, responsibilities, and resource needs of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on oversight of futures and derivatives markets in energy and agriculture, after receiving testimony from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman, Commodities Futures Trading Commission; Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Terrence A. Duffy, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois; James Newsome, New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc., New York, New York; and Charles A. Vice, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES AND TREATMENT OF DETAINEES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held a hearing to examine the origins of aggressive interrogation techniques, focusing the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody, receiving testimony from Richard L. Shiffrin, former Deputy General Counsel for Intelligence, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel J. Baumgartner, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Former Chief of Staff, Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, Jerald F. Ogrisseg, former Chief, Psychology Services, 336th Training Group, United States Air Force Survival School, Alberto J. Mora, former General Counsel, United States Navy, Rear Admiral Jane G. Dalton, USN (Ret.), former Legal Adviser to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Diane E. Beaver, USA (Ret.), former Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Task Force 170/JTF Guantanamo Bay, and William J. Haynes, II, former General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and regional solutions to developing transmission for renewable electricity resources, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Stephen J. Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Bryce Freeman, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Cheyenne; Gary Hanson,

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Pierre; T. Boone Pickens, BP Capital, Dallas, Texas; Richard Halvey, Western Governors Association, Denver, Colorado; William Kaul, Great River Energy, Maple Grove, Minnesota; and Don Furman, American Wind Energy Association, Washington, D.C.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1774 and H.R. 3022, bills to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, S. 2255, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, S. 2359, to establish the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission, S. 2943, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, S. 3017, to designate the Beaver Basin Wilderness at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 3010, to reauthorize the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, S. 3045, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, H.R. 1143, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and S. 3096, to amend the National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Representative Christensen; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Karen Taylor-Goodrich, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Jon Knechtel, Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term fiscal outlook of the United States economy, focusing on the federal debt, health care costs, Social Security, and the gross domestic product (GDP), after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental