

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9349–S9437

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3550–3572, S. Res. 679–684, and S. Con. Res. 102–103. **Pages S9414–15**

Measures Reported:

S. 24, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–483)

S. 150, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–484)

S. 642, to codify Executive Order 12898, relating to environmental justice, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fully implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Agency and the Comptroller General of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 110–485)

S. 1911, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of susceptible populations, including pregnant women, infants, and children, by requiring a health advisory, drinking water standard, and reference concentration for trichloroethylene vapor intrusion. (S. Rept. No. 110–486)

S. 2970, to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies. (S. Rept. No. 110–487)

S. 2994, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern. (S. Rept. No. 110–488)

S. 3489, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions. (S. Rept. No. 110–489)

S. 3551, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act. (S. Rept. No. 110–490)

S. 1387, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–491)

H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–492)

H.R. 1771, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes. (S. Rept. No. 110–493)

S. 1828, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–494)

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams. (S. Rept. No. 110–495)

S. 3563, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. (S. Rept. No. 110–496)

S. 2080, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–497)

S. 2549, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Inter-agency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations. (S. Rept. No. 110–498)

S. 3564, to restore the value of every American in environmental decisions. (S. Rept. No. 110–499)

S. 3565, to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones. (S. Rept. No. 110–500)

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 110–501)

H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 5975, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office”.

H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically.

H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the “Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the “Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office”.

S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William “Bill” Sandberg Post Office Building.

S. 3317, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the “Corporal John P. Sigsbee Post Office”.

S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances.

S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”.

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Measures Passed:

Drug Endangered Children Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1199, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act: Senate passed H.R. 923, to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, clearing the measure for the President.

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Health Centers Renewal Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1343, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dorgan (for Kennedy/Hatch) Amendment No. 5642, in the nature of a substitute.

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Military Personnel Citizenship Processing Act: Senate passed S. 2840, to establish a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to expedite naturalization applications filed by members of the Armed Forces and to establish a deadline for processing such applications, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Oregon Surplus Federal Land Act: Senate passed H.R. 6370, to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, clearing the measure for the President.

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John W. Warner Rapids: Senate passed S. 3550, to designate a portion of the Rappahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the “John W. Warner Rapids”.

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Improving Government Accountability Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 928, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to enhance the independence of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Salazar (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 5644, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.

App.) to enhance the Offices of the Inspectors General, to create a Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. **Page S9434**

Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 680, to authorize production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S9434**

Hispanic Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 682, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation. **Pages S9434–35**

National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 683, designating the week of October 19 through October 25, 2008, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Page S9435**

Crisis in Darfur, Sudan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 684, calling for a comprehensive strategy to address the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. **Page S9435**

State-based Alcohol Regulation: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 551, celebrating 75 years of successful State-based alcohol regulation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9436–37**

National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 665, designating October 3, 2008, as “National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9437**

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 8:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9437.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AUTOMOBILE TRADE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism concluded a hearing to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Cassidy, Kelley Drye Warren LLP, John T. Bozzella, Chrysler LLC, Ron Gettelfinger, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Charles W. McMillion, MBG Information Services, and Myron Brilliant, United States Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of sundry organizations, all of Washington, D.C.

NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Ensign; Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Michael Weber, Director, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Edward Pritchard, Director, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, Federal Railroad Administration, and Ted Willke, Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Sandra Schubert, Environmental Working Group, Kevin D. Crowley, National Academies, and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, all of Washington, D.C.; and James David Ballard, California State University, Northridge, Department of Sociology.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Bush Administration’s environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after receiving testimony from Carl Pope, Sierra Club, and Jamie Rappaport Clark,