

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10025–S10114

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3648–3654. **Page S10069**

Measures Passed:

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act: Senate passed H.R. 6849, to amend the commodity provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10039**

Cardin (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5679, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10039**

Measures Considered:

Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10031–37, S10039–52**

Pending:

Reid Motion to Concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S10031**

Reid Amendment No. 5677 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to establish the enactment date. **Page S10031**

Reid Amendment No. 5678 (to Amendment No. 5677), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10031**

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

By 69 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 209), 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 concur in

the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S10037**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. **Page S10114**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

G. David Banks, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

David Kelly, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Page S10114**

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Text of H.R. 6049 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10082–S10114**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—209) **Page S10037**

Recess: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and recessed at 5:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10114.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.