Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5753–S5796

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3570–3576, and S. Res. 579–580.

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children.

Measures Passed:

Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5502, to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

Commemorating the life of George M. Steinbrenner: Senate agreed to S. Res. 580, commemorating the life and work of George M. Steinbrenner of the State of New York.

Conference Reports:

Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4173, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 15, 2010.

Robert C. Byrd Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the prayer delivered by our Senate Chaplain on Thursday, July 1, 2010, when the Senate gathered to remember Senator Robert C. Byrd, be printed in the Record and as a part of the memorial book of Senate tributes.

Messages from the House:

Measures Referred:

Measures Read the First Time:

Executive Communications:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5796.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Mark Charles Storella, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, James Frederick Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eric D. Benjaminson, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Phillip Carter III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, J. Thomas Dougherty, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, Michael S. Owen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra
Leone, and Laurence D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WEAPON SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the cost effectiveness of procuring weapon systems in excess of requirements, focusing on being able to afford more C–17s, after receiving testimony from Mike McCord, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller), Alan F. Estevez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, and Major General Susan Y. Desjardins, Director, Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Air Mobility Command, Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; Jeremiah Gertler, Specialist in Military Aviation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and William L. Greer, Institute for Defense Analyses, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

- H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children; and,
- H.R. 2765, to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5711–5729; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1510–1514 were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

- H.R. 3923, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–525);
- H.R. 3967, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015 (H. Rept. 111–526, Pt. 1);
- H.R. 4514, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–527);
- H.R. 4686, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–528);
- H.R. 3989, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 111–529);
- H.R. 4773, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument (H. Rept. 111–530);
- H.R. 4973, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–531);
- H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–532);
- H.R. 2476, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that
are subject to ski area permits, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–533, Pt. 1);
H.R. 2555, to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners’ insurance coverage for catastrophic events, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–534); and
H. Res. 1509, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative work weeks (H. Rept. 111–535).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:


Amending the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004: H.R. 3967, to amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015;

Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act: H.R. 4514, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 350 yea to 26 nays, Roll No. 434;

Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act: H.R. 4686, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.”

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2010: H.R. 4438, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, and to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 264 yea to 114 nays, Roll No. 435;

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes.”

Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act: H.R. 3989, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System;


Shasta-Trinity National Forest Administrative Jurisdiction Transfer Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; and


Recess: The House recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998: H.R. 2864, amended, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5505.

Senate Referrals: S. 2872 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear
on pages H5517–18, H5518–19, H5519. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

**Committee Meetings**

**MINER SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT**

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 5663, Miner Safety and Health Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Joe Main, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health; and Patricia Smith, Solicitor of Labor; and public witnesses.

**CHINA’S ANTITRUST LAW/COMPETITION POLICIES**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on the Impact of China’s Antitrust Law and Other Competition Policies on U.S. Companies. Testimony was heard from Thomas O. Barnett, former Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**THE “TELEWORK IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2009”**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 6–2, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1722, the “Telework Improvements Act of 2009.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provision in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule tables House Resolution 1496. Testimony was heard from Chairman Towns.

**Joint Meetings**

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, 1:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on the verifiability of the New START, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal response to the discovery of the aquatic invasive species Asian carp in Lake Calumet, Illinois, 3:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the future of individual tax rates, focusing on effects on economic growth and distribution, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine marine wealth, focusing on promoting conservation and advancing American exports, 3 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc.111–05), 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on governance and civilian strategy, 2 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine S. 2930, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veterans’ claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

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Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 4785, Rural Energy Savings Program Act, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up the FY 2011 Military Construction, VA Appropriations bill, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, oversight hearing on the activities of the Maritime Administration, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: An Update, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 5504, Improving Nutrition for America’s Children Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Antibiotic Resistance and the Use of Antibiotics in Animal Agriculture,” 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider the following: H.R. 5493, To provide for the furnishing of statues by the District of Columbia for display in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol; a measure concerning U.S. Territories in National Statuary Hall Collection; H.R. 5681, To improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress; H.R. 5682, To improve the operation of certain facilities and programs of the House of Representatives; a measure Relating to the Smithsonian National Zoological Park facility in Virginia; and the following Committee resolutions: to adopt voucher documentation standards; and pertaining to online advertising, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the Ethical Imperative for Reform of our Immigration System, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5114, Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act of 2010, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up the following: H.R. 2693, Federal Oil Spill Research Program Act; and the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research and Development Act; 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.


Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airline Fees, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Examining the Progress of Suicide Prevention Outreach Efforts at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the taxation of reinsurance between affiliated entities, 10 a.m., 2200 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the future outlook for the annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report prepared by the United States Department of State and help facilitate greater use of the report as a valuable tool of diplomacy, 10 a.m., SVC–203/202.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate expects to resume consideration of H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Chamber


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