

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9693–S9739

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1618–1631, and S. Res. 234–235. **Page S9727**

Measures Reported:

S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–133)

S. 1021, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–134) **Page S9727**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to S. Res. 234, relative to the death of William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. **Pages S9707–08**

Permitting Solicitation of Donations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 235, to permit the solicitation of donations in Senate buildings for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Page S9738**

Science, State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, September 8, 2005, following morning business, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2006, and that the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute be agreed to as original text for the purposes of further amendment with no points of order waived. **Page S9738**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination on Friday, July 29, 2005:

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt. **Page S9739**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S9727–29**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S9729–38**

Additional Statements: **Pages S9725–27**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9738**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—222) **Page S9708**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9738–39.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3664–3694; 1 private bill, H.R.

3695; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 234–236; and H. Res. 425, 427–431, were introduced.

Pages H7741–44

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7742–44

Reports Filed: Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 426, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (Rept. 109–217).

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

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Honoring and recognizing the distinguished service, career, and achievements of Chief Justice William Hubbs Rehnquist upon his death—

Order of Business: The House agreed that it shall be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 423; the resolution shall be considered as read; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except: (1) One hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit.

Pages H7677–78

Honoring and recognizing the distinguished service, career, and achievements of Chief Justice William Hubbs Rehnquist upon his death: The House agreed to H. Res. 423, honoring and recognizing the distinguished service, career, and achievements of Chief Justice William Hubbs Rehnquist upon his death.

Pages H7678–81

Expressing the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina—Order of Business: The House agreed that it shall be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 425; the resolution shall be considered as read; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except: (1) One hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and (2) one motion to recommit.

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Expressing the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina: The House agreed to H. Res. 425, expressing the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, commending the resiliency of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and committing to stand by them in the relief and recovery effort.

Pages H7681–89

Recess: The House recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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

Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act: H.R. 3650, to allow United States courts to conduct business during emergency conditions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 456; and

Pages H7689–92, H7695–96

Pell Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act: H.R. 3169, amended, providing the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 457.

Pages H7692–95, H7696

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7695–96 and H7696. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KELO V. CITY OF NEW LONDON SUPREME COURT DECISION; STRENGTHENING THE OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Kelo v. City of New London U.S. Supreme Court decision and H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bonilla and Waters; and public witnesses.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Iraq Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador James Jeffrey, Senior Advisor on Iraq to the Secretary; and James Kunder, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

KATRINA RECOVERY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on Recovering from Katrina. Testimony was heard from Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi; Scott A. Angelle, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of Kathleen Blanco, Governor of Louisiana; the following officials of the Department of Energy: David K. Garman, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment; and Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration;

John H. Seessel, Associate General Counsel for Energy, FTC; Kenneth P. Moran, Acting Director, Office of Homeland Security, Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

WOMEN AND CANCER

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Women and Cancer—Where Are We in Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Edward L. Trimble, M.D., Head of the Surgery Section, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, National Cancer Institute; Ed Thompson, M.D., Chief of Public Health Practice, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Richard Pazdur, M.D., Director, Division of Oncology Drug Products, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA; and public witnesses.

LONDON BOMBINGS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "The London Bombings: Protecting Civilian Targets from Terrorist Attacks." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, September 8, 2005. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule. Testimony was heard from Representative Obey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 and recent market developments, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Mosbacher, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Robert B. Holland III, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Jan E. Boyer, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: committee will meet to discuss rebuilding lives and communities regarding Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1614, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and proposed Defined Benefit Security Act of 2005, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing on Medicaid: Empowering Beneficiaries on the Road to Reform, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Electronic Waste: An Examination of Current Activity, Implications for Environmental Stewardship, and the Proper Federal Role," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "WMD Terrorism and Proliferant States," 11 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing entitled "The U.S. and India: An Emerging Entente?" 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled "Review of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office operations, including analysis of Government Accountability Office, Inspector General, and National Academy of Public Administration Reports," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "Freedom in the Workplace—An Examination of a National Right to Work Law," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up H.R. 3665, Veterans Housing Improvement Act of 2005, 3:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2862, Science, State, Justice, Commerce Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3673, making emergency supplemental appropriations for 2005.

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