

Monday, November 14, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, Energy and Water Development Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12721–S12772

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2002–2007, and S. Res. 311. **Page S12766**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Graham Amendment No. 2515, relating to the review of the status of detainees of the United States Government. **Page S12727**

Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518, to clarify and recommend changes to the policy of the United States on Iraq and to require reports on certain matters relating to Iraq. **Page S12727**

Levin Amendment No. 2519, to clarify and recommend changes to the policy of the United States on Iraq and to require reports on certain matters relating to Iraq. **Page S12727**

Bingaman Amendment No. 2523 (to Amendment No. 2515), to provide for judicial review of detention of enemy combatants. **Pages S12727–39**

Graham Amendment No. 2524 (to Amendment No. 2515), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12752–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15,

2005, with votes to occur on certain pending amendments, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S12772**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report: By 84 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 321), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12740–51**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Report to accompany Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 109–2) (Ex. Rept. 109–7). **Page S12766**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S12764–66**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S12772**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S12772**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—321) **Page S12751**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALASKA—CHUKOTKA POLAR BEAR POPULATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislation required to implement the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population, after receiving testimony from Marshall Jones, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Charles H. Johnson, Alaska Nanuuq Commission, Anchorage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of J. Thomas Rosch, of California, and

William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine a clean technology solution relating to U.S.-International climate change approach, focusing on the Administration's goals to support improving energy security, promoting economic growth and development, reducing air pollution, mitigating greenhouse gases and eradicating poverty, after receiving testimony from Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; David Garman, Under Secretary of Energy for Energy, Science and Environment; James L. Connaughton, White House Council on Environmental Quality; and Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4311–4317, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1721, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–292);

H.R. 3963, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound (H. Rept. 109–293).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. John Bradford, Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington, Virginia.

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Appointment of Conferees: The Chair appoints the following conferee on H.R. 3199:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill (except section 132) and

the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Daniel E. Lungren of California.

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The Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 3199 in lieu of their appointments on November 9, 2005:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill (except section 132) and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Nadler and Scott of Virginia.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10159.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 10, S. 1095, and S. 1558 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 1699 and S. 1932 were held at the desk; and S. 1988 was referred to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 6 p.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1192)

H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 10, 2005. (Public Law 109-97)

H.R. 2967, to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building". Signed on November 11, 2005. (Public Law 109-98)

H.R. 3765, to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits". Signed on November 11, 2005. (Public Law 109-99)

S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years. Signed on November 11, 2005. (Public Law 109-100)

S. 1285, to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building". Signed on November 11, 2005. (Public Law 109-101)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine defense acquisition issues related to tactical aviation and Army programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine public policy options for encouraging alternative automotive fuel technologies, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine a status report on the Environmental Protection Management programs of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 431, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 505, to amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1288, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park

System, S. 1544, to establish the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, S. Con. Res. 60, designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, S. 748 and H.R. 1084, bills to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill pertaining to certain expiring tax provisions and additional incentives for hurricane affected areas, Time to be announced, SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Treaty Between the United States of America and Japan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on August 5, 2003; including a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 108-12), Treaty Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on October 14, 2003, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 108-27), Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and related exchanges of letters, signed at Washington on March 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-23), and Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel, signed at Jerusalem on July 6, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-3), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the current nuclear situation in Iran and the U.S. response, focusing on the relationship between Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and its status as a state-sponsor of terrorism, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Virginia Mary Kendall, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Kristi Dubose, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, and W. Keith Watkins, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review recent litigation on Forest Service firefighting and forest health efforts, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3889, Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and

Technology, hearing on Increasing Efficiency and Economic Growth Through Trade in Financial Services, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Examining VA Implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled "CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests? Part 2," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on In Defense of Human Dignity: The 2005 International Religious Freedom Report, and to mark up H. Con. Res. 190, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 284, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt; H. Res. 438, Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel

and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East; H. Con. Res. 275, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and H. Res. 535, Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death, 5:30 p.m., 2200 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Voting Rights Act: Sections 6 and 8—Federal Examiner and Observer Programs, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Federal Jurisdiction Clarification Act, 4 p.m., 2142 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on How Illegal Immigration Impacts Constituencies: Perspectives from Members of Congress, (Part II), 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1065, United States Boxing Commission Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Current Governance Issues at Amtrak, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 4297, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, 5 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization, with a vote on, or in relation to, the pending amendments including Warner/Frist Amendment No. 2518, to be followed by a vote on, or in relation to, Levin Amendment No. 2519, to be followed by votes on or in relation to, certain second-degree amendments, followed by a vote on Graham Amendment No. 2515, as amended, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 15

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H.R. 1492—To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II; (2) H.R. 1564—Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2005; (3) H.R. 1972—Franklin National Battlefield Study Act; (4) H.R. 3351—Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005; (5) H.R. 3507—Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2005;

(6) H.R. 3721—To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and to allow the National Park Service to continue to collect fees from those vehicles; (7) H.R. 3981—To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California; (8) S. 161—Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005; (9) H.R. 318—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; (10) H.R. 323—To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”; (11) H.R. 326—To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; (12) H.R. 1129—Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; (13) H.R. 3507—Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2005; (14) H.R. 1790—Child Medication Safety Act of 2005; (15) H.R. 3975—Hurricane Regulatory Relief Act of 2005; (16) H.R. 856—Federal Youth Coordination Act; and (17) H. Con. Res. 288—Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and reaffirming support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act so that all children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

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