

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5197–S5248

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1036–1041, S. Res. 142–143, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S5219**

Measures Passed:

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, to authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to appear in legal proceedings in the name of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in connection with its investigation into the United Nations' "Oil-For-Food" Program. **Page S5247**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5197–S5215**

Adopted:

Inhofe/Jeffords Amendment No. 761 (to Amendment No. 605), to make certain revisions and modifications. **Page S5214**

Withdrawn:

Inhofe (for Ensign) Amendment No. 636 (to Amendment No. 605), to authorize the State of Nevada to continue construction of the US–95 Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Pages S5214–15**

Schumer Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase the transit pass and van pooling benefit to \$200. **Pages S5211–15**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S5197**

Allen/Ensign Amendment No. 611 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify the eligibility requirements for States to receive a grant under section 405 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S5197**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs. **Page S5197**

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 619 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase penalties for individuals who operate motor vehicles while intoxicated

or under the influence of alcohol under aggravated circumstances. **Pages S5199–S5205**

Inhofe (for Snowe) Amendment No. 706 (to Amendment No. 605), to specify which portions of Interstate Routes 95, 195, 295, and 395 in the State of Maine are subject to certain vehicle weight limitations. **Pages S5205–11**

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Dorgan Amendment No. 652 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of an investigation to determine whether market manipulation is contributing to higher gasoline prices, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S5214**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, with 30 minutes of debate equally divided. **Page S5247**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following conventions:

Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. No. 109–1), and Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. No. 109–2).

The conventions were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S5246–47**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Paul A. Trivelli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Janice B. Gardner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m. until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5247.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2362–2384; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152–153, and H. Res. 279 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3331–32

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, May 13: H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, amended (H. Rept. 109–71, Pt. 2);

Filed on Friday, May 13: H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, amended (H. Rept. 109–71, Pt. 3);

Filed on May 13: H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–79);

Filed on May 13: H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–80);

H.R. 1224, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, amended (H. Rept. 109–81);

H.R. 1215, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, amended (H. Rept. 109–82); and

H. Res. 278, providing for consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–83). Page H3330

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McMorris to act as speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3265

Recess: The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H3268

Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, D.C., and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two year term ending May 14, 2007. Page H3269

Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for FY 2006—CBO Estimate: The House agreed that the Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for H.R. 1817 be inserted in the appropriate place in the Congressional Record. Pages H3269–70

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

Linda White-Epps Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 627, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the “Linda White-Epps Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 171;

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Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the “Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building”;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day: H. Res. 266, supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 172;

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Providing for the authorization to store water from the city of Cheyenne in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming: H.R. 1046, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city’s water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming;

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Potash Royalty Reduction Act of 2005: H.R. 485, amended, to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent;

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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act of 2005: H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104–329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 173;

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Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act: H.R. 540, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

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Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act: H.R. 938, amended, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3287, H3287–88, and H3288. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

UN OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Saddam Hussein’s Use of Oil Allocations to Undermine Sanctions and the United Nations Security Council.” Testimony was heard from Gerald C. Anderson, Director, Office of Peacekeeping, Sanctions and Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky and Representative Sabo.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006**

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Taylor of North Carolina, Representatives Pombo and Dicks, but action was deferred on H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the current legal and regulatory requirements and industry practices for credit card issuers with respect to consumer disclosures and marketing efforts, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine measures that have been taken since September 11, 2001, to secure our nation's ports, focusing on the implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act and vulnerabilities that remain in the maritime transportation sector, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold closed hearings to examine nuclear security, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine activities of the Commission for Africa, focusing on recommendations for a coherent strategy for Africa, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's recommendations for the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program, the illegal surcharges paid on Iraqi oil sales, and the nature and extent of the 2003 Khor al-Amaya incident, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Se-

curity, to hold joint hearings to examine strengthening our national security, regarding the need for comprehensive immigration reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "High School Reform: Examining State and Local Efforts," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Examining Pay-for-Performance Measures and Other Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Care," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Subversion of Drug Testing Programs," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, to consider the following bills: H.R. 994, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for a TRICARE supplemental premiums; H.R. 1283, To provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities; and H.R. 1765, Generating Opportunity by Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act of 2005; followed by a hearing entitled "Question: What is More Scrambled Than an Egg? Answer: the Federal Food Inspection Program," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Fostering Democracy in the Middle East: Defeating Terrorism with Ballots?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in China, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Intellectual Property Theft in Russia, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following: H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; and a measure to establish a Science and Technology Scholarship Program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in Administration marine research, atmospheric research and satellite programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act, and following 30 minutes of debate, vote on certain pending amendments, to be 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.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 2360, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (open rule, one hour of debate).

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