

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2587–S2659

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 611–620. **Page S2644**

Measures Reported:

S. 97, to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 109–37)

S. 252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 109–38)

S. 253, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–39)

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Concurrent Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting for the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Gregg Amendment No. 142, of a technical nature. **Page S2611**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 45), Bingaman Amendment No. 143, to restore funding for education programs that are cut and reduce debt by close corporate tax loopholes. **Pages S2614–28**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 and that there be 16 hours and 8 minutes remaining for each side.

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Appointments:

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–458, Section 114(b)(2)(c), appointed Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a six-year term. **Page S2656**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Kim Wang, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Marine Corps under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—45) **Page S2628**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday,

March 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2656.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine

strengthening enforcement and border security, focusing on the 9/11 Commission staff report on terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security for Policy and Planning, and Thomas J. Walters, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Training and Development, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Janice L. Kephart, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, Mount Vernon, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 1269–1290; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 152, were introduced. **Pages H1416–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1417**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, March 11: H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–16);

Filed on March 11: H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–17); and

H. Res. 151, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–18). **Page H1416**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pearce to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1373**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1373**

Committee on Ways and Means Recommendations: Read a letter from Chairman Thomas of the Committee on Ways and Means wherein he forwarded the Committee's recommendations for certain positions for the 109th Congress. **Page H1374**

Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Ne-

gotiations: Representatives Thomas, Shaw, Herger, Rangel, and Cardin. **Page H1374**

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

Allowing for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore: H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; **Page H1375**

Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative: H.R. 186, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; **Pages H1375–76**

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act: H.R. 584, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior; **Pages H1376–77**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the City of Richfield, Utah: H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah; **Pages H1377–78**

Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2005: H.R. 816, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of National Forest System land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; **Pages H1378–79**

Creating the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands: H.R. 62, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands;

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Western Reserve Heritage Areas Study Act: H.R. 412, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area;

Pages H1381–83

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act: H.R. 694, amended, to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee cultural heritage;

Pages H1383–86

Providing for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico: H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base;

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Reauthorizing the TANF block grant program through June 30, 2005: H.R. 1160, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005;

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments: H.R. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments;

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Providing for the establishment of a commission in the House to assist parliaments in emerging democracies: H. Res. 135, providing for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 386 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 66;

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Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the EU's list of terrorist organizations: H. Res. 101, amended, urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 380 yeas to 3 nays and 5 voting "present", Roll No. 67; and

Pages H1398–H1401, H1404–05

Extending the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years: S. 384, to extend the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government

Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 68—clearing the measure for the President.

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Oversight Plan Report: Agreed that the Committee on Government Reform have until midnight on Thursday, March 31 to file a report on Oversight Plans under Clause 2 of Rule Ten.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1373–74 and H1414.

Senate Referral: S. 250 was held at the desk; and S. 256 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1403–04, H1404–05, and H1405. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUILDING IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Building Iraqi Security Forces." Testimony was heard from Joseph Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and RADM William D. Sullivan, USN, Vice-Director, Strategic Plans and Policy; and Richard A. Jones, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Coordinator of Iraq, Department of State; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF, 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule waives all point of order against consideration of the bill. 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 for Section 1113 and 1114. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that upon the engrossment of H.R. 1268, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 418 as passed by the House as new matter at the end of H.R. 1268, and conform the title of H.R. 1268 to reflect the addition. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis of California and Representatives Obey, Stupak, Hooley of Oregon, Reyes and Tierney.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine school nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Office of Science, and the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology in the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs budget overview, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements from combatant commanders in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the Future Combat System in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, 4:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S.175, to establish the Bleeding Kansas and Enduring Struggle for

Freedom National Heritage Area, S.322, to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, S.323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and S.429, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General Department of State; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Japan, Joseph R. DeTrani, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, and Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Howard J. Krongard, of New Jersey, to be Inspector General, Department of State, Joseph R. DeTrani, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks, John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Japan, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, C. David Welch, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, John B. Bellinger, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, David B. Balton, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries, Rudolph E. Boschwitz, of Minnesota, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings to examine ensuring the success of the National Security Personnel System, focusing on the proposed regulations jointly published by the Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management for the National Security Personnel System, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the OPEN Government Act of 2005 relating to openness in government and freedom of information, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the SBC/ATT and Verizon/MCI mergers relating to remaking the telecommunications industry, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine exploring the economics of retirement, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, on Customs and Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Health Resources and Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy—Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy/Conservation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Naval Critical Enablers, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for Military Construction, Family Housing, Base Closures, and Facilities Operations and Maintenance, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request for Missile Defense Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense responsibilities in homeland defense and homeland security missions, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled “Welfare Reform: Reauthorization of Work and Child Care,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumer’s Data: Policy Issues Raised by Choice Point,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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prises, hearing entitled “Regulation NMS: The SEC’s View,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, oversight hearing on United Nations Reform: Challenges and Prospects, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security to Examine the Security of the Nation’s Seaports and the Cargo Entering Those Ports, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Power Marketing Administrations’ Role in Bringing Our Nationwide Electricity Transmission System into the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; H.R. 798, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005; and H.R. 250, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Lasers: A Hazard to Aviation Safety and Security? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Measuring Physician Quality and Efficiency of Care in Medicare, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up H.R. 240, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Protection Act of 2005, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, March 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, Concurrent Budget Resolution.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act (open rule, one hour of general debate).

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