Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity. Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, Hurricane Katrina Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$9607-\$9692

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 1610–1617, S. Res. 233, and S. Con. Res. 52. Pages S9645–46

Measures Reported:

S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. (S. Rept. No. 109–132)

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Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Catafalque: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 52, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.

Hurricane Katrina Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 221), Senate agreed to S. Res. 233, 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 efforts.

Pages S9630-31

Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act—Cloture Vote Vitiation: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate vitiate the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

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Death Tax Permanency Act—Cloture Vote Vitiation: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached

providing that the Senate vitiate the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 during the adjournment of the Senate, the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Treaty Doc. 108–16) (Ex. Rept. 109–4)

Pages S9644–45

Notification to the Senate: Senate received a communication from Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Honorable Antonin Scalia, notifying the Senate of the death of the Chief Justice of the United States, the late Honorable William H. Rehnquist.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

James M. Andrew, of Georgia, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

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Clay Lowery, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

John E. Maupin, Jr., of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mark McKinnon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Brenda LaGrange Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Thomas O. Barnett, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

James S. Halpern, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. 38 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Routine lists in the Air Force. Page \$9692

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United

States, which was sent to the Senate on July 29, 2005. Page S9692

Messages From the House: Page S9634

Executive Communications: Pages \$9634-44

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Pages S9632-33

Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S9691

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—221) Page S9631

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and by unanimous consent adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 7, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$9630.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine gasoline prices and factors contributing to current high prices such as global oil demand, constraints on refinery capacity, and increased speculation in the futures market, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Washington, D.C.; William S. Shipley III, Shipley Stores, LLC, York, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America; Robert L.Darbelnet, AAA, Heathrow, Florida; and John Dowd, Sanford C. Bernstein and Co., LLC, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3647–3663; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 233, and H. Res. 422–424, were introduced.

Pages H7672–73

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7673-74

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of V–J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific: H. Res 360, commemorating the 60th anniversary of V–J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll no. 454; and

Pages H7650-55, H7659

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act: S.J. Res. 19, amended, a joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to one nay, Roll no. 455.

Pages H7655-58, H7659-60

Recess: The House recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7658**

Member Sworn—Second Congressional District of Ohio: Representative-elect Jean Schmidt presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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Communication from Associate Justice Antonin Scalia: Justice Scalia formally notified the House of the death of the Chief Justice of the United States, William H. Rehnquist.

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Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representative on the death of the Honorable William H. Rehnquist: The House agreed to without objection H. Res. 422, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.

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Providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol: The House agreed to without objection S. Con. Res 52, providing for the use of the catafalque in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7647 and H7658.

Senate Referrals: S. 172 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 397 was held at the desk; and S. 501 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:41 p.m. **Page H7661**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were two yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Ehlers, Carnahan and Larson of Connecticut, but action was deferred on H.R. 250, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D865)

H.R. 3512, to provide an extension of administrative expenses for highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on July 30, 2005. (Public Law 109–42)

H.R. 3423, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees. Signed on August 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–43)

H.R. 38, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–44)

H.R. 481, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–45)

- H.R. 541, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–46)
- H.R. 794, to correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–47)
- 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. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–48)
- H.J. Res. 59, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the woman suffragists who fought for and won the right of women to vote in the United States. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–49)
- S. 571, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building". Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–50)
- S. 775, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 W. 7th Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma, as the "Boone Pickens Post Office". Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–51)
- S. 904, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building". Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–52)
- H.R. 3045, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–53)
- H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–54)
- H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–55)
- S. 45, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–56)
- S. 1395, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority for the Attorney General to authorize the export of controlled

- substances from the United States to another country for subsequent export from that country to a second country, if certain conditions and safeguards are satisfied. Signed on August 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–57)
- H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy. Signed on August 8, 2005. (Public Law 109–58)
- H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Signed on August 10, 2005. (Public Law 109–59)
- H.R. 1132, to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State. Signed on August 11, 2005. (Public Law 109–60)
- H.R. 3645, making emergency supplemental appropriations to meet immediate needs arising from the consequences of Hurricane Katrina, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Signed on September 2, 2005. (Public Law 109–61)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 7 through September 10, 2005

Senate Chamber

On Wednesday, at 12 noon Senate expects to vote on a resolution relative to the death of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, William H. Rehnquist.

On *Thursday*, Senate expects to begin consideration of H.R. 2862, Science, State, Justice, Commerce, Appropriations.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 8, 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: September 8, 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, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 8, committee will meet to discuss rebuilding lives and communities regarding Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider proposed Higher Education Amendment Acts of 2005, proposed Defined Benefit Security Act of 2005, and Title VII to proposed 2005 Spending Reconciliation Bill, 3 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 8, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 7, to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 7, to review. Kelo v. City of New London U.S. Supreme Court decision and H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, September 7, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, hearing on Iraq Reconstruction, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 7, hearing on Recovering from Hurricane Katrina, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 8, 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 Government Reform, September 7, Sub-committee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Women and Cancer—Where Are We in Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, September 7, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "The London Bombings: Protecting Civilian Targets from Terrorist Attacks," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 8, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "WMD Terrorism and Proliferant States," 11 a.m., room to be announced.

Committee on International Relations, September 8, hearing entitled "The U.S. and India: An Emerging Entente?" 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 8, 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.

September 8, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to mark up H.R. 1219, Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., followed by an oversight hearing entitled "Sources and Methods of Foreign Nationals in Economic and Military Espionage," 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, September 8, 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.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 8, executive, Briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H–405 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

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January 4 through July 31, 2005

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Days in session	101	87		Confirmed	195
Time in session	768 hrs., 58'	665 hrs., 9'		Unconfirmed	,
Congressional Record:				Withdrawn	
Pages of proceedings	9,591	7,614		Returned to White House	
Extensions of Remarks				Returned to write House	2
Public bills enacted into law	9	33	42		
Private bills enacted into law				Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,379, disposed of as follows:	
Bills in conference	5	4		Confirmed	1,139
Measures passed, total	337	392	729	Unconfirmed	240
Senate bills	93	14			
House bills	46	148			
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Simple resolutions	153	162			
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Special reports	10	5			
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Measures pending on calendar	120	62			1 200
Measures introduced, total	1,904	4,360	6,264	Confirmed	1,298
Bills	1,602	3,644		Unconfirmed	2
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Simple resolutions	230	421		Summury	
Quorum calls	3	1		Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Yea-and-nay votes	220	204		Total nominations received this Session	18,125
Recorded votes		248		Total confirmed	15,232
Bills vetoed				Total unconfirmed	2,886
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Next Meeting of the SENATE 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate expects to vote on a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relative to the death of William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions: (1) H.R. 1215, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005; (2) H.R. 230, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005; and (3) H.R. 3207, Second-stage Small Business Development Act of 2005. Begin consideration of H.R. 250, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005.

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