

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3714–3719 and S. Res. 539–540. **Page S8129**

Measures Reported:

S. 757, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–290)

S. 3501, to amend the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act to establish an acquisition fund for the water rights and habitat acquisition program. (S. Rept. No. 109–291) **Pages S8128–29**

Measures Passed:

Retirement Income Taxation: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4019, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8135**

United States-India Energy Security Cooperation Act: Senate passed S. 1950, to promote global energy security through increased cooperation between the United States and India in diversifying sources of energy, stimulating development of alternative fuels, developing and deploying technologies that promote the clean and efficient use of coal, and improving energy efficiency, after agreeing to the

committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8135–36**

Frist (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4688, to authorize assistance for renewable energy projects. **Page S8136**

Energy Exploration Legislation: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3711, to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico. **Pages S8134–35**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. **Page S8134**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8136.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5862–5873; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 940–941 were introduced. **Page H5682**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5682–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on Friday, July 21st, as follows:

H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–590, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2965, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a 5-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–591).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that 9 percent of procurement contracts entered into by the Department of Veterans Affairs be awarded to small business concerns owned by veterans, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–592);

H.R. 5388, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 109–593, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5766, to provide for the establishment of Federal Review Commissions to review and make recommendations on improving the operations, effectiveness, and efficiency of Federal programs and agencies, and to require a schedule for such reviews of all Federal agencies and programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–594, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 939, providing for consideration of H.R. 1956, to regulate certain State taxation of interstate commerce (H. Rept. 109–595). **Page H5682**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Conaway to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5569**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5570**

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

Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act: H.R. 5025, amended, to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon; **Pages H5571–81**

Providing for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe: H.R. 854, amended, to provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe; **Pages H5581–82**

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: H.R. 1307, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; **Pages H5582–84**

Cababa River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act: H.R. 4947, amended, to expand the boundaries of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge; **Pages H5584–85**

Authorizing the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion: H.R. 5057, amended, to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; **Pages H5585–86**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Marion Park Project, a Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation, to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion." **Page H5586**

Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act: S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H5586–87**

Designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum: S. Con. Res. 60, to designate the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H5587**

Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005: S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 358 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 394—clearing the measure for the President;

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National Heritage Areas Act of 2005: S. 203, amended, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 323 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 395;

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Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005: H.R. 3817, to withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; **Pages H5615–16**

Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2005: H.R. 4301, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission; **Pages H5616–18**

Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act: H.R. 3603, amended, to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System; **Pages H5618–30**

Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act: H.R. 233, amended, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests and certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Napa Counties in the

State of California as wilderness, to designate the Elkhorn Ridge Potential Wilderness Area, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river; **Pages H5630–33**

Establishing a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels: H.R. 5534, amended, to establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels, by a (2/3) ye-a-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 396; **Pages H5634–35, H5649–50**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels." **Page H5634**

Recognizing the dedication of the employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Michoud Assembly Facility, the "Michoud Hurricane Ride-Out Team", who risked their lives during Hurricane Katrina's assault on southeast Louisiana, and kept the generators and pumps running to protect the facilities and flight hardware, and whose dedication kept the Michoud Assembly Facility an island of dry land, which made it possible to resume External Tank production less than 5 weeks after the storm passed: H. Res. 892, amended, to recognize the dedication of the employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Michoud Assembly Facility, the "Michoud Hurricane Ride-Out Team", who risked their lives during Hurricane Katrina's assault on southeast Louisiana, and kept the generators and pumps running to protect the facilities and flight hardware, and whose dedication kept the Michoud Assembly Facility an island of dry land, which made it possible to resume External Tank production less than 5 weeks after the storm passed; **Pages H5635–36**

Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation: H. Con. Res. 347, to honor the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation;

Pages H5636–38

Expressing support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals: H. Con. Res. 125, to express support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; and **Pages H5638–40**

Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005: H.R. 3082, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that 9 percent of procurement contracts entered into by the Department of Veterans Affairs be awarded to small business concerns owned by veterans. **Pages H5640–47**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “to amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to small business, memorial affairs, education, and employment programs for veterans, and for other purposes.” **Page H5647**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H5648**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5647**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H5570.

Senate Referrals: S. 2690 and S. 3187 were referred to the Committee on Government Reform and S. Con. Res. 112 was held at the desk. **Page H5681**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 3 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5647–48, H5648, H5649. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to re-

commit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Delahunt and Dicks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Sub committee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine the F-22A multiyear procurement proposal in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulation of hedge funds, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Joint Planning and Development Office, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine a decade of covering children relating to the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense Supply Chain Management Plan, focusing on the extent to which the supply chain management improvement plan is integrated with other Department of Defense logistics strategies, concepts, and plans, and if the Department has identified valid performance metrics and data to use in monitoring initiatives and measuring progress, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 11 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 503, To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on How to Build a Payment System that Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Changing Real Estate Market,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Terrorism Threats and the Insurance Market,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “Retirees Returning to the Rescue: Re-employing Annuitants in Times of National Need,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled “DOD Excess Property: Inventory Control Breakdowns Present a Security Risk,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government Doing All It Can To Stem the Tide of Illegal Immigration,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Assessing Energy and Security Issues in Central Asia, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing entitled “The 60th Anniversary of the Administrative Procedure Act: Where Do We Go From Here?” 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing entitled “The Recently Released Final Draft of the National Park Service Management Policies,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 5682, United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Scientific and Technical Assessment and Advice for the U.S. Congress, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Failure to Comply With the Regulatory Flexibility Act: IRS Endangering Small Businesses Yet Again, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Human Factors Issues in Rail Safety, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Customs Budget Authorizations and Other Customs Issues, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at approximately 11:45 a.m. Also, Senate will resume consideration of S. 403, Child Custody Protection Act, consider certain amendments, and after a period of debate, 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

9 a.m., Tuesday, July 25

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) S. 3525—Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006; (2) H.R. 4804—FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006; (3) H.R. 5024—Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006; (4) H.R. 5068—

Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006; (5) H.R. 5121—Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2006; (6) H.R. 5852—The 21st Century Emergency Communications Act of 2006; (7) H. Con. Res. 384—Recognizing and honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans; (8) H.R. 5074—Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006; (9) H.R. 5013—Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006; (10) H. Con. Res. 145—Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling; (11) H.R. 5187—To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; (12) H. Con. Res. 235—Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; and (13) H. Con. Res. 449—Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States. Consideration of H.R. 1956—Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2006 (Subject to a Rule).

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