

Monday, June 13, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 39, Anti-Lynching Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6347–S6425

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1225–1229, and S. Res. 168–170. **Pages S6404–05**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, June 10, during the adjournment:

H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–80)

Reported today:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 108th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 109–81)

S. 1181, to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill. **Page S6404**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Jesse R. Nichols: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, expressing gratitude and sincere respect for Jesse R. Nichols. **Pages S6349–51**

Anti-Lynching Resolution: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 39, apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6364–88**

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Exon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 170, relative to the death

of J. James Exon, former United States Senator for the State of Nebraska. **Pages S6419–20, S6424**

Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S6351–64**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S6424**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S6425**

Executive Communications: **Pages S6402–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6405–07**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S6407–19**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6401–02**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6420–23**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Pages S6423–24**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S6424**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable J. James Exon, former United States Senator for the State of Nebraska, in accordance with S. Res. 170, adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6424.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 28644–2873; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 313 were introduced. **Page H4400**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4400–01**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, June 10: H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–118);

Filed on Friday, June 10: H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–119);

Filed on Friday, June 10: H.R. 2745, to reform the United Nations, amended (H. Rept. 109–120);

H. Con. Res. 152, commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year, amended (H. Rept. 109–121); and

H. Res. 314, providing for consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–122). **Page H4400**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lungren to act as speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4357**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4358**

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

Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005: H.R. 1812, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes; **Pages H4358–61**

Amending the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs: S. 643, to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 241—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H4361–62, H4371**

Commending the establishment in College Point, New York, of the first kindergarten in the United States: H. Con. Res. 47, amended, com-

mending the establishment in College Point, New York, of the first kindergarten in the United States; **Pages H4362–64**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commending the establishment in College Point, New York, of the first free, public kindergarten in the United States. **Page H4364**

Honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary: H. Con. Res. 163, amended, honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary; **Pages H4364–66**

Floyd Lupton Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the “Floyd Lupton Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 370 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 242; and **Pages H4366–68, H4371–72**

Net Worth Amendment For Credit Unions Act: H.R. 1042, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify the definition of net worth under certain circumstances for purposes of the prompt corrective action authority of the National Credit Union Administration Board. **Pages H4368–71**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H4371**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4371, H4371–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: On June 10th, the Committee continued oversight hearings on Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Frelinghuysen, Murtha, Obey and Manzullo but action was deferred on H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 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 Representatives Wolf, Mollohan and Obey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the benefits and future developments in agriculture and food biotechnology, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2:30 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of financial markets in social security reform, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine six-party talks and matters related to the resolution of the North Korean nuclear crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, also the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Threat Convergence Along the Border: How Does Drug Trafficking Impact Our Borders?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, to consider H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program; followed by a hearing entitled "Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations getting the Federal Help They Need?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Countermeasures," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public: Are Agencies Doing All They Can?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on Chemical Plant Security, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and South Asia, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2745, United Nations Reform Act of 2005, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space, hearing on Live from Space: The International Space Station, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Are Skyrocketing Medical Liability Premiums Driving Doctors Away from Underserved Areas?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing and markup of The Design, Alteration and Construction Portions of The General Services Administration’s Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Financing Water Infrastructure Projects, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the implementation of the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) Dumping Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–295), 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security, 2 p.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, June 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 10 a.m.; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Begin consideration of H.R. 2862, Science, the Department of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (open rule, one hour of general debate).



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