

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4847–S4921

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2919–2924, and S. Con. Res. 485–488. **Page S4891**

Measures Passed:

National Internet Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 486, designating June 2006 as “National Internet Safety Month”. **Pages S4915–16**

Women’s Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 487, expressing the sense of the Senate with regard to the importance of Women’s Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health. **Page S4916**

Copyright Infringement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 488, expressing the sense of Congress that institutions of higher education should adopt policies and educational programs on their campuses to help deter and eliminate illicit copyright infringement occurring on, and encourage educational uses of, their computer systems and networks. **Pages S4916–17**

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 83 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 137), Ensign/Graham Modified Amendment No. 4076, to authorize the use of the National Guard to secure the southern border of the United States. **Pages S4871–73**

Rejected:

Chambliss/Isakson Amendment No. 4009, to modify the wage requirements for employers seeking to hire H–2A and blue card agricultural workers, (By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate tabled the amendment). **Page S4871**

Pending:

Feinstein/Harkin Amendment No. 4087, to modify the conditions under which aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States are granted legal status. **Pages S4851–60**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Feinstein/Harkin Amendment No. 4087 (listed above), on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, with 60 minutes of additional debate on the amendment, followed by a vote on, or in relation to, the amendment, to occur at approximately 10:45 a.m. **Page S4873**

A motion was entered to close further debate on 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, May 24, 2006. **Page S4880**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first-degree amendments under rule XXII must be filed by 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. **Page S4881**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. **Page S4917**

Kavanaugh Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. **Page S4880**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4915**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137) **Pages S4871, S4873**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 23, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4917.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENERGY POLICY ACT: NUCLEAR POWER PROVISIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear power provisions contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, focusing on incentives for the construction of new nuclear power plants, including production tax credits, loan guarantees, insurance against regulatory delays, and extension of the Price-Anderson Act nuclear liability system, after receiving testimony from Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and James K. Asselstine, Lehman Brothers, Inc., New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Landrieu and Allen, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management, and David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5438–5451; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 411–412; and H. Res. 831 were introduced. **Pages H3015–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3016–17**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5359, to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles based on one or more vehicle attributes (H. Rept. 109–475);

H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–476);

H. Res. 830, providing for consideration H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–477); and

H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–478). **Page H3015**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2965**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2966**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Francis J. Maniscalco, Director of Communications, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. **Page H2966**

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

Hurricane Relief Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 5354, to authorize the Secretary of Education to extend the period during which a State educational agency or local educational agency may obligate temporary emergency impact aid for elementary and secondary school students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita; **Pages H2967–69**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the goals of National One-Stop Month: H. Res. 808, to express the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the goals of National One-Stop Month; **Pages H2969–70**

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2005: S. 1235, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in life insurance coverage to servicemembers and veterans, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, to make technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004, to make permanent a pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans, and to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nays vote of 372 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 177,—clearing the measure for the President;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, insurance, outreach, and benefits programs provided under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to improve and extend employment programs for veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Labor, and for other purposes."

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Amending section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments: H.R. 5401, to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments;

Pages H2982–83

Providing for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies: S. 1736, to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H2983–84

Designating the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse": H.R. 4530, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and

Pages H2984–85

Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2005: H.R. 3858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nays vote of 349 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 178.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, May 23rd:

Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006: H.R. 4681, amended, to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority. Agreed to extend debate time on the measure by 80 minutes, equally divided.

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Later, agreed to extend debate time on the measure by an additional 60 minutes, equally divided.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3017.

Quorum Calls—Votes: 2 yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2988, and H2988–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 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.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007**

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representative Hobson, but action was deferred on H.R. 5427, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
MAY 23, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine biodefense and pandemic influenza issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine improving financial literacy in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine price-gouging related to gas prices, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the National Research Council report, Managing Construction and Infrastructure in the 21st Century Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Report, Managing for Excellence: An Action Plan for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2735, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize the national dam safety program, S. 2832, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, S. 2430, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, S. 1509, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species, S. 2041, to provide for the conveyance of a United States Fish and Wildlife Service administrative site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, S. 2127, to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Virginia as the "Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge", S. Res. 301, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Audubon Society, S. 2781, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, S. 2650, to designate the Federal courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Federal Courthouse", S. 801, to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Florida, as the "John Milton Bryan

Simpson United States Courthouse", the proposed Great Lakes Coordination and Oversight Act, S. 2023, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act, the nominations of Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Dale Klein, of Texas, Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other pending committee business, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction, to hold hearings to examine encouraging economic self-determination in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with a declaration, done at Vienna on September 12, 1997, Convention Adopted by a Diplomatic Conference convened by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and opened for signature at Vienna, September 29, 1997, during the IAEA General Conference (Treaty Doc. 107-21), S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments, S. Res. 359, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania, S. Res. 456, expressing the sense of the Senate on the discussion by the North Atlantic Council of secure, sustainable, and reliable sources of energy, S. 559, to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, 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, S. 2125, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, S. 2200, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, S. 2566, to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, S. 2697, to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN, and pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine post-grant review procedures and other litigation reforms relating to patents, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to markup intelligence authorization for fiscal year 2007, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on Paying for College: Innovative Private-Sector Proposals to Complement Record Federal Investment in Student Aid," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 2567, Antifreeze Bittering Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Federal Government’s Partnership with America’s Pharmacists,” 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005; and H.R. 5039, Saving America’s Rural Housing Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled “FY 2007 Drug Control Budget and the Byrne Grant, HIDTA, and Other Law Enforcement Programs: Are We Jeopardizing Federal, State and Local Cooperation?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “Office of Government Ethics Reauthorization,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled “Public Housing in the Competitive Market Place: Do Affordable and Public Housing Developments Benefit from Private Market and Other Financing Tools?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on sharing classified information among Federal Intelligence Partners: DHS access and information controls, 11 a.m., H2-176 Fore.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 435, Equal Access to Justice Reform Act of 2005, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 4239, Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Homeland Security appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing entitled “The Liabilities Driving Better Consumer Data Protection Practices,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Impacts of Railroad-Owned Waste Facilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to review Proposals To Improve Child Protective Services, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act, with a vote to occur at approximately 10:45 a.m. on, or in relation to, Feinstein/Harkin Amendment No. 4087.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 5384—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Subject to a Rule).

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