

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4507–S4527

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2796–2798, and S. Res. 476. **Page S4523**

Measures Passed:

Supporting Haiti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 476, supporting democracy, development, and stabilization in Haiti. **Pages S4526–27**

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2006, Senate begin consideration of S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform. **Page S4527**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

Marc L. Kesselman, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Gale A. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Linda Avery Strachan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Timothy Anthony Junker, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Patrick Carroll Smith, Sr., of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years. **Page S4527**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Page S4527**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S4523**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:42 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4527.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nominations: of William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Anne E. Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, who was introduced by former Senator Mathias, and Daniel S. Sullivan, of Alaska, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Murkowski, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 resolution, H. Res. 814 was introduced. **Page H2588**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2588**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
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. 109-463). **Page H2588**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2587**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate. **Page H2587**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2587.

Senate Referrals: S. 2245 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce. **Page H2587**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2588-94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 15 through May 20, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, with a vote on confirmation thereon. Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Broadband Program, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 19, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Institutes of Health, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 16, Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of hedge funds in U.S. capital markets, 2 p.m., SD-538.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: May 16, 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, SD-207, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 16, to hold hearings to examine Transportation Worker Identification Credential, 10 a.m., SD-562.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes, 10 a.m., SD-106.

May 18, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the proposed innovation bill, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 15, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005's electricity reliability provisions, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status of Yucca Mountain Repository Project within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management at the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 16, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1686, to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the National Constitution Center, S. 2417 and H.R. 4192,

bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, S. 2419 and H.R. 4882, bills to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, S. 2568, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, S. 2627, to amend the Act of August 21, 1935, to extend the authorization for the National Park System Advisory Board, and S. Res. 468, supporting the continued administration of Channel Islands National Park, including Santa Rosa Island, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador; to be followed by a business meeting to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, and the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 16, to hold hearings to examine energy security and oil dependence issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Cloud, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Michael Wood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 18, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 16, Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging, to hold hearings to examine naturally occurring retirement communities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the proposed Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006, proposed Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006, proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress

Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and the nominations of Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, and Peter W. Tredick, of California, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, J.C.A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 17, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the Federal government's security clearance process, focusing on the progress of the Office of Personnel Management in implementing a plan to address the longstanding backlog of security clearance investigations, including the next steps by the Office of Management and Budget, and the recent halt by the Defense Security Service in processing government contractor security clearances, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 18, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment and how they affect agency budgeting and programming, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how Office of Management and Budget, the Treasury and the agencies treat them, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian youth suicide, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the continuing need for Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine understanding the benefits and cost of Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 18, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine AT&T and BellSouth merger and what it means for consumers, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security, Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 17, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: May 18, to hold hearings to examine caring for seniors during a national emergency, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: May 17, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the OSCE, focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 16, to consider the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Homeland Security; and Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, 3:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 18, hearing on No Child Left Behind: How Innovative Educators Are Integrating Subject Matter To Improve Student Achievement, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Unlocking America's Energy Resources: Next Generation," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5126, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 17, hearing on the State of the International Financial System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 5337, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 5341, Seasoned Customer CTR Exemption Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Financial Services Needs of Military Personnel and Their Families," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources and the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, joint hearing entitled "Energy as a Weapon: Implications for U.S. Policy," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 16, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Fair and Bal-

anced? The Status of Pay and Benefits for Non-Article III Judges," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 17, full Committee, hearing entitled "Low Clearance" Why Did DOD Suddenly Stop Processing Private Sector Security Clearances?" followed by consideration of pending business, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "RU-486—Demonstrating a Low Standard for Women's Health?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 16, hearing entitled "Are We Ready?: Implementing the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 17, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 5451, National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006; and H. Res. 809, Directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 18, Subcommittee on Management, Integration and Oversight, hearing entitled "Retention, Security Clearances, Morale, and Other Human Capital Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security," 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, May 16, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Relations, hearing on Medical Outreach: An Instrument of U.S. Diplomacy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and South Asia: An Expanding Agenda, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing to Review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 18, full Committee, hearing on the Prospects for Peace in Darfur, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Nigeria's Struggle with Corruption, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, to mark up H.R. 5333, Shoulder-fired Missile Threat Reduction Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 16, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Section 115 Reform Act (SIRA) of 2006, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 17 Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Privacy in the Hands of the Government: The Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security and the Privacy Officer for the Department of Justice; followed by markup of H.R. 2840, Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 817, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 4997, Physicians for Underserved Areas Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Energy and Mineral Requirements for Renewable and Alternative Fuels Used for Transportation and Other Purposes, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 16, to consider the following: H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act; and H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 17, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles: Legislation

To Promote Research and Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 17, to mark up H.R. 5352, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 17, to mark up the following: additional lease resolutions from the GSA FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; H.R. 5013, Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; and H.R. 5316, RESPOND Act of 2006, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on EPA Grants Management 2003–2006: Progress and Challenge, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 18, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, Briefing on Denial and Deception, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

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