

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7567–S7651*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3668–3677. **Page S7628**

**Measures Passed:**

**Commemorating Football Integration:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the permanent integration of professional football by 4 pioneering players. **Page S7650**

**Freedom to Display the American Flag Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 42, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7650**

**Stem Cell Research:** Pursuant to the orders of June 29 and July 13, 2006, Senate began consideration of H.R. 810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research, S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes (which was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), and S. 2754, to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that do not knowingly harm embryos (which was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions). **Pages S7569–S7624**

Pursuant to the order of July 13, 2006, Senate will continue consideration of the bills at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, and at 3:45 p.m. begin consecutive votes thereon. **Page S7651**

**Secretary of the Interior Authorization Act Referral:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 125, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S7626**

**Homeland Security Appropriations:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the July 13, 2006 passage of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, the following previously agreed to amendments be further modified: **Pages S7632–50**

Gregg (for Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 4642, to increase funding for technical assistance. **Page S7650**

Gregg (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 4570, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security Inspector General to investigate the conduct of insurers in settling certain claims resulting from Hurricane Katrina. **Page S7650**

Gregg (for Warner) Amendment No. 4578, to increase funding for the Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S7650**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 8:43 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, July 18, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7651.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### ENERGY POLICY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of

the Energy Policy Act of 2005 provisions on hydrogen and fuel cell research and development, after receiving testimony from David Garman, Under Secretary of Energy; Donald L. Paul, Chevron Corporation, San Ramon, California; James D. Balcom, PolyFuel, MountainView, California; J. Byron McCormick, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; and Timothy D. Leuliette, Metaldyne Corporation, Plymouth, Michigan.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R.5808–5821; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 915–917, 919 were introduced. **Page H5280**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5280–81**

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on Friday, July 14th, as follows:

H.R. 4132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for officers and employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who obtain knowledge of criminal conduct within the jurisdiction of State and local prosecutors and fail to so inform those prosecutors, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–564).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5024, to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–565);

H.R. 5068, to reauthorize the operations of the Export-Import Bank, and to reform certain operations of the Bank, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–566);

H.R. 5018, to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–567);

H.R. 2925, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–568);

H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury (H. Rept. 109–569);

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 (H. Rept. 109–570, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3043, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a pilot program to insure zero-downpayment mortgages for one-unit residences, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–571);

H.R. 5527, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to restructure mortgages and rental assistance for certain assisted multifamily housing, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–572);

H. Res. 918, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 88, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage (H. Rept. 109–573);

H.R. 5684, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 109–574);

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, and for other purposes, with an amendment; (H. Rept. 109–523, Part II);

H.R. 1956, to regulate certain State taxation of interstate commerce, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–575); and

H.R. 5323, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for ceremonies on or near Independence Day for administering oaths of allegiance to legal immigrants whose applications for naturalization have been approved (H. Rept. 109–576).

**Pages H5279–80**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5225**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boustany to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5225**

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

***Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2005:*** H.R. 4075, amended, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals; **Pages H5226–31**

***Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2005:*** H.R. 4376, amended, to authorize the National Park Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community College; **Pages H5231–32**

***Amending the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail:*** H.R. 3085, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 375; **Pages H5232–34, H5245–46**

***National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2005:*** H.R. 3496, amended, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 120 nays, Roll No. 376; **Pages H5234–40, H5246**

***Federal Judiciary Emergency Tolling Act of 2005:*** H.R. 3729, amended, to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 377; **Pages H5240–42, H5246–47**

***Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act of 2006:*** H.R. 1871, amended, to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations; and **Pages H5242–44**

***Amending 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:*** H.R. 4019, amended, 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. **Pages H5244–45**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5245**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5225 and H5266.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3525 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and S. Con. Res. 109 was held at the desk. **Page H5277**

**Quorum Calls — Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5245–46, H5246 and H5246–47. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

## MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 88, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, providing 1 hour and 30 minutes of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the joint resolution to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Conyers and Frank of Massachusetts.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 11:15 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 4 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up an original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 5 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense, Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, David H. Laufman, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, Sue C. Payton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, William H. Tobey, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on insurance regulation, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine United States and India energy cooperation in the context of global energy demand, the emerging energy needs of India, and the role of nuclear power can play in meeting those needs, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Islam and the West, focusing on the search for common ground, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine District of Columbia government operations, focusing on successes and challenges the District has experienced during the two terms of Mayor Williams, including the anticipated challenges that the new mayor will face, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Motor Vehicle Technology and the Consumer: Views From the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Use of Imaging Services: Providing Appropriate Care for Medicare Beneficiaries," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on ICANN and the Whois Database: "Providing Access To Protect Consumers From Phishing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Public Housing in the 21st Century: HUD's View on the Future of Public Housing in the United States," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Telecommuting: A 21st Century Solution to Traffic Jams and Terrorism," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Global War on Terrorism (GWT): Accuracy and Reliability of Cost Estimates," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "Another Year, Another Billion Hours: Evaluating Paperwork Reduction Efforts in the Federal Government," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on the DHS State and Local Fusion Center Initiative, 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing entitled "Should We Embrace the Senate's Amnesty to Millions of Illegal Aliens and Repeat the Mistakes of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986?" 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 2389, Pledge Protection Act of 2005, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on The National Academy of Sciences' Decadal Plan for Aeronautics: A Blueprint for NASA? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* hearing on the Veterans Identity and Credit Protection Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Price Transparency, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, hearing on The CIA Director as HUMINT Manager, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 3504, S. 2754, and H.R. 810, all Stem Cell Research legislation, with consecutive votes on final passage of each bill to begin at 3:45 p.m. Also, Senate will begin consideration of S. 728, Water Resources Development Act, with 2 hours for general debate.

*(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 18

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H. Con. Res. 438—Expressing the sense of the Congress that continuation of the welfare reforms provided for in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation

Act of 1996 should remain a priority; (2) S. 2754—Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act; (3) S. 3504—Fetus Farming Prohibition Act of 2006; (4) H. Res. 498—Supporting the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week; (5) H.R. 4962—Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building Designation Act; (6) H. Res. 721—Supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States; (7) H. Res. 908—Congratulating Italy on winning the 2006 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup; (8) H. Res. 905—Congratulating Kazakhstan on the 15th anniversary of the closure of the world's second largest nuclear test site in the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan and for its efforts on the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction; (9) H. Res. 784—Commending and supporting Radio Al Mahaba, Iraq's first and only radio station for women; (10) H.R. 860—To provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas; and (11) H. Con. Res. 435—Congratulating Israel's Magen Adom Society for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Consideration of H.J. Res. 88—Marriage Protection Amendment (Subject to a Rule).

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