

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12415–S12461*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1965–1972. **Page S12447**

**Measures Reported:**

H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah. (S. Rept. No. 109–175)

S. 1315, to require a report on progress toward the Millennium Development Goals, with amendments. **Page S12447**

**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S12422–42**

**Rejected:**

By 38 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 304), Allard Amendment No. 2423, to authorize a program to provide health, medical, and life insurance benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, who would otherwise fail to qualify for such benefits because of an early physical completion date. **Pages S12422, S12440–42**

**Pending:**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2424, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Page S12422**

Reed (for Levin/Reed) Amendment No. 2427, to make available, with an offset, an additional \$50,000,000 for Operation and Maintenance for Cooperative Threat Reduction. **Page S12422**

Levin Amendment No. 2430, to establish a national commission on policies and practices on the treatment of detainees since September 11, 2001.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 2432, relating to the partnership security capacity of foreign military and security forces and security and stabilization assistance. **Page S12423**

Chambliss Amendment No. 2433, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active Federal status or an active duty for significant periods. **Pages S12423–26**

Snowe Amendment No. 2436, to require the Secretary of Defense, subject to a national security exception, to offer to transfer to local redevelopment authorities for no consideration real property and personal property located at military installations that are closed or realigned as part of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment. **Pages S12427–32**

Harkin/Dorgan Amendment No. 2438, relating to the American Forces Network. **Pages S12436–40**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. **Pages S12460–61**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention on Inheritances with France (Treaty Doc. No. 109–7).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate on Friday, November 4, 2005, and today considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S12460**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2009.

Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2011. **Pages S12460, S12461**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

John L. Palmer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Thomas R. Saving, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Kristie A. Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines.

Robert Weisberg, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo. **Page S12461**

**Nominations Discharged:** The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on June 29, 2005, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**Measures Read First Time:** **Page S12445**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S12453**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—304) **Page S12442**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12461.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 4240, 4242–4247; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 292 and H. Res. 537, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H9962–63**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1751, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–271);

Conference report 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, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–272);

H.R. 2875, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, with an amendment (Rept. 109–273, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4133, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program (Rept. 109–274);

Conference report on H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–275); and

H.R. 4241, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (Rept. 109–276).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Michael J. O'Sullivan, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC.

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

*Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, Nostra Aetate, and the continuing need for mutual inter-religious respect and dialogue:* H. Con. Res. 260,

amended, to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, Nostra Aetate, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue, by a yea-and-nay vote of 349 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 570;

**Pages H9701–03, H9811–12**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the declaration on the relation of the Roman Catholic Church to non-Christian religions, and the historic role of Nostra Aetate in fostering mutual interreligious respect and dialogue."

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*Water for the Poor Act of 2005:* H.R. 1973, amended, to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 319 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 571 and;

**Pages H9703–09, H9812**

*Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education:* H. Res. 444, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 572.

**Pages H9709–13, H9812–13**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 3 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9811–12, H9812, and H9813. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation, to hold hearings to examine the Pet Animal Welfare Statute, 2:30 p.m., SDG-50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management, to hold oversight hearings to examine the impact of certain government contractor liability proposals on environmental laws, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be the U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Deputy Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations relating to the war on terror, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol E. Dinkins, of Texas, to be Chairman, and Alan Charles Raul, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman, both of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine strengthening hurricane recovery efforts for small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* hearing entitled "Assessing the National Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Federal Support for Homeland Security Information Sharing: The Role of the Information Sharing Program Manager," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Voting Rights Act: Section 203—Bilingual Election Requirements, Part I, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3552, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs, hearing entitled "The Small Business Innovation Research Program—Open Doors to New Technology," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, entitled "DNI Hearing Discussion," 11:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, joint briefing entitled "Muslim Extremism," 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, November 8

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, November 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour) Senate will continue consideration of S. 1042, National Defense Authorization.

*(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 7 Suspensions: (1) H. Res. 38—Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; (2) H.R. 1953—San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act; (3) S. 1894—Fair Access Foster Care Act of 2005; (4) H. Res. 302—Recognizing and commending the continuing dedication and commitment of employers of the members of the National Guard and the other reserve components who have been mobilized during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States; (5) H.R. 3770—Grant W. Green Post Office Building Designation Act; (6) H.R. 3825—Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act and (7) H.R. 4053—Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office Designation Act.

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