

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7875–S7944

Measures Introduced: Five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1368–1372, and S. Res. 186–191. **Page S7909**

Measures Reported:

S. 864, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–98)

S. 865, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–99)

S. 858, to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–100) **Page S7909**

Measures Passed:

National Weekend of Prayer: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, affirming the importance of a national weekend of prayer for the victims of genocide and crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and expressing the sense of the Senate that July 15 through July 17, 2005, should be designated as a national weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Darfur. **Pages S7924–25**

Senate Chamber Photograph: Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, authorizing the taking of video images in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S7925**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of LaFreniere v. Congress of the United States. **Page S7925**

Congratulating Michael Campbell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, congratulating Michael Campbell for his victory in the U.S. Open golf tournament and celebrating the relationship between the United States and New Zealand. **Page S7925**

Mesa Verde National Park Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Mesa Verde National Park. **Pages S7925–26**

Parole Commission Extension: Senate passed S. 1368, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission. **Page S7926**

Alice R. Brunrich Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1275, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the ‘Alice R. Brunrich Post Office Building’, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7926**

Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the ‘Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building’, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7926**

Marine Debris Research Prevention and Reduction Act: Senate passed S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1099, to make minor and technical changes in the bill as reported. **Pages S7926–29**

National Ocean Exploration Program Act: Senate passed S. 39, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1100, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7929–30**

Tsunami Preparedness Act: Senate passed S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1101, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7930–36**

Ocean and Coastal Observation System Act: Senate passed S. 361, to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1102, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7936–39**

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1103, to amend the title. **Pages S7936–39**

Training for Realtime Writers Act: Senate passed S. 268, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S7939–41**

Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act: Senate passed S. 432, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program. **Pages S7941–42**

Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor: Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, honoring Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sandra Day O'Connor. **Page S7943**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 11, 2005, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment; that all first-degree amendments be filed by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005, with the exception of amendments proposed by the Leaders; further, that first-degree amendments be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; and that no points of order be waived by this agreement. **Pages S7924, S7943**

Energy Policy Act—Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate insists on its amendment to H.R. 6, to ensure

jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, requests a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Senators Domenici, Craig, Thomas, Alexander, Murkowski, Burr, Bingaman, Akaka, Dorgan, Wyden, and Johnson; and from the Committee on Finance: Senators Grassley, Hatch, and Baucus. **Page S7924**

Make College Affordable Act—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 759, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S7939**

China Currency—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to amend the order of April 7, 2005, with respect to S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful, providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, shall, no later than the end of the first session of the 109th Congress, call up the bill; and that all other provisions of the order remain constant. **Pages S7942–43**

Appointment of Senator Kyl—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the February 17, 2005 appointment of Senator Kyl as majority Co-chair of the Senate National Security Working Group of the 109th Congress, be vitiated with respect to his being Co-chair, but that he remain on the commission as a member. **Page S7943**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip, and Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7943**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S7943**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James B. Letten, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 198, adjourned at 2:39 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S7943–44.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representative

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 198, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 11.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2005

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoekstra; Reginald A. Wilkinson, Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D717)

H.R. 1812, 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. Signed on June 29, 2005. (Public Law 109–18).

H.R. 3021, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2005. Signed on July 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–19).

H.R. 3104, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Signed on July 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–20).

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through June 30, 2005

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	85	73	..
Time in session	635 hrs., 23'	538 hrs., 44'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	..	..	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	..	..
Public bills enacted into law	6	12	18
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	4	2	..
Measures passed, total	212	315	527
Senate bills	26	8	..
House bills	30	116	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions	2	5	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	21	47	..
Simple resolutions	120	133	..
Measures reported, total	* 127	* 155	282
Senate bills	98	2	..
House bills	9	91	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	19	57	..
Special reports	9	4	..
Conference reports .....	..	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	128	48	..
Measures introduced, total	1,607	3,723	5,330
Bills	1,359	3,126	..
Joint resolutions	20	56	..
Concurrent resolutions	44	195	..
Simple resolutions	184	346	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	172	153	..
Recorded votes .....	..	208	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through June 30, 2005

Civilian Nominations, totaling 296, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	127
Unconfirmed	165
Withdrawn	4
Other Civilian Nominations, totaling 1,139, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,137
Unconfirmed	2
Air Force Nominations, totaling 8,094, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,747
Unconfirmed	2,347
Army Nominations, totaling 2,817, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,460
Unconfirmed	357
Navy Nominations, totaling 1,655, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	257
Unconfirmed	1,398
Marine Corps Nominations, totaling 1,299, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,288
Unconfirmed	11
<i>Summary</i>	
Total Nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total Nominations Received this Session	15,300
Total Confirmed	11,016
Total Unconfirmed	4,280
Total Withdrawn	4
Total Returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 97 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 161 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, July 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, July 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2360, Homeland Security Appropriations, with a vote to occur on an amendment proposed thereto at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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