

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13427–S13457*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2080–2083, S. Res. 330, and S. Con. Res. 68. **Page S13451**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, December 8, during the adjournment:

S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative (S. Rept. No. 109–185)

S. 1400, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–186)

S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–187)

S. 310, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 109–188)

S. 435, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–189)

S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance. (S. Rept. No. 109–190)

S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–191)

S. 1025, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–192)

S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 109–193)

S. 1310, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–194)

S. 1552, to amend Public Law 97–435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 109–195)

S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs. (S. Rept. No. 109–196)

S. 1760, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District. (S. Rept. No. 109–197)

S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–198)

S. 2027, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 109–199)

S. 881, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam. (S. Rept. No. 109–200)

S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107–153 to modify a certain date. (S. Rept. No. 109–201)

S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–202)

S. 1408, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–203)

S. 1753, to establish a unified national hazard alert system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–204)

Reported today:

S. 731, to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–205)

S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–206)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Former Senator Eugene J. McCarthy:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, relative to the death of Eugene Joseph McCarthy, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota. Page S13455

**Commemorating Alan A. Reich:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 321, commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Alan A. Reich, and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S13455

**National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 1231, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S13455–56

**National Indian Gaming Commission Accountability Act:** Senate passed S. 1295, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to provide for accountability and funding of the National Indian Gaming Commission. Page S13456

**United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement; that there be 60 minutes of debate; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, at a time to be determined. Pages S13456–57

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act:** Senate disagreed to the House amendment to S. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Inouye, and Nelson (FL). Page S13457

#### Appointments:

**Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Title VI, Section 637, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Jerome F. Climer, of Virginia. Page S13457

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota, in accordance with S.Res.330, adjourned at 5:41 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13457.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMERCIAL AVIATION PASSENGER SCREENING PROCEDURES

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee held a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's new security procedures and changes to the prohibited items list, including an enhanced focus on explosives detection, applying screening resources to the greatest risk, and improving security by eliminating predictability, receiving testimony from Edmund Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; and James C. May, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Patricia Friend, Association of Flight Attendants, CWA, AFL–CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearing will continue on January 19, 2006.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 1 resolution, H. Res. 594 was introduced. **Page H11333**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H11333**

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

H.R. 3124, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–334); and

H.R. 3929, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–335, Pt. 1). **Pages H11332–33**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11331**

**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 12 p.m. and adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* met and continued in evening session on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1254)

H.R. 584, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the

Department of the Interior. Signed on December 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–125)

H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah. Signed on December 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–126)

H.R. 1101, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. Signed on December 7, 2005. (Public Law 109–127)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold closed hearings to examine the nomination of Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 10:15 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah Taylor Tate, of Tennessee, and Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Safety of Imported Pharmaceuticals: Strengthening Efforts to Combat the Sales of Controlled Substances Over the Internet,” 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, joint hearing entitled “International Maritime Security,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4019, 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, followed by a mark up of H.R. 4019 and H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, 5:30 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to Review the Response by Charities to Hurricane Katrina, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate will consider H.R. 4340, U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, and begin debate on the motions to instruct conferees with respect to S. 1932, Deficit Reduction Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 13

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of suspensions: (1) 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; (2) H.R. 853—To remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; (3) H.R. 975—TRAIL Act; (4) H.R. 3443—To direct the Secretary of the Inte-

rior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; (5) H.R. 452—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; (6) H.R. 1090—To designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; (7) H.R. 3508—2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; (8) H. Res. 487—Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day; (9) H.R. 4295—Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act; (10) H.R. 4107—Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building Designation Act; (11) H. Con. Res. 218—Recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century; (12) H. Res. 574—Congratulating the Los Angeles Galaxy on their victory in the 2005 Major League Soccer championship; (13) S. 1047—Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005; (14) H.R. 3422—Small Public Housing Authority Act; (15) H.R. 280—Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; and (16) H.R. 798—Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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