

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4529–S4570*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2799–2802, and S. Res. 477–479. **Pages S4553–54**

#### Measures Passed:

**Recognizing Rick Monday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 477, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the date that Rick Monday heroically rescued the American Flag from being desecrated and recognizing Rick Monday for his courage and patriotism. **Pages S4565–66**

**Commemorating Development of the Charge-Coupled Device:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 478, commemorating the development of the charge-coupled device. **Page S4566**

**National Child Care Worthy Wage Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 479, supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day. **Pages S4566–67**

**National Methamphetamine Prevention Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 313, expressing the sense of the Senate that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4567**

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4530–49**

#### Pending:

Cornyn (for Isakson) Amendment No. 3961, to prohibit the granting of legal status, or adjustment of current status, to any individual who enters or entered the United States in violation of Federal law unless the border security measures authorized under Title I and section 233 are fully completed and fully operational. **Page S4537**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, following the vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Senate continue consideration of the bill. **Page S4567**

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; provided further, that prior to the vote there be 15 minutes for debate equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and Senator Smith, and that at the expiration or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Page S4570**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2:05 p.m., and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4567–68.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005's electricity reliability provisions, focusing on the security of the nation's bulk-power system, after receiving testimony from John S. Moot, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Rick

Sergel, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey; David K. Owens, Edison Electric Institute, Allen Mosher, American Public Power Association, and John A. Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael E. Easley, Powder River Energy Corporation, Sundance, Wyoming, on behalf of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and Trudy A. Harper, Tenaska Power Services Company, Arlington, Texas, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** There were no bills or resolutions introduced in the House of Representatives today.

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page H2597

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

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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109-464);

H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109-465); and

H.R. 4681, to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109-462, Pt. 2). Page H2596

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2595

**Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center—Appointment:** Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Wicker on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center for a term of three years. Page H2595

**Commission on International Religious Freedom—Reappointment:** Upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Chair announced the

Speaker's reappointment of Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2008. Page H2595

**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 2:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PRIVATE LAWS

S. 584, to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park. Signed on May 12, 2006. (Private Law 109-1)

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D450)

H.R. 3351, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans. Signed on May 12, 2006. (Public Law 109-221)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
MAY 16, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* 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.

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.

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

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* 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.

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 Finance:* 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.

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

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

*Committee on the Judiciary:* 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.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* 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.

House

*Committee on Government Reform,* 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.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Fair and Balanced? The Status of Pay and Benefits for Non-Article III Judges," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

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

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

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

*Committee on Rules,* 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.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** 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; following which, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2611, Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

*(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*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H.R. 2978—To allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the

purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated; (2) H.R. 586—Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005; (3) H.R. 3682—To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; (4) S. 1869—Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005; (5) H.R. 518—Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006; (6) S. 1165—James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005; (7) H. Res. 751—Recognizing the cultural and educational contributions of American Ballet Theatre throughout its 65 years of service as “America’s National Ballet Company”; (8) H. Res. 740—Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process; (9) H. Res. 795—Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Dahab and Northern Sinai, Egypt, on April 24 and 26, 2006; and (10) H. Res. 499—Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

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