

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Resume of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2043–2065; and; 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 1143, and H. Res. 253, 256, were introduced.

Pages H2879–80

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2880–81

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 32, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks, amended (H. Rept. 109–68);

H. Res. 254, providing for consideration of H.R. 366, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act (H. Rept. 109–69);

H. Res. 255, providing for consideration of H.R. 1185, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system (H. Rept. 109–70);

H.R. 1187, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, amended (H. Rept. 109–71, Part 1); and

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1268, making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (H. Rept. 109–72). **Pages H2878–79**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2745**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2748**

Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Civil Rights for a six-year term. **Page H2751**

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

Congratulating charter schools for their contributions to education: H. Res. 218, congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education; **Pages H2751–56**

Honoring the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan: H. Res. 216, amended, to honor the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan for its intention of building a theatre in his name; and **Pages H2756–58**

Observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam: H. Res. 228, amended, observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 152. **Pages H2758–62, H2778–79**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: resolution honoring the contributions of Vietnamese Americans to American society over the past three decades.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings will resume tomorrow, May 4.

Calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor to the Special Court for Sierra Leone: H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law;

Pages H2762–65

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia: H. Res. 195, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; and

Pages H2765–66

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of VE Day during WWII: H. Res. 233, amended, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day during World War II.

Pages H2767–68

Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed that the Chair be authorized to postpone further proceedings on a motion to lay on the table H. Res. 253 to a time designated by the Speaker.

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The House agreed to table H. Res. 253, relating to a question of privileges of the House by a yeand-nay vote of 220 to 196 nays, Roll No. 151.

Pages H2768–78

Late Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight to file the conference report to accompany H.R. 1268.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Nadler announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House.

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Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Appointments: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Dr. Joseph Cooper of Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Read a letter from the Clerk of the House wherein he appointed Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2777–78 and H2778–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Held a hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections 201, 202, 223 of the Act that Address Criminal Wiretaps, and Section 213 of the Act that Addresses Delayed Notice. Testimony was heard from Chuck Rosenberg, Chief of Staff, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael Sullivan, U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts; former Representative Bob Barr of Georgia; and a public witness.

VOCATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read,

shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Castle, Woolsey and Wu.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment by section and that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorized the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Rohrabacher and Maloney.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 11:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 869, To amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices; H.R. 184, Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005; H. Res. 169, Recognizing the importance of sun safety; H.R. 1812, Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005; and H. Res. 250, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hepatitis B Awareness Week, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the State of Readiness for the 2005–2006 Flu Season, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled “Assessing Data Security: Preventing Breaches and Protecting Sensitive Information,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation of the Committee on International Relations, joint hearing entitled “Starving Terrorists of Money: The Role of Middle Eastern Financial Institutions,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Financial Management Challenges at the Department of Justice,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act Oversight, Part 1—Oppressors vs. Reformers in the Middle East and Central Asia, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing New Jobs in Recession and Recovery: Who are Getting Them and Who are Not? 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Personal Watercraft use in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled “Stabilizing Rural Electricity Service Through Common Sense Application of the Endangered Species Act,” 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 921, Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act of 2005; H.R. 50, National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration Act; H.R. 250, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005; and H.R. 1674, United States tsunami Warning and Education Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Anti-competitive Threats from Public Utilities: Are Small Businesses Losing Out?” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing entitled “Financial Condition of the Aviation Trust Fund: Are Reforms Needed?” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the following: H.R. 419, Hire Veterans Act of 2004; the HVRP Reauthorization Act of 2005; the Servicemembers Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005; and the Servicemembers Taxation Protection Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

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 April 30, 2005

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	54	40	..
Time in session	377 hrs., 50'	255 hrs., 12'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	4,609	2,739	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	836	..
Public bills enacted into law	5	5	10
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	1	..
Measures passed, total	124	178	302
Senate bills	14	5	..
House bills	6	54	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions	2	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	10	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	12	28	..
Simple resolutions	79	83	..
Measures reported, total*	91	65	156
Senate bills	70	2	..
House bills	1	30	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	19	31	..
Special reports	5	1	..
Conference reports .....	..	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	86	24	..
Measures introduced, total	1,146	2,479	3,625
Bills	967	2,040	..
Joint resolutions	17	46	..
Concurrent resolutions	30	141	..
Simple resolutions	132	252	..
Quorum calls	2	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	115	87	..
Recorded votes .....	..	62	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (109-1)

January 4 through April 30, 2005

Civilian nominations, totaling 190, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2
Unconfirmed	137
Withdrawn	1
Other civilian nominations, totaling 994, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	577
Unconfirmed	417
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,708, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,212
Unconfirmed	496
Army nominations, totaling 2,488, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,324
Unconfirmed	164
Navy nominations, totaling 485, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	141
Unconfirmed	344
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,295, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,285
Unconfirmed	10
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from last session	0
Total nominations received this session	11,160
Total confirmed	9,591
Total unconfirmed	1,568
Total withdrawn	1
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 64 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 67 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 4

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:
(1) H.R. 1082, Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building Designation Act; and

(2) H.R. 1542, Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building Designation Act.

Consideration of H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act (structured rule, one hour of debate).

Rolled votes on Suspensions:

(1) H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law;

(2) H. Res. 233, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day during World War II; and

(3) H. Res. 195, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia.

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