

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 5385, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10889–S10939

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4048–4051, and S. Res. 612–613. **Page S10924**

Measures Passed:

Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 5385, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S10889–S10908

Adopted:

Collins/Feingold Amendment No. 5123, to extend the Office of the Inspector General for Iraq until 80 percent of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund has been expended. **Pages S10895–97**

Kerry/Kennedy Amendment No. 5142, to make available \$18,000,000 for the provision of additional mental health services through Vet Centers to veterans who served in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. **Pages S19898–S10900**

Hutchison (for Stevens) Amendment No. 5122, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$7,500,000 may be available for the lease of not more than 300 additional housing units in the vicinity of Fairbanks, Alaska. **Page S10901**

Hutchison (for Reed) Amendment No. 5125, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, \$3,410,000 shall be available for the replacement of a vehicle bridge at Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island, and to provide an offset. **Page S10901**

Hutchison (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 5131, to increase by \$750,000 the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Military Construction, Air Force and available for the Air Force Financial Management Center, and to provide an offset. **Pages S10901–02**

Hutchison (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 5126, to repeal the requirement for the Secretary of the Interior to cease the plan to exterminate the deer and elk population on Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands, California. **Page S10902**

Hutchison (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 5127, to require a report on actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to test veterans for vestibular damage. **Page S10902**

Hutchison (for Craig) Amendment No. 5129, to increase to \$10,000,000 the threshold for major medical facility projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S10902**

Hutchison Amendment No. 5135, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs to continue major medical facility projects and leases which have funds previously appropriated. **Page S10902**

Hutchison Amendment No. 5141, to amend the amount of a military construction project. **Pages S10902–03**

Akaka/Obama Modified Amendment No. 5128, to provide, with an offset, an additional \$2,500,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Office of the Inspector General. **Pages S10889, S10903**

Hutchison (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 5130, to require the business plan of the Veterans Integrated Service Network 23 for the implementation of a Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Wagner, South Dakota, to include an evaluation and an analysis of the prospect of colocating such clinic with the Wagner Indian Health Service unit in Wagner, South Dakota. **Page S10903**

Hutchison (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 5138, to require a report on the costs of the Comprehensive Service Programs for homeless veterans.

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Hutchison (for Cochran/Lott) Amendment No. 5146, to provide that of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by chapter 7 of title 1 of the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, and available for the replacement of a Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, \$13,400,000 may be available for the construction of an additional Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at such center. Pages S10903–04

Hutchison (for Allen) Amendment No. 5143, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program.

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Withdrawn:

Conrad Amendment No. 5144, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

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Prior to the withdrawal, Senator Gregg raised a point of order under section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, as made effective by Public Law 109–234 against the amendment, following which, Senator Conrad made a motion to waive the applicable section.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 95 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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

Treaty with Malaysia on Mutual Legal Assistance (Treaty Doc. No. 109–22).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate 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.

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Nomination—Recommitted: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Peyton, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation be recommitted to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Appointments:

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Com-

mittee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, appointed Marsha Katz, of Montana, vice David Podoff, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. (Re-appointment).

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Paul De Camp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Arlene Holen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2010.

Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health (Recess Appointment).

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on March 27, 2006.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on May 25, 2006.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on July 18, 2006.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)	Page S10898
Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—260)	Page S10898

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:15 p.m., and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10935.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, and Deborah L. Wince-Smith, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, who was introduced by Representative Bilbray, and Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Jim Moran of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Dan G. Blair, to be Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, who was introduced by Senator Bond, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAX LAWS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

held a hearing to examine the issue of states incorporating new, non-publicly traded companies in the United States each year without obtaining the identity of corporate owners, and its impact on law enforcement investigations into persons misusing U.S. shell corporations for money laundering, tax evasion, terrorist financing, or other crimes, and a GAO report entitled "Company Formations: Minimal Ownership Information Is Collected and Available", receiving testimony from Stuart G. Nash, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examination, and Robert Northcutt, Acting Director of the Abusive Transactions Office, both of the Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, and Jamal El-Hindi, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury; Yvonne Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Richard J. Geisenberger, Delaware Assistant Secretary of State, Dover; Scott W. Anderson, Nevada Deputy Secretary of State for Commercial Recordings, Carson City; and Laurie Flynn, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine competition in sports programming and broadcasting, focusing on the goals of the program access statute and fostering competition to the incumbent cable operators, receiving testimony from Roger Noll, Stanford University Department of Economics, Stanford, California; Jeffrey Pash, National Football League, and Landel C. Hobbs, Time Warner Cable, both of New York, New York; and Daniel M. Fawcett, DIRECTV, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 6321–6323; 1 private bill, H.R. 6324; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100; and H. Res. 1080–1082, were introduced. **Page H8640**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8640–41**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H8614**

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

Amending title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law and to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program: H.R. 6314, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law and to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 520;

Pages H8617–21, H8637–38

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month: H. Res. 993, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

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Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005: H.R. 1245, amended, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers;

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Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act: H.R. 864, amended, to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 521; and

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Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy and urging the Secretary of Agriculture to establish programs to raise awareness of the importance of the Christmas tree industry: H.J. Res. 96, amended, to recognize the contributions of the Christmas

tree industry to the United States economy and urging the Secretary of Agriculture to establish programs to raise awareness of the importance of the Christmas tree industry. **Pages H8635–37**

Agreed to amend title so as to read: "Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy." **Page H8637**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:47 p.m. **Page H8638**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8616.

Senate Referrals: S. 3501 and S. 3687 were referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H8638**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H8637–38 and H8638. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—HAGUE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held an oversight hearing on the Hague Convention on International Adoptions: Status and the Framework for Implementation. Testimony was heard from Catherine Barry, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Overseas Citizens Service, Department of State; Lori Scialabba, Associate Director, Refuge, Asylum and International Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Dana Andrews, Licensing Administrator, Division of Child Care, Department of Human Services, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, PROCESS AND PROCEDURE PROJECT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Administrative Law, Process and Procedure Project for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Mort Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law; Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government; and T. J. Halstead, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current situation and U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, 11:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation and U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the December 2005 report from the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's status, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, 11 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine current challenges and new

ideas to safeguard consumers relating to food safety, 3 p.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the current situation and military operations in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Secure Border Initiative: Ensuring Effective Implementation and Financial Accountability of SBInet," 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, oversight hearing on North Korea's Nuclear Test: Next Steps, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 5304, Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program?" (Part IV) 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of suspensions as follows: (1) H.R. 5585—Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006; and (2) H.J. Res. __ Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007.

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