

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2754–2756. **Page S4107**

Medical Care Access Protection Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of May 5, 2006, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2006.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Monday, May 8, 2006, Senate resume consideration of the bill; that the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. be under the control of the minority, and that the time from 2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. be under the control of the majority, and that the time until 5 p.m. rotate under this format; provided further, that the time from 5 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. be under the control of the majority.

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Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 23, to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services. **Page S4095**

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voked on motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22 (listed above). **Page S4095**

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Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace. **Page S4095**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture may occur on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, if cloture is not invoked on the motions to proceed to consideration of S. 22 and S. 23 (both listed above).

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S4095**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kevin Owen Starr, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Katherine M.B. Berger, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 6, 2006.

Karen Brosius, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Ioannis N. Miaoulis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Christina Orr-Cahall, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010.

Sandra Pickett, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010. **Pages S4117–18**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:09 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4117.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 8 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 8 through May 13, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, Medical Care Access Protection Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur at 5:15 p.m.; if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 22, Senate will resume consideration of S. 23, Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur thereon.

On *Tuesday*, Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, if cloture is not invoked on the motions to proceed to consideration of S. 22, and S. 23.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 10, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the sugar provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, 10 a.m., SH–216.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Agriculture's national response plan to detect and control the potential spread of Avian Influenza into the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Appropriations: May 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for military construction, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on the Budget: May 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 9, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine CAFE standards, 10 a.m., SD–562.

May 9, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine Department of Transportation's notice of proposed rulemaking, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 8, to hold hearings to examine issues associated with the implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing licensing of hydroelectric facilities, 3 p.m., SD–366.

May 10, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior, 11:30 a.m., SD–366.

May 10, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 906, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, H.R. 585, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies, and H.R. 3981, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

May 11, Full Committee, 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.

Committee on Finance: May 10, to hold hearings to examine progress achieved and challenges ahead for America's child welfare system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 10, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 9, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine proposed reform of Longshore Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 8, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 10, to hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 9, to hold hearings to examine an introduction to the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act and legal issues relating to reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine modern enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 11, to hold hearings to examine pending health care related legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 9, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 10, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 9, to consider the following: Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007; and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007, 4:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 10, to consider the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 10, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 9, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 10 and 11, full Committee, hearings entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Social Security Numbers in Commerce: Reconciling Beneficial Uses with Threats to Privacy". 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 11, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 3206, Credit Union Charter Choice Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 9, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Anthrax Protection: Progress or Problems," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Public Housing Management: Do the Public Housing Authorities have the Flexibility They Need to Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled "After Katrina: The Role of the Department of Justice Katrina Fraud Task Force and Agency Inspectors General in Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 11, full Committee, hearing entitled "Working Through an Outbreak: Pandemic Flu Planning and Continuity of Operations," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 9, oversight hearing on proposed legislation to strengthen the Federal Emergency Management Agency and better integrate it into the Department, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 10, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Building the Information Sharing Environment: Addressing the Challenges of Implementation," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 10, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to continue hearings entitled "Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise," 4 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 11, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, executive, briefing on the different governance structures of State and Local Fusion Centers, 2 p.m., H2-176 Ford.

May 11, Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "CBP and ICE: Does the Current Organizational Structure Best Serve U.S. Homeland Security Interests? Part III," 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 11, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing entitled "Creating a Nationwide, Integrated Biosurveillance Network," 2 p.m., 1311 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, May 10, hearing on A Resurgent China: Responsible Stakeholder or Robust Rival? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Africa, Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Current Issues in U.S. Refugee Protection and Resettlement, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 11, full Committee, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: Legislative Options, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Reviewing the State Department's Annual Report on Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Visa Overstays: Can We Bar the Terrorist Door? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 11, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Cyber-Security Enhancement and Consumer Data Protection Act of 2006, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 10, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4947, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; and H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4588, Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2005; H.R. 5079, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; and S. 214/H.R. 469, United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 11, full Committee, oversight hearing on Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) for Indian gaming, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on Disability access in the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 9, to consider H.R. 5122, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 11, hearing on the Inspector General Report on NOAA Weather Satellites, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 10, hearing entitled "Bridging the Equity Gap: Examining the Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs Act of 2006," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 10, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Highway Capacity and Freight Mobility: The Current Status and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Operational Experience Under the 2001 Railroad Retirement Reform Law, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on Coast Guard Mission Capabilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 10, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005; and H.R. 5220, Veterans Certification and Licensure Act of 2006, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 9, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Corporate Tax Reform, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 11, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Service Delivery Challenges, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 11, executive, briefing entitled "Global Updates/Hotspots," 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 10, to hold hearings to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, May 8

Senate Chamber

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 8

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The house will meet in pro forma session.

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