

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5903–S5986

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3516–3530, S. Res. 513, and S. Con. Res. 102. **Pages S5949–50**

Measures Reported:

S. 3524, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs.

S. 3525, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program. **Page S5949**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating King Adulyadej of Thailand: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 409, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Frist (for Biden) Amendment No. 4291, to amend the preamble. **Page S5985**

National Time-Out Day: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 482, supporting the goals of an annual National Time-Out Day to promote patient safety and optimal outcomes in the operating room, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5985**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year

for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5909–39**

Adopted:

Durbin Amendment No. 4253, to require a pilot program on troops to nurse teachers. **Pages S5909–13**

Feingold Amendment No. 4256, to strengthen the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. **Pages S5914–17**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 173), Biden Amendment No. 4257, to state the policy of the United States on the nuclear programs of Iran.

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Warner Amendment No. 4278, to provide for the incorporation of a classified annex. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4279, to modify the limitations applicable to payments under incentives clauses in chemical demilitarization contracts.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4280, to repeal requirements for certain reports applicable to other nations. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4200, to modify the requirements for contingency program management to require only a Department of Defense plan for such management. **Page S5933**

Warner Amendment No. 4201, to make a technical correction to section 871, relating to a clarification of authority to carry out certain prototype projects. **Page S5933**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4198, to improve the authorities relating to policies and practices on test and evaluation to address emerging acquisition approaches. **Page S5933**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4281, to improve the authorities relating to major automated information system programs. **Pages S5933–34**

Warner Amendment No. 4282, to require a report assessing the desirability and feasibility of incentives to encourage certain members and former members of the Armed Forces to serve in the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. **Page S5934**

Levin (for Clinton/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4283, relating to energy efficiency in the weapons platforms of the Armed Forces. **Page S5934**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4284, to modify limitations on assistance under the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002. **Page S5934**

Warner (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 4252, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members. **Pages S5934–36**

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 4225, to require that, not later than March 31, 2007, the Secretary of the Army transport to an authorized disposal facility for appropriate disposal all of the Federal Government-furnished uranium in the chemical and physical form in which it is stored at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation site in Gore, Oklahoma. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 4218, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4285, to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations. **Page S5936**

Warner Amendment No. 4286, to provide for the applicability of certain requirements to the acquisition of certain speciality metals. **Page S5936**

Warner (for Warner/Snowe) Modified Amendment No. 4199, to authorize a pilot program on the expanded use of mentor-protégé authority. **Page S5937**

Warner (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4287, expressing the sense of the Senate on the nomination of an individual to serve as Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense on a permanent basis. **Page S5937**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 172), Santorum Amendment No. 4234, to authorize, with an offset, assistance for pro-democracy programs and activities inside and outside Iran, to make clear that the United States supports the ability of the people of Iran to exercise self-determination over their own form of government, and to make enhancements to the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act of 1996. **Pages S5917–21**

McConnell Amendment No. 4269 (to Amendment No. 4265), to require the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq and urge the convening of an Iraq summit. (By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 174), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5927–29**

Withdrawn:

Feingold Amendment No. 4192, to provide for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq by December 31, 2006. **Pages S5913–14**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia. **Page S5909**

Nelson (FL)/Menendez Amendment No. 4265, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should not grant amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the Armed Forces of the United States. **Pages S5922–27**

McConnell Amendment No. 4272, to commend the Iraqi Government for affirming its positions of no amnesty for terrorists who have attacked U.S. forces. **Pages S5932–33**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2008. **Page S5986**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5905–09**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development for a term of five years.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring July 15, 2013.

Sheila C. Bair, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring July 15, 2007.

Kathleen L. Casey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2011. **Page S5986**

Nominations Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which was sent to the Senate on February 14, 2006, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S5986**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—174)	Pages S5909, S5921, S5922, S5929

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 16, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5986.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FANNIE MAE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Report of the Special Examination of Fannie Mae, after receiving testimony from James B. Lockhart III, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Christopher Cox, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Daniel H. Mudd, and Stephen B. Ashley, both of Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.

BUDGET: COAST GUARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the Coast Guard budget, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Caldwell, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Superfund Program, which was created by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), focusing on efforts to stabilize and clean up National Priority list (NPL)

sites through the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and Cantwell; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Leonardo Trasande, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Department of Community and Preventive Medicine Center for Children's Health and the Environment, New York, New York; Michael W. Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, on behalf of the Superfund Settlements Project, and Katherine N. Probst, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center, Leesburg, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2145, to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1554, to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1741, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area;

S. 2068, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

S. 2146, to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees; and

H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with amendments; and

The nominations of Frank D. Whitney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Thomas D. Anderson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, Daniel Porter Jordan III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, and Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, who was introduced by Representative Fortuño, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5622–5630; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 871 were introduced. **Pages H4133–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4134–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5136, to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–503). **Page H4133**

Declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary: The House began consideration of H. Res. 861, to declare that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, June 16.

Pages H4024–H4123

H. Res. 868, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 287, after ordering the previous question without objection.

Pages H4014–24

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4024.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4023–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review Efforts to Eliminate Waste, Fraud and Abuse in the Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA; Daniel Bertoni, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PUBLIC LANDS EFFECTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Effects of Illegal Immigration on Public and Tribal Lands. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tancredo and Grijalva; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William T. Civish, District Manager, Dila District, Bureau of Land Management; and Selanhongva McDonald, Southwestern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

COMBAT EQUIPMENT—IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing to receive an update on the use of combat helmets, vehicle armor, and body armor by ground forces in Operation Iraq

Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Director, Force Development, Army G8; MG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; Roger M. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Littoral and Mine Warfare; and MG (sel) Gary McCoy, USAF, Director, Logistics Readiness, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations and Mission Support.

HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 655, amended, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; H.R. 5573, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2006; H.R. 5574, amended, Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 426, Recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation; and H.R. 4157, amended, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005.

SILICOSIS INVESTIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas in connection with the Committee's investigation on silicosis.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA'S HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Regional Insecurity: DHS Grants to the National Capital Area." Testimony was heard from George W. Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor, Public Safety and Justice, District of Columbia; Robert Crouch, Assistant to the Governor for Preparedness, State of Virginia; Dennis Schrader, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of Maryland; and David Robertson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT—SHIRLINGTON LIMO CASE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled "An Examination of the Department of Homeland Security's Procurement Process Regarding Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Inc." Testimony was heard from the following officials of

the Department of Homeland Security: Elaine C. Duke, Chief Procurement Officer; and Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; and Calvin Jenkins, Deputy to the Associate Deputy Administrator, SBA

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROPERTY—PREVENT DISCRIMINATORY TAXATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 1369, To prevent discriminatory taxation of natural gas pipeline property.

OVERSIGHT—PATENT TROLLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Patent Trolls: Fact or Fiction? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISHERIES/HATCHERY MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4957, Tylersville Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 5061, Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act; and H.R. 5381, National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Boucher; Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Douglas Austen, Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Gary Martel, Director, Fisheries, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006.

OVERSIGHT—INTERMODALISM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Intermodalism. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; J. Robert Bray, Executive Director, Port Authority, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RECENT PATIENT SAFETY ISSUES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on recent patient safety issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James P. Bagian, M.D., VHA Chief

Patient Safety Officer and Director, VA National Center for Patient Safety; and John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections; Daniel Schultz, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Laurie Ekstrand, Director, Health Care, GAO.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4157, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2006.

SSA'S IMPROVED DISABILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Administration's Improved Disability Determination Process. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SOUTH CENTRAL EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine human rights challenges that countries in South Central Europe face as they seek integration into the European Union and/or North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on legal restrictions on religious activities and other attacks on religious freedom, lagging efforts to combat trafficking in persons, discrimination and violence against Roma, and the prevalence of official corruption and organized crime, after receiving testimony from Rosemary A. DiCarlo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasia Affairs; Daniel Serwer, United States Institute of Peace, Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Joseph K. Grieboski, Institute on Religion and Public Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nicolae Gheorghe, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Warsaw, Poland.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 572)

H.R. 1953, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady". Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-230)

H.R. 3829, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-231)

H.R. 5401, to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-232)

S. 1235, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, insurance, outreach, and benefits programs provided under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to improve and extend employment programs for veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Labor. Signed on June 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-233)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Disabled Services in the District of Columbia: Who is Protecting the Rights of D.C.'s Most Vulnerable Residents?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Evaluating the Synthetic Drug Control Strategy," 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing on H.R. 5604, Screening Applied Fairly and Equitably to Truckers Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:45 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2766, National Defense Authorization.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Continue consideration on H. Res. 861—Declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary.

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