

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 5631, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10109–S10222

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3935–3945, and S. Res. 585–587. **Page S10159**

Measures Reported:

S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–348)

S. 3687, to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 109–349)

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007”. (S. Rept. No. 109–350)

S. 3938, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S10158–59**

Measures Passed:

Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5574, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in programs in children’s hospitals, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Enzi) Amendment No. 5073, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10217**

VA Medical Facility Leases: Senate passed S. 3421, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007,

after agreeing to the committee amendments and the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Craig) Amendment No. 5074, in the Nature of A substitute. **Pages S10217–18**

JFKCenter for the Performing Arts: Senate passed H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10218–19**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 480, to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3127. **Page S10219**

Secure Fence Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10136–52**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 5036, to establish military commissions. **Page S10136**

Frist Amendment No. 5037 (to Amendment No. 5036), to establish the effective date. **Page S10136**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment. **Page S10136**

Frist Amendment No. 5038 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 6061 to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish military commissions. **Page S10136**

Frist Amendment No. 5039 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 6061 to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish the effective date. **Page S10136**

Frist Amendment No. 5040 (to Amendment No. 5039), to amend the effective date. **Page S10136**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September

27, 2006, with 1 hour of debate equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Frist Amendment No. 5036 (listed above); provided further, that it be in order to file second degree amendments as provided for under Rule 22, until 11 a.m. **Page S10222**

Geneva Convention Protocol—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following treaty, and that it be placed on the Executive Calendar: Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Treaty Doc. 109–10); further, that this Protocol and the two treaties that remain in Committee be assigned designations of “A”, “B”, and “C” respectively to reflect that three separate treaties were received as part of Treaty Document 109–10. **Page S10219**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jane C. Luxton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011. **Page S10222**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S10196–S10215**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S10215–16**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10222.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEW BASEL CAPITAL ACCORD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine implications of the New Basel Capital Accord designed to bring order to international capital markets, focusing on developments relating to bank regulatory capital requirements in the United States, including the U.S. implementation of Basel II and updates to regulatory capital rules for market risk, after receiving testimony from Susan Schmidt Bies, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; John C. Dugan, Comptroller of the Currency, and John M. Reich, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Diana L. Taylor, New York State Banking Department, Albany, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Kathleen E. Marinangel, McHenry Savings Bank, McHenry, Illinois, on behalf of America’s Community Bankers; William M. Isaac, The Secura Group, Vienna, Virginia, former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and James Garnett, Citigroup, on behalf of the American Bankers Association, and Daniel K. Tarullo, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine International Polar Year, focusing on goals in the Arctic in science and in policy, including Arctic research programs, after receiving testimony from Mead Treadwell, Chair, United States Arctic Research Commission; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; Vice Admiral Robert Papp, Chief of Staff, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Alan J. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Arctic Investigations Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Armstrong, Program Coordinator, Earth Surface Dynamics Program, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Robin E. Bell, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, Palisades, New York, on behalf of Polar Research Board, The National Academies; and Virgil L. Sharpton, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks.