

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10223–S10348

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3946–3962, S. Res. 588, and S. Con. Res. 119–120. **Page S10288**

Measures Reported:

S. 1848, to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–351)

S. 3630, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. (S. Rept. No. 109–352)

H.R. 3929, to amend the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering for the Municipal Water District of Orange County, California, Dana Point Desalination Project located at Dana Point, California, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 109–353) **Page S10287**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Tribute: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2250, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10343–44**

Byron Nelson Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2491, to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10344–45**

Military Commissions Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3930, to authorize trial by military com-

mission for violations of the law of war, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Frist Amendment No. 5085, in the nature of a substitute. (By unanimous consent, the amendment will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S10242–43**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 254), Levin Amendment No. 5086, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10246–63**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 5087, to strike the provision regarding habeas review. **Pages S10263–74**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2006; providing for the consideration of certain additional amendments, and following disposition of these amendments, and the use, or yielding back of time, the bill be read a third, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Page S10346**

Secure Fence Act: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to Frist Amendment No. 5036, to H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, be withdrawn; provided further, that on Thursday, September 28, 2006, following the disposition of S. 3930, Military Commissions Act (listed above), Senate resume consideration of the bill, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon. **Page S10346**

Child Custody Protection Act—House Message: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 403, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of

parents in abortion decisions, with the following amendments: **Pages S10345–46**

Bennett (for Frist) Amendment No. 5090 (to the House Amendment), of a technical nature.

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Bennett (for Frist) Amendment No. 5091 (to Amendment No. 5090), of a technical nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 29, 2006.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—254) **Page S10263**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10346.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RIOT CONTROL AGENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States policy and practice with respect to the use of riot control agents by the U.S. Armed Forces, after receiving testimony from Joseph A. Benkert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; and Brigadier General Otis G. Mannon, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations, J-3, The Joint Staff.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3718, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, by establishing a swimming pool safety grant program administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to encourage States to improve their pool and spa safety laws and to educate the public about pool and spa safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3675, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act;

S. 2751, to strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities;

S. 529, to designate a United States Anti-Doping Agency, with an amendment;

The nominations of David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Chris Boskin, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and certain promotion and routine lists in the Coast Guard.