

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11403–S11550*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4099–4110, S. Res. 626–629, and S. Con. Res. 123. **Pages S11498–99**

**Measures Passed:**

**Stevens-Inouye International Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance Legacy Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5946, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11535**

Stevens Amendment No. 5224, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11535**

**Innocent Spouse Relief:** Senate passed H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11535**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 5225, to make a technical correction. **Page S11535**

**Pipeline Safety Improvement Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5782, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11535–36**

**National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5076, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 and 2008, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11536**

**Veterans Programs Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6342, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand

eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11536**

**Armed Forces Funeral Disruptions:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 4042, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces, and the bill was then passed. **Page S11536**

**Social Security Trust Funds Restoration:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 4091, to provide authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S11536–37**

**Montana Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11537**

**Arizona Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 1529, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11537–39**

DeWine (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5226, to modify the provision governing the disposition of amounts paid to the Secretary for the conveyance of certain United States Fish and Wildlife Service land to the city of Yuma. **Page S11538**

**Alaska Land Conveyance:** Senate passed S. 1548, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11539**

DeWine (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5227, to provide offsets. **Page S11539**

**Watershed Restoration:** Senate passed S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, after agreeing

to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11539**

**Vermont Water Resources:** Senate passed S. 2054, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of Vermont, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11539**

DeWine (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5228, to provide an offset. **Page S11539**

**Bureau of Land Management Land:** Senate passed S. 2150, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management Land to the City of Eugene, Oregon, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S11539–40**

**Wyoming Public Land:** Senate passed S. 2373, to provide for the sale of approximately 132 acres of public land to the city of Green River, Wyoming, at fair market value, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S11540**

**Grand Teton National Park:** Senate passed S. 2403, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11540**

**Minute Man National Historical Park Study:** Senate passed H.R. 394, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11540–41**

**Pine Springs Land Exchange Act:** Senate passed H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11541**

**Holloman Air Force Base Land Exchange Act:** Senate passed H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11541–42**

**River Raisin National Battlefield Study Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5132, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including

in the National Park System certain sites in Monroe County, Michigan, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11542**

**Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Designation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 5466, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11542**

**Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 2205, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11542–43**

DeWine (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5229, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11542**

**Energy Efficient Computer Servers:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5646, to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11543**

**National Children's Memorial Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 590, designating the second Sunday in December 2006 as "National Children's Memorial Day" in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11543**

**Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Amendments:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 123, providing for correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5946. **Page S11543**

**Retirement of Linda E. Sebold:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 626, relating to the retirement of Linda E. Sebold. **Pages S11543–44**

**Jordan Terrorist Attacks Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the November 9, 2005, terrorist attacks in Amman, Jordan. **Page S11544**

**Nautical Charting 200th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, supporting the 200th anniversary of the nation's nautical charting and related scientific programs, which formed the basis for what is today the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies. **Pages S11544–45**

**Capitol Artwork Placement:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 629, establishing a procedure for affixing and removing permanent artwork and semi-permanent artwork in the Senate wing of the Capitol and in the Senate office buildings. **Page S11545**

**Honoring Arnold "Red" Auerbach:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 497, to honor the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach. **Pages S11545–46**

**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 1535, to amend the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act to provide compensation to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for damage resulting from the Oahe Dam and Reservoir Project, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11546–48**

**Location of Missing Children:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4416, to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11548**

**Combating Autism Act—House Message:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 843, to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11442–45**

**Nomination Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, December 8, 2006, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S11550**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 80 yeas 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Andrew von Eschenbach, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S11404–29, S11447–51**

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

By 89 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 273), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

**Pages S11404–11**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Thomas Alvin Farr, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. **Page S11550**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S11495**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11507–34**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S11534–35**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—274) **Pages S11411, S11451**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11550.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ STUDY GROUP REPORT

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Iraq Study Group, which is a forward-looking, independent assessment of the current and prospective situation on the ground in Iraq, its impact on the surrounding region, and consequences for United States interests, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker, III, and Lee H. Hamilton, both Co-Chairs, Iraq Study Group.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Finance:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.