

**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.

## CABLE TELEVISION SPORTS PROGRAMMING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine vertically integrated sports programming, focusing on whether cable companies are excluding competition, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Salinger, Director, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission; John D. Goodman, Coalition for Competitive Access to Content,

Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and James Baller, Baller Herbst Law Group, all of Washington, D.C.; and David L. Cohen, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 6406–6419; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 102; H. Con. Res. 501; and H. Res. 1103 were introduced. **Pages H8978–79**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8980**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–721);

H. Res. 1099, relating to consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 109–722);

H. Res. 1100, providing for consideration of H.R. 6406, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, to extend certain trade preference programs (H. Rept. 109–723);

H. Res. 1101, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–724); and

H. Res. 1102, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–725).

**Pages H8934–50, H8976**

The House agreed to H. Res. 1096, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 528 after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Also pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1096, House Resolutions 810, 939, 951, and 1047 were laid on the table. **Page H8895**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week:* H. Res. 934, to support the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week; **Pages H8899–H8901**

*Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act:* Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 864, to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8901–04**

*Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006:* S. 2370, to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8909–14**

*Making a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions:* H.R. 6345, to make a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions; **Pages H8914–16**

*Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities:* H. Con. Res. 343, to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities; **Pages H8916–17**

*Truman Scholarship Fund Modernization Act:* H.R. 6206, to revise the calculation of interest on investments of the Harry S Truman Memorial Scholarship Fund; **Pages H8917–19**

*Naming the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor:* S. 3759, to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the