

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1350, Individuals with Disabilities Act.

The House passed H.R. 4275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 10-percent individual income tax rate bracket.

The House passed H.R. 4281, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2415–2423, and S. Res. 360–362. **Page S5472**

Measures Reported:

S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–262)

S. 1164, to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change. (S. Rept. No. 108–263)

S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–264)

S. Res. 331, designating June 2004 as “National Safety Month”.

S. 1609, to make aliens ineligible to receive visas and exclude aliens from admission into the United States for nonpayment of child support, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5472**

Measures Passed:

IDEA Reauthorization: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and by 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate passed the bill, after striking all after the enacting clause

and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1248, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Gregg/Kennedy Amendment No. 3150, to provide a manager’s amendment. **Page S5394**

Gregg (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 3149, to provide for a paperwork reduction demonstration. **Pages S5406–10**

Subsequently, S. 1248 was returned to the calendar. **Page S5411**

Department of Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 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 Services, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, May 17, 2004. **Page S5485**

Service Medals Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3104, to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom, on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, and that there be 20 minutes for debate and Senate then vote on final passage of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John O. Colvin, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Cynthia G. Efird, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Tom C. Korologos, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Belgium.

Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education.

20 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Text of H.R. 1350, as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—94) Page S5411

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 14, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5485.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REGULATORY ISSUES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Commodity Futures Trading Commission regulatory issues, focusing on how the markets have evolved in response

to the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from James E. Newsome, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the contingency reserve fund request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, and Larry Lanzillotta, Acting Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense; General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Joel D. Kaplan, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

CONTRACTING IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine acquisition policy issues in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement; Major General Carl Strock, USA, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Major General Wade H. McManus, Jr., USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Field Support Command.

DOD TASK FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the Report of the Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault from Ellen P. Embrey, Deputy Assistant for Force Health Protection and Readiness, and David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Major General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be lieutenant general and Chief, Office of Security Transition—Iraq.

IMPACT OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine social science data on the impact of marriage and divorce on children, focusing on marital education, trends in cohabitation, and out-of-wedlock births, after receiving testimony from Gordon Berlin, MDRC, Inc., New York, New York; Steven L. Nock, University of Virginia Department of Sociology, Charlottesville; Nicholas Zill,