

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3104, Afghanistan/Iraq Campaign Medals.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5559–S5728

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2430–2437, and S. Res. 364. **Page S5706**

Measures Passed:

Afghanistan/Iraq Campaign Medals: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 96), Senate passed 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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Premier Certified Lenders Program Improvement Act: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 923, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 98), Lott Amendment No. 3158, to provide that the 2005 base closure round shall apply solely to military installations located outside the United States and to provide for expedited consideration by Congress of a

proposal for a base closure round in 2007 on military installations located inside the United States.

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Withdrawn:

Domenici Amendment No. 3162, to accelerate the removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide.

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Pending:

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3151, to clarify the application of Presidential action under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill at approximately, 11 a.m., on Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

Project Bioshield Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, that the only amendment in order be a Gregg/Kennedy amendment in the nature of a substitute; that there be two hours of debate equally divided; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the substitute amendment be agreed to, the committee amendment, as amended, be agreed to; and the Senate then proceed to a vote on final passage of the bill.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 97), Marcia G. Cooke, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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(Prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination (listed above), Senate vitiated the vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.) Page S5574

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Captain Samuel P. DeBow, Jr., NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, NOAA Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Captain Richard R. Behn, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O–7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—98) Pages S5569, S5575, S5593

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 19, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HIV/AIDS FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance, focusing on HIV/AIDS, after receiving testimony from Randall L. Tobias, Global HIV/AIDS Coordinator, Department of State; and Bono, DATA, Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, which established a temporary Federal program of shared public and private compensation for insured commercial property and casualty losses resulting from acts of terrorism covered by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, after receiving testimony from Brian C. Roseboro, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, General Accounting Office; Donna Lee Williams, Delaware Department of Insurance, Dover, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; John J. Degan, Chubb Corporation, Warren, New Jersey, on behalf of sundry organizations; Christopher Nassetta, Host Marriott Corporation, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Coalition to Insure Against Terrorism; and Jacques E. Dubois, Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, Armonk, New York.

FAA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on airline flight operations, congestion caused by regional jets, low-cost carrier expansion, and new airport security screening procedures, the aviation trust fund, and establishing a new air traffic organization, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Marion Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office.

DOE CONTRACTING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of a 1999 change in reporting of small business contracts by the Department of Energy (DOE), focusing on