

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2509–2512, S. Res. 372, and S. Con. Res. 116. **Page S6628**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 116, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives. **Page S6635**

Honoring Former President Reagan—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of a resolution relative to the death of former President Reagan, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, and the Senate then proceed to a vote on the resolution. **Page S6635**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A communication from the President of the United States officially notifying the Congress of the United States of the death of former President Ronald Reagan; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM—84) **Pages S6627–28**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years. (New Position)

Christine Todd Whitman, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years. (New Position)

Charles Graves Untermeyer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Douglas L. McElhaney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Aldona Wos, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

William T. Monroe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th President of the United States, in accordance with S. Res. 371, adjourned at 6:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6635.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bingaman, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 931, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors to

units of the National Park System and on other recreational users of public land, S. 1678, to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, S. 2140, to expand the boundary of the Mount Rainier National Park, S. 2287, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and S. 2469, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, after receiving testimony from Senators Stevens and Bennett; Tom L. Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; John L. Nau III, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Karen Krieger, Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, Salt Lake City; and David Hamre, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Anchorage.

MEDICARE DRUG CARD

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the implementation of the Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card and the Transitional Assistance Program, enacted into law as part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, focusing on how to deliver savings to participating beneficiaries, including mail order services, price shopping and negotiating power, card monitoring, and prescription drug cost comparisons, receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Snedden, Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Harrisburg; Kris Gross, Iowa Senior Health Insurance Information Program, Des Moines; Robert M. Hayes, Medicare Rights Center, New York, New York; and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, and James B. Firman, National Council on Aging, both of Washington, D.C.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT SAFETY ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and successes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has experienced since the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human

Services; Alice M. Clark, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Ronald M. Davis, Henry Ford Health System Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Charles W.F. Bell, Consumers Union, Bruce Silverglade, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Annette Dickinson, Council for Responsible Nutrition, all of Washington, D.C.; and Anthony L. Young, Kleinfeld, Kaplan, and Becker, LLP, Silver Spring, Maryland, on behalf of the American Herbal Products Association.

ARTHRITIS EPIDEMIC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging concluded a hearing to examine the current and future impact of arthritis, focusing on preventing, controlling and curing arthritis and the opportunities public health has to make a difference in reducing the pain and disability associated with arthritis, including S. 2338, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, after receiving testimony from Joe Sniezek, Director, Arthritis Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Susana Serrate-Sztejn, Chief, Rheumatic Diseases Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Deborah Rothman, Shriners Hospital for Children, Springfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American College of Rheumatology; John H. Klippel, Arthritis Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia; KaLea Kunkel, Oregon, Missouri, and Virg Jones, Kansas City, Kansas.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2436, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from Quannah Crossland Stamps, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; and Leonard J. Smith, Jr., A & S. Tribal Industries, Poplar, Montana.

DOJ TERRORISM OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine activities of the Department of Justice, relating to the department's strategic plan and its ongoing implementation to prevent terrorism, after receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine the place of religion in civil society, and the protections the U.S. Constitution guarantees to religious expression in the public square, after receiving testimony from Senators Shelby and Landrieu, and Representative Edwards; William “Barney” Clark, Balch Springs Senior Center, Balch Springs, Texas; J. Brent Walker, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Vincent Phillip Muñoz, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Roy S. Moore, former Chief Jus-

tice, Supreme Court of Alabama, Birmingham; Kelly Shackelford, Liberty Legal Institute, Plano, Texas; Richard W. Garnett, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana; Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University Divinity School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Nashala Hearn, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Steven Rosenauer, Bradenton, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4521–4527; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 444–445, and H. Res. 663–666, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4226, to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the “Cape Town Treaty”, amended (H. Rept. 108–526491);

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H.R. 4012, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the act (H. Rept. 108–527);

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H.R. 1731, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes, as amended (H. Rept. 108–528);

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H.R. 530, for the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau (Private Bill H. Rept. 108–529);

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H.R. 712, for the relief of Richi James Lesley (Private Bill H. Rept. 108–530);

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H.R. 867, for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan (Private Bill H. Rept. 108–531);

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S. 103, for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath (Private Bill H. Rept. 108–532);

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative John Boozman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. John Boyles, National Capitol Presbytery, Washington, DC.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Friday, June 4, by a recorded vote 318 ayes to 29 noes with one voting “present”, Roll No. 230;

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Expressing the Profound Regret and Sorrow of the House of Representatives on the Death of Ronald Wilson Reagan, the Fortieth President of the United States of America: The House agreed to H. Res. 663, expressing the profound regret and sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of Ronald Wilson Reagan, former President of the United States of America by a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 0 nays, Roll No. 229.

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Mourning the Passing of President Ronald Reagan and Celebrating His Service to the United States and His Leadership in Promoting the Cause of Freedom for all the People of the World: The House considered H. Res. 664; mourning the passing of President Ronald Reagan and celebrating his service to the people of the United States and his leadership in promoting the cause of