

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4766, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7943–S8053*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2639–2650, S. Res. 404, and S. Con. Res. 124. **Pages S8029–30**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–302)

S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–303)

S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–304)

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–305) **Page S8029**

**Constitutional Amendment on Marriage:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. **Pages S7952–62, S7962–82, S7987–S8021**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 14, 2004; that the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally di-

vided, and the time between 11:30 a.m., and 12 noon, be divided among certain Senators; and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S8052**

**E–Government Act Amendment—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate request the return from the House of Representatives the papers with respect to H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference, and that the Senate action of July 9, 2004 on passage of the measure be vitiated, and the bill returned to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for appropriate action. **Page S8052**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christine Todd Whitman, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration); and

Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration). **Page S8053**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 10:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 14, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8052.)

**Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

**GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (P.L. 106–102), to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, after receiving testimony from Harry P. Doherty, Independence Community Bank Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of America's Community Bankers; Terry Jorde, CountryBank USA, Cando, North Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Ronnie Turbertini, SouthGroup Insurance and Financial Services, Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; and Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Steve Bartlett, Financial Services Roundtable, James D. McLaughlin, American Bankers Association, John Taylor, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and J. Steven Judge, Securities Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.

**CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. Cox, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Carl Matthusen, KJZZ–FM, KBAQ–FM, Sun Sounds Radio Reading Services, Tempe, Arizona; Ken Burns, Florentine Films, Walpole, New Hampshire, on behalf of PBS; Loris Ann Vincente-Taylor, KUYI 88.1 FM, Keams Canyon, Arizona, on behalf of the Hopi Foundation; and Peter A. Frid, New Hampshire Public Television, University of New Hampshire, Durham, on behalf of the Association of Public Television Stations.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Trans-

portation Security Administration, and Albert A. Frink, Jr., of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NUCLEAR POWER**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the role of nuclear power in national energy policy, focusing on the high-level nuclear waste repository at the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site, the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative (AFCI), the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee (NERAC), and enhancing nuclear technology education, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine human trafficking issues, focusing on mail order bride abuses, including exploitation and physical abuse, forced motherhood, threats of deportation, marketing of extremely vulnerable populations, underage children on marriage agency websites, and informational, economic, cultural, and legal vulnerability, after receiving testimony from Senator Cantwell; John R. Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; Michele A. Clark, Johns Hopkins University School of International Studies Foreign Policy Institute, and Suzanne Jackson, George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donna M. Hughes, University of Rhode Island Women's Studies Program, Kingston.

**OLYMPIC GAMES SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on security preparations for the 2004 Olympic Games from Thomas J. Miller, U.S. Ambassador to Greece.

**FEDERAL SENTENCING REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Blakely v. Washington* on the current and future operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, focusing on concerns regarding the validity of the federal guideline system, after receiving testimony from William W. Mercer, United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Helena, Department of Justice; John R. Steer, and William K. Sessions, III, Chief United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, both a Vice Chair and