

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8405–S8430*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills were introduced as follows: S. 2683–2688. **Page S8423**

**Measures Passed:**

*Santiago E. Campos U.S. Courthouse:* Senate passed S. 2385, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the “Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse”. **Page S8427**

*James V. Hansen Federal Building:* Senate passed S. 2398, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the James V. Hansen Federal Building. **Page S8427**

*Winston E. Arnow U.S. Courthouse:* Senate passed H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8427**

*Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building:* Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4380, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4737 Mile Stretch Drive in Holiday, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8427**

*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation Contract:* Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2277, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8427**

**Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S8406–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, and that the time until 12:30 p.m., be equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages S8427–28**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Theodore Williams Kassinger, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Jack Edwin McGregor, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Brigadier General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 U.S.C. 642).

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Public Health Service. **Pages S8428–30**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on January 21, 2004. **Page S8430**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S8421**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S8421**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8428.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Barbara J. Sapin, of Maryland, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT

**Special Committee on Aging:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain aspects of the new Medicare law aimed at assisting seniors of modest and low incomes, including principally the full drug benefit scheduled for 2006, and the ongoing prescription drug card transitional assistance, after receiving testimony from Mark McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Thomas Byron Thames, AARP, Jane L. Delgado, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, and Patricia B. Nemore, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4851–4861; 1 private bill, H.R. 4862; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 723, 726–727, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H5983–84

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

H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–610);

H.R. 4492, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, amended (H. Rept. 108–611);

H.R. 4625, to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands (H. Rept. 108–612);

H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior, amended (H. Rept. 108–613);

H.R. 3313, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–614);

H. Res. 724, providing for consideration of H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–615); and

H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of H.R. 3574, to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers (H. Rept. 108–616).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nunes to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H5911

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H5920

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

**Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2003:** Debated on Wednesday, July 14: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 323 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 391; Pages H5947–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: a bill to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

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**Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world:** Debated on Wednesday, July 14: