

Thursday, January 6, 2005

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in joint session to count electoral votes.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S35–S76*

**Measures Submitted:** Two resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 5–6. **Page S66**

#### Measures Passed:

**Majority Party Committee Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 5, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 109th Congress. **Pages S39–40**

**Minority Party Committee Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, making minority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 109th Congress. **Page S40**

**Tsunami Relief Contribution Tax Deductibility:** Senate passed H.R. 241, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami. **Pages S39, S56–57**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 2, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S68**

**Objection to Presidential Electoral Vote Certificate From Ohio:** By 1 yea to 74 nays (Vote No. 1), the objection to the Presidential electoral vote certificate from the State of Ohio was not sustained. **Pages S41–56**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation extending the agreement on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1999; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was re-

ferred to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–1)

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

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S68–76**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S62–63**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S63–66**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S66**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S66–67**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S60–62**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S67–68**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S56**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 2, adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 3 p.m., on January 20, 2005. **Page S68**

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATION

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Mike Johanns, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Johanns, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hagel and Nelson (NE), testified and answered questions in his own behalf.