

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 306, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, Adjournment Resolution.

House Committees ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005; and H.R. 841, Continuity of Representation Act of 2005.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1581–S1701*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-four bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 413–456, S.J. Res. 6, S. Res. 58–66, and S. Con. Res. 14.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 256, to amend title II of the United States Code, with amendments. **Page S1620**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Howard Baker:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, commending the Honorable Howard Henry Baker, Jr., formerly a Senator of Tennessee, for a lifetime of distinguished service. **Pages S1591–94**

**Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act:** By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 11), Senate passed S. 306, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment. **Pages S1594–97**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses. **Pages S1686–87**

**Government of Moldova:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 60, supporting democratic reform in Moldova and urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a democratic and fair election process for the March 6, 2005, parliamentary elections. **Pages S1689–92**

**National Ready Mixed Concrete Association:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, recognizing the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association on its 75th anniversary and its members' vital contributions to the infrastructure of the United States. **Pages S1689–92**

**Rotary International Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, supporting the goals and ideals of a "Rotary International Day" and celebrating and honoring Rotary International on the occasion of its centennial anniversary. **Pages S1689–92**

**Assassination of Prime Minister Hariri:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 63, calling for an investigation into the assassination of Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and urging steps to pressure the Government of Syria to withdraw from Lebanon. **Pages S1689–92**

**Year of Foreign Language Study:** Committee on Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 28, to designating the year 2005 as the "Year of Foreign Language Study", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1692–93**

**Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 125, to designate the courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse." **Page S1693**

**Committee Funding Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 50, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007. **Pages S1694–99**

**Bankruptcy Reform Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, February 28, at 2 p.m., Senate begin consideration of S. 256, a bill to amend title II of the United States Code, provided that consideration of the bill during Monday's session be for the purpose of debate only. **Page S1686**

**Bill Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Armed

Services be discharged from further consideration of S.70, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the restriction that a clinical psychologist or a clinical social worker provide services in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility to a patient only under the care of a physician, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**Bill Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of S. 69, for the relief of Donald C. Pence, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, Senators Warner and Allen, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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**Authority for Committees:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive matters on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President dated February 2005 with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers for 2005; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM-6)

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#### Appointments:

**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), amended by S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355 (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480 (adopted November 20, 2004), the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 109th Congress:

Senator Stevens, Cochran (Majority Co-Chairman), Kyl (Majority Co-Chairman), Lugar, Warner, Sessions, Lott (Majority Co-Chairman), Smith, and Chafee.

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**U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to

Section 154 of Public Law 108-199, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 109th Congress:

Senator Lott.

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**Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 109th Congress:

Senator Crapo.

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**Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 109th Congress:

Senator Smith.

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

Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

22 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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

Anthony Jerome Jenkins, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) **Page S1595**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1699.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Science Foundation, after receiving testimony from John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director National Science Foundation, and Warren M. Washington, Chair, both of the National Science Board.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller, both of the Department of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Buddie J. Penn, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, to be Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and 2,598 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held a hearing to examine rising health care costs and the impact on future generations relating to Medicare and Medicaid, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Saving, Public Trustee, Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeffrey

R. Brown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana; and Lois E. Quam, UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Public Law 108-447), after receiving testimony from P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget; Jill Nicoll, National Park Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Stephanie M. Clement, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, and Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, both of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### RUSSIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine democracy in retreat in Russia, after receiving testimony from Steven Theede, YUKOS Oil Company, Moscow, Russia; Tim Osborne, Group MENATEP, London, United Kingdom; Anders Aslund, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Bruce P. Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, Stephen Nix, International Republican Institute, Nelson Ledsky, National Democratic Institute, Mary McClymont, Interaction, and Nancy Lindborg, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel Toole, UNICEF, New York, New York.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine an overview of the Government Accountability Office high-risk list, focusing on ensuring Congressional oversight by bringing attention to government-wide management challenges and high-risk program areas, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Clay Johnson III,