

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2587–S2659

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 611–620. **Page S2644**

Measures Reported:

S. 97, to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 109–37)

S. 252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 109–38)

S. 253, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the 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. 109–39)

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Concurrent Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting for the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Gregg Amendment No. 142, of a technical nature. **Page S2611**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 45), Bingaman Amendment No. 143, to restore funding for education programs that are cut and reduce debt by close corporate tax loopholes. **Pages S2614–28**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 and that there be 16 hours and 8 minutes remaining for each side.

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Appointments:

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–458, Section 114(b)(2)(c), appointed Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, for a six-year term. **Page S2656**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Kim Wang, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Marine Corps under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Pages S2656–59**

Executive Communications:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—45) **Page S2628**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday,

March 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2656.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine

strengthening enforcement and border security, focusing on the 9/11 Commission staff report on terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security for Policy and Planning, and Thomas J. Walters, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Training and Development, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Janice L. Kephart, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, Mount Vernon, Virginia.

House of Representatives

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Measures Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 1269–1290; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 152, were introduced. **Pages H1416–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1417**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, March 11: H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–16);

Filed on March 11: H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–17); and

H. Res. 151, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–18). **Page H1416**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pearce to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1373**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1373**

Committee on Ways and Means Recommendations: Read a letter from Chairman Thomas of the Committee on Ways and Means wherein he forwarded the Committee's recommendations for certain positions for the 109th Congress. **Page H1374**

Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Ne-

gotiations: Representatives Thomas, Shaw, Herger, Rangel, and Cardin. **Page H1374**

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

Allowing for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore: H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; **Page H1375**

Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative: H.R. 186, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; **Pages H1375–76**

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act: H.R. 584, 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; **Pages H1376–77**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the City of Richfield, Utah: H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah; **Pages H1377–78**

Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2005: H.R. 816, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of National Forest System land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; **Pages H1378–79**