

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3163–S3236*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 696–712, and S. Res. 95–96. **Pages S3200–01**

#### Measures Passed:

**Death of Pope:** By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 82), Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, relating to the death of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. **Page S3189**

**State Department Authorization:** Senate began consideration of S. 600, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3171–76, S3176–89, S3189–95**

#### Adopted:

Lugar Amendment No. 268, to permit grants to be used for broadcasting outside the Middle East region. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 269, to limit the compensation paid to employees of the Middle East Broadcasting Networks. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 270, to require payments from the Broadcasting Board of Governors for costs resulting from the creditable service of employees of the Middle East Broadcasting Networks. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 271, to extend the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy until 2008. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 272, to clarify Foreign Service Grievance Board procedures in the case of an alleged payment of an annuity. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 273, to limit the availability of funds authorized for contributions for international peacekeeping activities. **Page S3175**

Subsequently, the Amendment was modified.

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Lugar Amendment No. 275, to require a determination to provide assistance for destruction of small arms and related ammunition. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 276, to require a determination to provide assistance for the safeguarding, removal, or elimination of conventional weapons and related ammunition. **Page S3175**

Lugar (for Biden) Amendment No. 277, to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member. **Page S3175**

Lugar Amendment No. 279, to strike section 207, entitled Transfer Authority For Buying Power Maintenance Account. **Page S3185**

Lugar (for Schumer) Amendment No. 280, to impose an economic sanction on foreign countries that owe parking fines and penalties or property taxes to Washington, D.C. or New York City. **Page S3185**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 83), Boxer Amendment No. 278, to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. **Pages S3177–85, S3189–90**

#### Pending:

Lugar Amendment No. 266, to strike the amendment to the limitation on the United States share of assessments for the United Nations Peacekeeping operations. **Pages S3172–73**

McCain/DeWine Amendment No. 267, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine. **Page S3173**

Baucus Amendment No. 281, to facilitate the sale of United States agricultural products to Cuba, as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. **Pages S3186–88**

Craig/Roberts Amendment No. 282 (to Amendment No. 281), to clarify the payment terms under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. **Pages S3186–88**

Dodd Amendment No. 283, to express the sense of the Senate concerning recent provocative actions by the People's Republic of China. **Page S3190**

Dorgan/Wyden Amendment No. 284, to prohibit funds from being used for television broadcasting to Cuba. **Pages S3191–92**

Biden Amendment No. 286 (in lieu of the language proposed to be stricken by Lugar Amendment No. 266), relative to the United States' share of assessment for United Nations Peacekeeping operations. **Pages S3192–95**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Lugar Amendment No. 274, to provide a short title, previously agreed to, which was then subsequently vitiated and withdrawn. **Page S3185**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Biden Amendment No. 286 (listed above) with a vote to occur thereon at 10 a.m. **Page S3227**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, and the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided. **Page S3227**

**Escort Committee—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine, in to the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. **Page S3227**

#### Appointments:

**Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 109th Congress: Senator Cornyn. **Page S3195**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S3199–S3200**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3201–03**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S3203–21**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3197–99**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3221–26**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3226–27**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S3227**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—83) **Pages S3189, S3190**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, p.m. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3227.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army; Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy; Lieutenant General H.P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, United States Air Force; Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, on behalf of the Military Coalition, and Joyce Wessel Raezer, National Military Family Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; and Deirder Parke Holleman, National Military and Veterans Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

### HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the safety programs in the Transportation Equity Act for 21st Century (TEA–21), focusing on highway, motor carrier and hazardous materials transportation safety, and transportation of household goods, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Annette Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Stacey L. Gerard, Acting Assistant Administrator/Chief Safety Officer, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation.

### CHARITABLE GIVING

**Committee on Finance:** Committee held a hearing to examine proposals for reform regarding charities and charitable giving, receiving testimony from George K. Yin, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of Internal