

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3865–S3957

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 838–852, S.J. Res. 14–15, and S. Res. 113. **Pages S3897–98**

Measures Reported:

S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–59)

S. 361, to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, enhance homeland security, support maritime operations. (S. Rept. No. 109–60) **Page S3897**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3865–S3892**

Adopted:

Cochran (for Bond) Amendment No. 547, to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight to meet emergency funding needs; which are supported by fees collected from regulated Government Sponsored Enterprises. **Page S3880**

Cochran (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 527, to modify the provision relating to offshore oil and gas fabrication ports. **Page S3880**

Cochran (for Santorum) Amendment No. 441, to allow certain appropriated funds to be used to provide loan guarantees. **Page S3880**

Cochran (for Reid) Amendment No. 407, to provide assistance for the conduct of agricultural and natural resource conservation activities in the Walker River Basin, Nevada. **Pages S3880–81**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Cochran (for Byrd) Amendment No. 476, to transfer funds relating to certain watershed programs of the Department of Agriculture. **Page S3881**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Cochran (for Leahy) Amendment No. 548, to encourage the Government of Ecuador to take urgent measures to protect the biodiversity of the Galapagos. **Page S3881**

Kyl Amendment No. 555 (to Amendment No. 387), to modify the criteria for excluding certain H–2B workers from the numerical limitations under section 214(g)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. **Page S3886**

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 102), Mikulski Amendment No. 387, to revise certain requirements for H–2B employers and require submission of information regarding H–2B nonimmigrants, as amended. **Pages S3886–87**

Hutchison/Schumer Modified Amendment No. 379, to make unused EB3 visas available to bring nurses to the United States through Department of State procedures. **Pages S3887, S3888**

Cochran (for Pryor) Amendment No. 343, to release to the State of Arkansas a reversionary interest in Camp Joseph T. Robinson. **Page S3891**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 427, to require reports on Iraqi security services. **Pages S3891–92**

Dorgan/Durbin Amendment No. 399, to prohibit the continuation of the independent counsel investigation of Henry Cisneros past June 1, 2005 and request an accounting of costs from GAO. **Page S3892**

Cochran (for Shelby) Amendment No. 560, to clarify funding for judicial security enhancements. **Page S3892**

Cochran (for Reid) Amendment No. 561, to modify the provision relating to agricultural and natural resource conservation activities in the Walker River Basin, Nevada. **Page S3892**

Cochran (for Reid) Amendment No. 562, to modify the provision relating to the water lease and purchase program for the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

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Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 395, to express the sense of the Senate that the text of the REAL ID Act of 2005 should not be included in the conference report.

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Bayh Amendment No. 406, to protect the financial condition of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are ordered to long-term active duty in support of a contingency operation.

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Salazar Amendment No. 351, to express the sense of the Senate that the earned income tax credit provides critical support to many military and civilian families.

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Reid Amendment No. 445, to achieve an acceleration and expansion of efforts to reconstruct and rehabilitate Iraq and to reduce the future risks to United States Armed Forces personnel and future costs to United States taxpayers, by ensuring that the people of Iraq and other nations do their fair share to secure and rebuild Iraq.

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Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432, to simplify the process for admitting temporary alien agricultural workers under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to increase access to such workers.

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Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers.

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DeWine Amendment No. 340, to increase the period of continued TRICARE coverage of children of members of the uniformed services who die while serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days.

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DeWine Amendment No. 342, to appropriate \$10,000,000 to provide assistance to Haiti using Child Survival and Health Programs funds, \$21,000,000 to provide assistance to Haiti using Economic Support Fund funds, and \$10,000,000 to provide assistance to Haiti using International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement funds, to be designated as an emergency requirement.

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Schumer Amendment No. 451, to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall oil profits.

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Reid (for Reed/Chafee) Amendment No. 452, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

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Chambliss Further Modified Amendment No. 418, to prohibit the termination of the existing joint-service multiyear procurement contract for C/KC-130J aircraft.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 483, to increase the appropriation to Federal courts by \$5,000,000 to cover increased immigration-related filings in the southwestern United States.

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Bingaman (for Grassley) Amendment No. 417, to provide emergency funding to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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Isakson Amendment No. 429, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence.

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Byrd Amendment No. 463, to require a quarterly report on audits conducted by the Defense Contract Audit Agency of task or delivery order contracts and other contracts related to security and reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan and to address irregularities identified in such reports.

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Warner Amendment No. 499, relative to the aircraft carriers of the Navy.

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Sessions Amendment No. 456, to provide for accountability in the United Nations Headquarters renovation project.

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Boxer/Bingaman Amendment No. 444, to appropriate an additional \$35,000,000 for Other Procurement, Army, and make the amount available for the fielding of Warlock systems and other field jamming systems.

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Lincoln Amendment No. 481, to modify the accumulation of leave by members of the National Guard.

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Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 443, to affirm that the United States may not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment under any circumstances.

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Reid (for Bayh) Amendment No. 388, to appropriate an additional \$742,000,000 for Other Procurement, Army, for the procurement of up to 3,300 Up Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (UAHMMVs).

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Reid (for Biden) Amendment No. 537, to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq and Afghanistan and for other defense-related activities

by suspending a portion of the reduction in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers.

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Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 459, to extend the termination date of Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, expand the duties of the Inspector General, and provide additional funds for the Office.

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Ensign Amendment No. 487, to provide for additional border patrol agents for the remainder of fiscal year 2005.

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Byrd Amendment No. 516, to increase funding for border security.

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Reid (for Biden) Amendment No. 440, to appropriate, with an offset, \$6,000,000 for the Defense Health Program for force protection work and medical care at the Vaccine Health Care Centers.

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

By 21 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 97), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Frist (for Chambliss/Kyl) Amendment No. 432, to simplify the process for admitting temporary alien agricultural workers under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to increase access to such workers.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 98), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Frist (for Craig/Kennedy) Modified Amendment No. 375, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H–2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers.

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By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 99) Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant At Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 100) Senate agreed to the modified motion to recess until 5 p.m. today.

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By 83 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 101), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Mikulski Amendment No. 387, to revise certain requirements for H–2B employers and require submission of information regarding H–2B nonimmigrants.

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 103), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn,

having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., and that, notwithstanding morning business, and the adjournment of the Senate, all time be counted against cloture under Rule XXII.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—103) **Pages S3879, S3884, S3884–85, S3886, S3887, S3888**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S3884**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS/GAO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Open World Leadership Center, and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office, who were both accompanied by several of their associates.