

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5197–S5248*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1036–1041, S. Res. 142–143, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S5219**

#### Measures Passed:

**Senate Legal Counsel:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, to authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to appear in legal proceedings in the name of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in connection with its investigation into the United Nations' "Oil-For-Food" Program. **Page S5247**

**Transportation Equity Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5197–S5215**

#### Adopted:

Inhofe/Jeffords Amendment No. 761 (to Amendment No. 605), to make certain revisions and modifications. **Page S5214**

#### Withdrawn:

Inhofe (for Ensign) Amendment No. 636 (to Amendment No. 605), to authorize the State of Nevada to continue construction of the US–95 Project in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Pages S5214–15**

Schumer Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase the transit pass and van pooling benefit to \$200. **Pages S5211–15**

#### Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S5197**

Allen/Ensign Amendment No. 611 (to Amendment No. 605), to modify the eligibility requirements for States to receive a grant under section 405 of title 49, United States Code. **Page S5197**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs. **Page S5197**

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 619 (to Amendment No. 605), to increase penalties for individuals who operate motor vehicles while intoxicated

or under the influence of alcohol under aggravated circumstances. **Pages S5199–S5205**

Inhofe (for Snowe) Amendment No. 706 (to Amendment No. 605), to specify which portions of Interstate Routes 95, 195, 295, and 395 in the State of Maine are subject to certain vehicle weight limitations. **Pages S5205–11**

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

Chair sustained a point of order that Dorgan Amendment No. 652 (to Amendment No. 605), to provide for the conduct of an investigation to determine whether market manipulation is contributing to higher gasoline prices, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S5214**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, with 30 minutes of debate equally divided. **Page S5247**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following conventions:

Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. No. 109–1), and Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. No. 109–2).

The conventions were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S5246–47**

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

Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Paul A. Trivelli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Janice B. Gardner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m. until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5247.)

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 2362–2384; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152–153, and H. Res. 279 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H3331–32

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, May 13: H.R. 1817, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, amended (H. Rept. 109–71, Pt. 2);

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Filed on May 13: H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–79);

Filed on May 13: H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–80);

H.R. 1224, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, amended (H. Rept. 109–81);

H.R. 1215, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, amended (H. Rept. 109–82); and

H. Res. 278, providing for consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–83). Page H3330

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative McMorris to act as speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3265

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H3268

**Commission on International Religious Freedom:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, D.C., and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two year term ending May 14, 2007. Page H3269

**Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for FY 2006—CBO Estimate:** The House agreed that the Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for H.R. 1817 be inserted in the appropriate place in the Congressional Record. Pages H3269–70

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