

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

The House passed H.R. 2360, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5249–S5373

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1042–1058, S.J. Res. 19, S. Res. 144, and S. Con. Res. 34.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 109–69)

S. 1043, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 1044, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military construction.

S. 1045, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

S. 1053, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

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Measures Passed:

Transportation Equity Act: By 89 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate passed H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Reid (for Lautenberg) Modified 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.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 605, to provide a complete substitute.

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Rejected:

By 14 yeas to 86 nays (Vote No. 123), 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.

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By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 124), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 646 (to Amendment No. 605), to reduce funding for certain programs.

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Withdrawn:

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.

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

Inhofe Amendment No. 761 (to Amendment No. 605), previously agreed to on Monday, May 16, 2005, was modified, to make a technical correction, by unanimous consent.

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Civil Society in Cuba: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 140, expressing support for the historic meeting in Havana of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, as well as to all those courageous individuals who continue to advance liberty and democracy for Cuban people, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 144, recognizing Tim Nelson and Hugh Sims for their bravery and their contributions in

helping the Federal Bureau of Investigation detain Zacarias Moussaoui. **Pages S5368–69**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–10) **Page S5300**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2007.

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Linda Jewell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Pages S5371–72**

Messages From the House: **Page S5298**

Measures Referred: **Page S5298**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S5298**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5297–98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S5368**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S5368**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—125) **Pages S5365, S5267, S5281**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5369.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, after receiving testimony from Alan Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

CREDIT CARDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current legal and regulatory requirements and industry practices for credit card issuers with respect to consumer disclosures and marketing efforts, after receiving testimony from Senators Akaka and Feinstein; Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Antony Jenkins, Citi Cards, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Linda Sherry, Consumer Action, all of Washington, D.C.; Louis J. Freeh, MBNA Corporation, and Carter Franke, Chase Bank U.S.A., both of Wilmington, Delaware; Robert D. Manning, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York; and Marge Connelly, Capital One Financial Corporation, Richmond, Virginia.

PORT SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine measures that have been taken since September 11, 2001, to secure our nation's ports, focusing on the implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act and vulnerabilities that remain in the maritime transportation sector, after receiving testimony from Representative Ruppberger; Robert M. Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, U.S. Customs and Border Security, Rear Admiral Larry Hereth, U.S. Coast Guard, and Richard L.