

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7203–S7330*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1290–1309, and S. Res. 180–181. **Pages S7293–94**

**Measures Reported:** S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act. (S. Rept. No. 109–87)

H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–88) **Page S7293**

#### Measures Passed:

*Forest Service Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, recognizing July 1, 2005 as the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Service. **Page S7329**

*Capitol Visitors Center:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 179, to provide for oversight over the Capitol Visitors Center by the Architect of the Capitol, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7329**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate completed consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S7204–84**

#### Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 891, to modify the section relating to the coastal impact assistance program. **Pages S7210–33**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 154), Schumer Amendment No. 810, to strike a provision relating to medical isotope production. **Pages S7240–44, S7247–49**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 990, to provide for a study relative to medical isotope production. **Pages S7249–51**

Talent/Johnson Amendment No. 819, to increase the allowable credit for fuel use under the alternatively fueled vehicle purchase requirement. **Pages S7262–63**

By 64 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 156), Bond/Levin Amendment No. 925, to impose additional requirements for improving automobile fuel economy and reducing vehicle emissions. **Pages S7251, S7263**

Schumer Amendment No. 811, to provide for a national tire fuel efficiency program. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 832, to require the Secretary of the Interior to consult with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in the conduct of a coal bed methane study. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Reid/Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 871, to provide whistleblower protection for contract and agency employees at the Department of Energy. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 886, to include waste-derived ethanol and biodiesel in a definition of biodiesel. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Enzi) Modified Amendment No. 899, to establish procedures for the reinstatement of leases terminated due to unforeseeable circumstances. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Obama) Amendment No. 808, to establish a program to develop Fischer-Tropsch transportation fuels from Illinois basin coal. **Page S7264**

Craig (for Kerry) Amendment No. 825, to establish a 4-year pilot program to provide emergency relief to small business concerns affected by a significant increase in the price of heating oil, natural gas, propane, gasoline, or kerosene. **Pages S7264–65**

Craig (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 940, to provide for the control of hazardous air pollutants from motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels. **Page S7265**

Craig (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 1005, to make a technical correction. **Page S7265**

Craig (for Vitter) Amendment No. 1006, to require the Secretary to carry out a study and compile existing science to determine the risks or benefits presented by cumulative impacts of multiple offshore liquefied natural gas facilities reasonably assumed to be constructed in an area of the Gulf of Mexico using the open-rack vaporization system. **Pages S7265–66**

Craig (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1007, to improve the clean coal power initiative. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 1008, to clarify provisions regarding relief for extraordinary violations. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 1009, to provide a Manager's amendment. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Obama) Modified Amendment No. 851, to require the Secretary to establish a Joint Flexible Fuel/Hybrid Vehicle Commercialization Initiative. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 892, to provide for the Western Integrated Coal Gasification Demonstration Project. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 903, to provide that small businesses are eligible to participate in the Next Generation Lighting Initiative. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 919, to enhance the national security of the United States by providing for the research, development, demonstration, administrative support, and market mechanisms for widespread deployment and commercialization of biobased fuels and biobased products. **Page S7266**

Craig (for Snowe) Amendment No. 834, to provide for understanding of and access to procurement opportunities for small businesses with regard to Energy Star technologies and products. **Page S7266**

Rejected:

By 21 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 155), Sununu/Wyden Amendment No. 873, to strike the title relating to incentives for innovative technologies. **Pages S7244–47, S7249**

By 28 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 157), Durbin Amendment No. 902, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency. **Pages S7251–62, S7263–64**

Withdrawn:

Wyden/Dorgan Amendment No. 792, to provide for the suspension of strategic petroleum reserve acquisitions. **Page S7266**

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

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 152), 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. **Pages S7209–10**

Chair sustained a point of order that Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 839, to require any Federal agency that publishes a science-based climate change document that was significantly altered at White House request to make an unaltered final draft of the document publicly available for comparison, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S7210**

By 69 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 153), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Domenici Amendment No. 891, to modify the section relating to the coastal impact assistance program. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would cause the underlying bill to exceed the subcommittee section 302(B) allocation was not sustained. **Page S7233**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, June 28, 2005, with paragraph 4 of Rule 12 waived. **Page S7283**

**INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS—AGREEMENT:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, June 24, 2005 at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; that the committee substitute be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, with no points of order waived; provided further that all first-degree amendments be offered on Friday, June 24, and Monday, June 27, 2005. **Pages S7329–30**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-14) **Pages S7291–92**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the extremist violence in Macedonia and the Western Balkans region; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-15) **Page S7292**

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

Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Mary M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2011.

Stephanie Johnson Monroe, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Peter Manson Swaim, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—157)	Pages S7209–10, S7233, S7248–49, S7249, S7263

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 10:03 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 24, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7330.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

Proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States military strategy and operations in Iraq, after receiving testimony

from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command; and General George W. Casey, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, with amendments;

S. 1280, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara to be Director of the Coast Guard Reserve, and sundry officers in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held a hearing to examine United States-China economic relations and China's role in the world economy, especially its currency valuation policy, and exports, and the World Trade Organization (WTO), receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Bayh, Graham, and Stabenow; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; Kenneth Rogoff, Harvard University Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Neal Bredehoeft, American Soybean Association, Alma, Missouri; Sean Maloney, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Al Lubrano, Technical Materials, Inc., Lincoln, Rhode Island, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.