

Dorgan (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1046, to provide for a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail.

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Kyl Amendment No. 1050, to modify the formula for the allotment of grants to States for the establishment of State water pollution control revolving funds.

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Byrd (for Murray) Amendment No. 1052, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for the Veterans Health Administration.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 1059, to facilitate family travel to Cuba in humanitarian circumstance.

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

By 17 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 159), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Burns (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1019, to transfer funding to the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program within the Indian Health Service from funding for federal land acquisition. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain amendments, with votes to occur in relation to the amendments, with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes; provided further, that following disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate then vote on final passage of 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. on Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Phillip Jackson Bell, of Georgia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

Ronald M. Segal, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

John Hillen, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs).

Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.

Michael Retzer, of Mississippi, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—160)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 29, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7540–41.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and related crop insurance issues, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Ross J. Davidson, Jr., Administrator, Risk Management Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; Ron Brichler, Great American Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the American Association of Crop Insurers; Norman A.

Nielsen, Associated Insurance Counselors, Inc., Preston, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America; Billy Rose, Crop 1 Insurance, Urbandale, Iowa; Bert Little, Tarleton State University Center for Agribusiness Excellence, Stevenville, Texas; Bruce A. Babcock, Iowa State University Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Ames; Mike Clemens, Wimbledon, North Dakota, on behalf of the National Sunflower Association, U.S. Canola Association, and the American Soybean Association; and Ray Buttars, Weston, Idaho, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

OVERSEAS BASING COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the Commission on the Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States (Overseas Basing Commission) Report on the U.S. overseas military basing posture, after receiving testimony from Al Cornella, Chairman, Major General Lewis E. Curtis III, USAF (Ret.), Vice Chairman, and Vice Admiral Anthony A. Less, USN (Ret.), Brigadier General Keith Martin, Pennsylvania ARNG (Ret.), and Lieutenant General H.G. Taylor, USA (Ret.), each a Commissioner, all of the overseas Basing Commission; Philip W. Grone, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, and Ryan Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense; and Rose Likins, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 206, to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, S. 556, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 588, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail or a national historic trail, and S. 955, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin, after receiving testimony from Donald W. Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mayor Tom Miller, Franklin, Tennessee; Elizabeth Archuleta, Coconino County Board of Supervisors, Flagstaff, Arizona; Gary

Kleinknecht, Ice Age Floods Institute, Kennewick, Washington; and Larry Snead, Arizona Trail Association, Phoenix.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met to begin markup of S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and S.J. Res. 18, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine problems that threaten the long term sustainability of Medicaid, focusing on the incidence of Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse, receiving testimony from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, and George M. Reeb, Assistant Inspector General, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Audits, and Dennis G. Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz and Kathryn Allen, each a Director, Health Care, both of the Government Accountability Office; Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General Nicholas J. Messuri, Boston, on behalf of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units; Barbara C. Edwards, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Columbus; Timothy W. Westmoreland, Georgetown University, and James W. Moorman, Taxpayers Against Fraud, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles J. Milligan, Jr., University of Maryland Center for Health Program Development and Management, Baltimore.

Hearing will continue tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the security clearance process of the Department of Defense (DOD), focusing on the transfer of investigative responsibilities from DOD to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), including the impact this shift will have on the ability to investigate and adjudicate security clearances in a thorough and expeditious manner, including strategies employed by DOD and OPM to remove the Personnel Security Clearance Program from the high-risk list, after receiving testimony from Derek B. Stewart, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Kathy L. Dillaman, Deputy

Associate Director for Human Resource Products and Services, Center for Federal Investigative Services, Office of Personnel Management; and Heather Anderson, Director, Strategic Integration, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Counterintelligence and Security, and Acting Director, Defense Security Service.

INDIAN GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine regulation of Indian gaming, after receiving testimony from Vivian Juan-Sanders, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, Arizona; Dallas Massey, Sr., White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, Arizona, on behalf of Arizona Indian Gaming Association; Deron Marquez, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Patton, California; Joseph A. Pakootas, Colville Business Council, Nespelem, Washington, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; James "JC" Crawford, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, Agency Village, South Dakota; James W. Ransom, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Akwesasne, New York; and Doreen Hagen, Prairie Island Indian Community, Welch, Minnesota.

VA'S MEDICAL CARE BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine budget forecasting and finances

of the Veterans Health Administration, focusing on project resource requirements for the health care needs of veterans, current status of resources, and the budget formulation process and current budget status, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary, and Jonathan Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

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Special Committee on Aging: Committee held a hearing to examine the structure of the Medicaid program and its use of mandatory and optional populations and benefits, focusing on how Congress can meet its budgetary obligations to find savings in Medicaid and strengthen the program for the long-term, receiving testimony from Pamela S. Hyde, New Mexico Human Services Department, Santa Fe; Diane Rowland, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Howard Bedlin, National Council on the Aging, and Jeffrey S. Crowley, Georgetown University, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sister Karin Dufault, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3081–3099; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 194, were introduced. **Page H5361**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5362**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jindal to act as speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5255**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Ruffin Snow, Senior Pastor, Tri-City Baptist Church in Conover, North Carolina. **Pages H5257–58**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5237**

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

Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005: S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H5262–65**

Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act: Debated on June 27: H.R. 458, amended, to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 324. **Pages H5273–74**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel. **Pages H5273–74**

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September