

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations.
- Senate passed S. 1307, CAFTA Implementation.
- Senate passed H.R. 2419, Energy and Water Development Appropriations.
- Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, Adjournment Resolution.
- The House passed H.R. 3058, Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.
- House Committees ordered reported the Pension Protection Act of 2005, and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7647–S7874

Measures Introduced: Twenty-nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1339–1367, S. Res. 185, and S. Con. Res. 43–44.
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Measures Reported:

H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–96)

Report to accompany S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. (S. Rept. No. 109–97)
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Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations: By unanimous consent, Senate passed H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:
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Allard (for Lott/Dodd) Amendment No. 1082, to provide funds for the Librarian of Congress to pay telecommunications costs for rapid dissemination of

periodicals and daily newspapers available to blind and physically handicapped readers.
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Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Allard, DeWine, Cochran, Stevens, Durbin, Johnson, and Byrd.
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CAFTA Implementation: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate passed S. 1307, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.
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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Senate passed H.R. 3021, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2005, clearing the measure for the President.
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Highway Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3104, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President.
Pages S7786–87

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate passed H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy

and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici for (Hatch) Amendment No. 1088, to maintain funding for the Department of Energy Clean Cities Program at its current level.

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Domenici for (Levin) Amendment No. 1089, to provide funds for sea lamprey barrier construction in the Great Lakes.

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Domenici for (Collins) Amendment No. 1090, to provide funds for Saco River project.

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Domenici for (Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 1091, to provide dredging funds for the Narraguagus River.

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Domenici for (Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, to provide funding for a reconnaissance study.

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Domenici for (Akaka/Inouye) Amendment No. 1093, to set aside funds to initiate preconstruction engineering and design activities for modifications to Laupahoehoe, Hawaii.

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Domenici for (Frist) Amendment No. 1094, to provide funding for Advanced Scientific Computing Research.

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Domenici Amendment No. 1095, to make technical corrections for NNSA security.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Domenici Amendment No. 1096, to limit the use of funds for fully-funded contracts.

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Domenici (for Allard/Salazar) Amendment No. 1097, to set aside certain amounts for the purchase of mineral rights at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

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Allard/Salazar Modified Amendment No. 1084, to set aside certain amounts to provide regular and early retirement benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

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Domenici (for Graham) Amendment No. 1098, to make the Savannah River National Laboratory eligible for laboratory directed research and development funding.

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Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 171), Feinstein Amendment No. 1085, to prohibit the use of funds for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator and utilize the amount otherwise available to reduce the National debt.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair

was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, Allard, Reid, Byrd, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, and Inouye.

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

John Ross Beyrle, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Tom Luce, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

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

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher Cox, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2009.

Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Withdrawn: On Wednesday, June 29, 2005, Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

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Authority for Committees To Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—172)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 1:04 a.m., on Friday, July 1, 2005 and will reconvene at 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7873.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps in fighting the global war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; and General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, General Teed M. Moseley, USAF, to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and 130 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine how information technology can reduce medical errors, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of patient care, including the importance of developing interoperable electronic medical records and highlight new technologies that will impact how health services are provided in the future, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Stabenow; David Brailer, National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, and Carolyn Clancy, Director, Agency for the Healthcare Research and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert M. Kolodner, Acting Veterans Health Administration Chief Health Informatics Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Susan L. Bostrom, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; John Glaser, Partners