

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2360, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8247–S8330

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1396–1410. **Pages S8301–02**

Measures Reported: H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–103)

S. 662, to reform the postal laws of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8301**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 189), Senate passed H. R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Corzine Amendment No. 1208, to express the sense of the Senate that Federal standards should be established to protect United States chemical facilities from terrorist attacks. **Pages S8249–50**

Gregg (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1117, to provide for clear, concise, and uniform guidelines for reimbursement for hurricane debris removal for counties affected by hurricanes. **Page S8254**

Gregg (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1118, to provide for a report describing changes made to Federal emergency preparedness and response policies and practices in light of the May 20, 2005 Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's Report. **Page S8254**

Gregg (for Collins) Amendment No. 1137, to allow additional uses for funds provided under the law enforcement terrorism prevention grants.

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Gregg (for Lott) Amendment No. 1108, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a study of the potential use of FM radio signals for an emergency messaging system. **Page S8255**

Gregg (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1197, to clarify authorization for port security grants.

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Gregg (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1194, to require the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response to propose new inspection guidelines within 90 days of enactment that prohibit inspectors from entering into a contract with any individual or entity for whom the inspector performs an inspection for purposes of determining eligibility for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **Page S8255**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 1111, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated under this Act to promulgate the regulations to implement the plan developed pursuant to section 7209(b) of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004, to limit United States citizens to a passport as the exclusive document to be presented upon entry into the United States from Canada by land. **Page S8255**

Gregg (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1206, to require that funds be made available for the United States Fire Administration. **Pages S8279–82**

Gregg (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1110, to give priority for port security grants to ports with high impact targets, including ports that accommodate liquified petroleum vessels or are close to liquified natural gas facilities. **Pages S8279–80**

Gregg (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 1160, to require a report on the Homeland Security Advisory System. **Pages S8279–80**

Reid (for Byrd/Stabenow) Amendment No. 1224, to make certain funding revisions with respect to firefighter assistance grants, preparedness and recovery, interoperable communications grants, disaster relief, and the counterterrorism fund.

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Durbin (for Boxer/Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 1216, to provide for the strengthening of security at nuclear power plants.

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Gregg (for Sessions/Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 1140, to provide \$5 million for costs incurred to train state and local personnel to perform immigration functions.

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Gregg (for Martinez/Ried) Modified Amendment No. 1144, to express the sense of the Senate regarding threat assessment of major tourist attractions.

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Gregg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1225 (to Amendment No. 1139), to provide funds for the Legal Orientation Program.

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Gregg (for Sessions/Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 1139, to appropriate \$1 million for entering information into the National Crime Information Center database.

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Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 179), Ensign Amendment No. 1219 (to Amendment No. 1124), of a perfecting nature.

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Gregg (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 1124, to transfer appropriated funds from the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the purpose of hiring 1,000 additional border agents and related expenditures.

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By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 182), McCain Modified Amendment No. 1171, to increase the number of detention beds and positions or FTEs in the United States consistent with the number authorized in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458), as amended.

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Durbin (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1217, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants.

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By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 185), Gregg Further Modified Amendment No. 1220, to allocate funds for certain terrorism prevention activities, including rail and transit security.

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By 33 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 187), Frist Amendment No. 1223, to protect classified information and to protect our servicemen and women.

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By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 188), Reid Amendment No. 1222, to prohibit Federal employees who disclose classified information to persons not

authorized to receive such information from holding a security clearance.

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Withdrawn:

Akaka Amendment No. 1113, to increase funding for State and local grant programs and firefighter assistance grants.

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Byrd Amendment No. 1200, to provide funds for certain programs authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974.

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McCain Modified Amendment No. 1150, to increase the number of border patrol agents consistent with the number authorized in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458).

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

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 180), 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 Schumer Amendment No. 1189, to provide that certain air cargo security programs are implemented. 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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By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 181), 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 Schumer Amendment No. 1190, to appropriate \$70,000,000 to identify and track hazardous materials shipments. 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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By 35 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402(b)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Durbin (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1217, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402(b)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken.

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By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 184), 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 Reid (for Byrd)

Amendment No. 1218, to provide additional funding for intercity passenger rail transportation, freight rail, and mass transit. 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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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 186), 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 Shelby Modified Amendment No. 1205, to allocate funds for certain terrorism prevention activities, including rail and transit security. 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 agreement was reached providing that Hatch Amendment No. 1221, to clarify the source of funds allocated under Amendment No. 1171 to H.R. 2360, previously agreed to on July 13, 2005, was modified.

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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 Gregg, Cochran, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Shelby, Craig, Bennett, Al-lard, Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Reid, and Feinstein.

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Congressional Award Act Authorization: Senate passed S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2005; provided further, that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

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Energy Policy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, be printed, as passed.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report requested in section 2106 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on

Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109–13) providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Services and Palestinian Authority reform; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–17) **Page S8298**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

Tracy A. Henke, of Missouri, to be Executive Director of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total–189) **Pages S8251–54, S8265–66, S8268, S8279, S8290**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:21 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8328.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Bob Hixon, Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of the Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.