

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1464–1476, S. Res. 205–206, and S. Con. Res. 45–46.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1389, to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Constantino Brumidi: Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, honoring the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi and recognizing his contributions to the United States on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

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Department of Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Warner (for Allen) Amendment No. 1343, to increase the limit on the value of assistance that may be provided to eligible entities to carry out procurement technical assistance programs operating on less than a Statewide basis.

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Warner (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 1430, to clarify certain authorities relating to adoptions by members of the Armed Forces.

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Warner (for Sessions/Reed) Amendment No. 1431, to require a Comptroller General study on the

features of successful personnel management systems of highly technical and scientific workforces.

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Warner (for Enzi/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1432, to extend the effective date of the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003.

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Pending:

Frist Modified Amendment No. 1342, to support certain youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1311, to protect the economic and energy security of the United States.

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Inhofe/Collins Amendment No. 1312, to express the sense of Congress that the President should take immediate steps to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the 2004 Report to Congress of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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Inhofe/Kyl Amendment No. 1313, to require an annual report on the use of United States funds with respect to the activities and management of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, to stop corporations from financing terrorism.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1374, to require a report on the use of riot control agents.

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Ensign Amendment No. 1375, to require a report on the costs incurred by the Department of Defense in implementing or supporting resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

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Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), to ensure that certain persons do not evade or avoid the prohibition imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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Durbin Amendment No. 1379, to require certain dietary supplement manufacturers to report certain serious adverse events. **Page S8717**

Hutchison/Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1357, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to manned space flight. **Page S8717**

Thune Amendment No. 1389, to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment. **Page S8738**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1415, to transfer funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Energy for the National Nuclear Security Administration for weapons activities and available for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator to the Army National Guard, Washington, District of Columbia, chapter. **Pages S8718–28, S8731–32**

Allard/McConnell Amendment No. 1418, to require life cycle cost estimates for the destruction of lethal chemical munitions under the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program. **Page S8728**

Allard/Salazar Amendment No. 1419, to authorize a program to provide health, medical, and life insurance benefits to workers at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Colorado, who would otherwise fail to qualify for such benefits because of an early physical completion date. **Pages S8728–31**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1426, to express the sense of the Senate on the declassification and release to the public of certain portions of the Report of the Joint Inquiry into the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, and to urge the President to release information regarding sources of foreign support for the hijackers involved in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. **Pages S8732–34**

Dorgan Amendment No. 1429, to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. **Pages S8734–35**

Salazar Amendment No. 1421, to rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation. **Pages S8735–36**

Salazar Amendment No. 1422, to provide that certain local educational agencies shall be eligible to receive a fiscal year 2005 payment under section 8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Page S8736**

Salazar/Reed Amendment No. 1423, to provide for Department of Defense support of certain Paralympic sporting events. **Pages S8736–38**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, when the Senate resumes consideration of the Defense Authorization bill, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 22, there be 20 minutes of debate divided between

Senators Collins and Lautenberg; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate proceed to a vote in relation to Collins Amendment No. 1377 (to Amendment No. 1351), to be modified to become a first-degree amendment, followed by a vote in relation to Lautenberg Amendment No. 1351, to stop corporations from financing terrorism; provided further, that no second-degree amendments be in order to the above listed amendments prior to the vote. **Page S8739**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 26, 2005. **Page S8740**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the 2 stacked votes on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, Senate proceed to a vote in relation to Frist Modified Amendment No. 1342 (listed above); provided further, that no second-degree amendments be in order to the amendment prior to the vote, and notwithstanding the provision of Rule 22. **Pages S8764–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 25, 2005, Senators have until 2 p.m. in order to file first-degree amendments to the bill. **Page S8764**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2005. **Page S8764**

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others. **Pages S8740–41**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 26, 2005. **Pages S8740–41**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8741**

Americans With Disabilities Act Commemoration—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2005, Senate begin consideration of a resolution commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act; that there be no amendments in order to the preamble or resolution; that there be 30 minutes of debate at 1 p.m.,

and 30 minutes of debate at 5 p.m., equally divided between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and Senator Harkin, or his designee; and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on the resolution at approximately 5:30 p.m. **Page S8764**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

David A. Sampson, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2010.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S8765**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roel C. Campos, of Texas, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2010.

Annette L. Nazareth, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2007.

Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Martin J. Gruenberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 27, 2006. **Page S8765**

Messages From the House: **Page S8745**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S8745**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8754–63**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 2:10 p.m. until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 25, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8764.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Karen P. Hughes, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3402–3412; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216–217; and H. Res. 376–377 were introduced. **Pages H6380–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6381**

Reports Filed: H.R. 513, 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 (H. Rept. 109–181). **Page H6380**