

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11173–S11245*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1826–1854, S. Res. 268–270, and S. Con. Res. 57.

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**Department of Defense Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S11174–S11205**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 1943, to express the sense of the Senate on the transfer of amounts for increased personnel strengths for the Army and the Marine Corps from Additional War-Related Appropriations to the recurring appropriations for fiscal year 2006.

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Stevens (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1997, to provide that, of the amount made available under title III for the Air Force for other procurement, up to \$3,000,000 may be made available for the Laser Marksmanship Training System.

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Stevens (for Levin) Amendment No. 1929, to make available \$5,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for Medium Tactical Vehicle Modifications.

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Stevens (for Levin) Amendment No. 2000, to provide that the governments of Indian tribes be treated as State and local governments for purposes of the disposition of real property recommended for closure in the report to the President from the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, July 1993.

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Stevens (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1924, to make available \$1,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for Integrated Starter/Alternator for Up-Armored High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicles.

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Stevens (for Dayton) Further Modified Amendment No. 1896, to make available up to \$60,000,000 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for certain childcare services and family

assistance centers for members of the Armed Forces and their families, and up to \$40,000,000 for the purpose of National Guard counterdrug support activities.

**Pages S11185, S11185–88, S11189–90**

Stevens (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 1981, to make available, from funds appropriated for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, up to \$2,000,000 for the establishment, in consultation with the Reach Out and Read National Center, of a pilot project on pediatric early literacy on military installations.

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Stevens Amendment No. 2053, to increase the rate of basic pay for the enlisted member serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Stevens (for Frist) Amendment No. 2054, to support certain youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America.

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Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2055, to make appropriations for certain activities related to Hurricane Katrina relief.

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Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 2005, to curtail waste under the Department of Defense web-based travel system. (By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S11174, S11182–85**

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

Senator Stevens point of order and Senator Dayton's motion to waive relative to Stevens (for Dayton) Modified Amendment No. 1896 (listed above), were both rendered moot when the amendment was further modified and then agreed to.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Santorum be recorded as voting yea rather than absent, relative to Vote No. 252 on the motion to invoke cloture on the measure, agreed to on October 5, 2005.

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

Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental

Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010.

David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2008.

Ron Silver, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Judy Van Rest, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

Eric Nicholas Vitaliano, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

23 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—253) Page S11185

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 1:39 a.m., on Friday, October 7, 2005 and will reconvene at 8:15 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11205–06 and S11242.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MARRIAGE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the potential for Marriage Development Accounts, which would allow low-income singles and engaged and married couples in the District of Columbia to set up pre-marriage and marriage development accounts that would match \$3 for every \$1 invested to use toward buying a home, a child's college education or business start-up, with credit counseling and debt management counseling available to participants, after receiving testimony from District of Columbia Delegate Norton; Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution, Thabiti Anyabwile, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Colleen Dailey, Capital Area Asset Building Corporation, Curtis Watkins, East Capitol Center for Change, Winston Graham, and Sandra Corley, all of Washington, D.C.; D. Malcolm Smith, Center for Fathers, Families and Workforce Development, Baltimore, Maryland; W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and George Williams, National Center on Fathering, Kansas City, Missouri.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, and Donald C. Winter, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEFENSE TRADE: EXON-FLORIO

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Exon-Florio provision by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), which seeks to serve U.S. investment policy through reviews that protect national security while maintaining the credibility of open investment policy, after receiving testimony from Katherine Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, and Ann Calvaresi Barr, Director, Industrial Base Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office.

### KATRINA'S EFFECTS ON ENERGY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Hurricanes Katrina and Rita's effects on energy infrastructure and that status of recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region, after receiving testimony from Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and Kevin S. Curtis, National Environmental Trust, both of Washington,