

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2368, Department of Defense Appropriations.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2360, Homeland Security Appropriations.

The House passed the following measure, "Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005."

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11247–S11337

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1855–1868, S. Res. 271–272, and S. Con. Res. 58.

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Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 254), Senate passed H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, as amended. **Pages S11247–75**

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 Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Burns, Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Reid, Feinstein, and Mikulski.

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Community Disaster Loans: Senate passed S. 1858, to provide for community disaster loans.

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Social Services Emergency Relief and Recovery Act: Senate passed H.R. 3971, to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11329–30**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2059, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11329–30**

Kosovo: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 237, expressing the sense of the Senate on reaching an

agreement on the future status of Kosovo, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S11331–32**

Permit Processing Fund Extension: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3765, to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits, and the measure was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S11332**

Stevens (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2057, to modify the reauthorization period of a certain water resource program. **Page S11332**

Stevens (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2058, to amend the title. **Page S11332**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 271, designating the week beginning October 16, 2005, as "National Character Counts Week". **Pages S11332–33**

Honoring Judge Constance Baker Motley: Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, recognizing and honoring the life and achievements of Constance Baker Motley, a judge for the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. **Pages S11333–34**

Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 161, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March. **Page S11334**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2360, making

appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, clearing the measure for the President.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. Page S11331

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. Page S11331

Adjournment Resolution: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, when the Senate receives from the House of Representatives the adjournment resolution, the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Page S11331

Transportation/Treasury Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2005, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Page S11329

Nomination—Joint Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs reports the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, the nomination be referred sequentially to the Committee on the Judiciary for up to 30 calendar days, provided further, that if the nomination is not reported by that time it be discharged automatically from the Committee on the Judiciary and placed on the Executive Calendar. Page S11331

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 107–18) with one understanding; and

U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Treaty Doc. 108–16). Pages S11334–36

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Juliet JoAnn McKenna, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Jan E. Boyer, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Charles A. Ford, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

John R. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

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.

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

Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Robert A. Mosbacher, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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

Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Patricia Louise Herbold, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

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

H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alfred Hoffman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal.

Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2010.

George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Barry F. Lowenkron, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

William Paul McCormick, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

Francis Rooney, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Brenda LaGrange Johnson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2009.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Harriet Ellan Miers, of Texas, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Philip D. Morrison, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which was sent to the Senate on May 26, 2005.

Timothy Elliott Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on June 20, 2005.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—254) Page S11256

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:15 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, October 17, 2005, contingent on the action of the Senate on the adjournment resolution from the House of Representatives, that if the Senate does not agree to the adjournment resolution, the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11336.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to repeal the increased micropurchase threshold; and

The nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.